

Notice to Stud Dog owners

As you should be aware, the Breed Ordinance directs the following with regard to the issuing of mating certificates:

4.8.2 An official mating certificate must be completed **at the time of mating** and signed by the user of the stud dog or their duly authorised representative as well as the owner of the bitch.

4.8.2 The original mating certificate must immediately be handed to the owner of the bitch or his duly authorised representative.

4.8.3 The third copy (white postcard) of the mating certificate must be sent to the National Administration immediately after mating.

4.8.4 **The original certificate must be submitted to the National Administration with the application for registration of the litter.**

4.8.5 **Financial arrangements between the owner of the stud dog and user of the stud dog may not delay the issuing of the mating certificate.** However, in cases of non-payment, the owner of the stud dog may instruct the National Administration to withhold the pedigrees from the breeder until the breeder has paid the stud fee.

4.8.6 Under no circumstances may stud dog owners delay the issuing of stud certificates or the process of registration if they have been paid for a stud.

Please note that deviation from these regulations constitutes a contravention of the Constitution and may lead to disciplinary action. While the Administration has understanding for the difficulties stud dog owners experience in collecting stud fees, and will do as much as possible to assist in this regard within the framework of the Constitution, we cannot condone flagrant breach of the regulations.

Should a dispute arise regarding stud fees, your attention is drawn to section 8.10.3 of the Constitution, quoted below for your easy reference.

8.10.3 Arbitration Committee

a) An Arbitration Committee of two to three members appointed by the Executive Committee in order to arbitrate disputes; either between members of the Federation, or between a member the Federation and a member of the public, regarding issues that concern German Shepherd Dogs, but which are not covered by the Constitution or the Rules and Regulations of the Federation. **Such issues may include commercial transactions.**

b) Recourse to the Arbitration Committee is voluntary and all parties to a dispute must first agree thereto and agree that they will a) abide by the ruling of the Arbitration Committee and b) that there will be no appeal to any higher authority of a decision by the Arbitration Committee. Procedures are informal and conducted along the lines of the procedures followed in the Small Claims Court.

Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

National Administrator