

Parentage FAQ's

How do I identify unregistered puppies?

You can identify them with a microchip, tattoo or other identifiable description such as markings, colored collars etc...If they are identified with a microchip or tattoo, we can add the DNA profile number to their AKC registration once they become individually registered.

Is it necessary to test all possible sires, the Dam and all the puppies?

We recommend testing all possible sires, the Dam and all the puppies to obtain the most conclusive results. Each parent contributes 50% of the genetic makeup of the pup. By only testing one pup, you would only verify parentage of that pup and not the entire litter. By testing all possible sires, you can rule out the possibility of a Multiple Sire Litter.

What if the other possible sire is a different breed?

It is only necessary to test the same breed Sire and Dam and the puppies that you intend to register to confirm parentage.

What if I have an intentional MSL and use frozen semen from a deceased dog....How can I get DNA on the sire who is deceased?

Multiple Sired litters will only be registered with DNA on all dogs involved. In the case that the sire whose frozen semen is being used is deceased, you will need to call ahead to receive instruction on how to submit a DNA sample from frozen semen.

Who is able to sign the Parentage Evaluation Request Form as an authorized signature?

The Parentage Evaluation Request Form can be signed by a recorded owner, the person who submitted the DNA sample or the recorded owner at the time of mating if the dog has changed hands.

How long is the processing time for the samples and evaluation to be completed?

The normal processing time is approximately 8 weeks. Once results have been received from the lab, the evaluation will be completed within a week. It may take longer if there is an insufficient sample and a resample is required.

There are some situations that may require additional testing (ie: parents are related, inconclusive results, etc...). This additional testing may be done at the customer's expense as advised by Management.

What costs are involved in the DNA testing and evaluation?

You can order the DNA Test Kits, and then the payment of \$50 per dog is due when the samples are returned to the American Kennel Club ("AKC®") for processing. Or, if you would like to save \$5 on each DNA Test Kit you receive you may order a PREPAID DNA Test Kit for \$45. You can order the AKC DNA Test Kits at the AKC Online Store at <http://www.akc.org/store/index.cfm> or by contacting the Orderdesk at 919-233-9767.

The evaluation of parentage is \$40 for the entire litter and any possible sires and dams.

How old do the puppies need to be before they can be tested?

There is no minimum age requirement.

What happens if the DNA proves the litter is registered to an incorrect sire?

The litter owner is given the opportunity to correct the litter based on DNA results by submitting a Litter Correction Form. The litter involved will remain on referral until it has been corrected.