



## AKC Purebred Preservation Bank

### **Recommendations for Parent Club submission of RECIPIENT criteria**

Parent Clubs are requested to provide criteria and guidance to ensure that for recipients of the AKC PPB owned frozen semen, both the dam and the owner are appropriately qualified. AKC PPB will work with the Parent Club to optimize wording and choices. These are examples and may not apply to every breed. Please send the club's submissions to [contact@akcppb.org](mailto:contact@akcppb.org).

#### **Philosophy for recipients of frozen semen**

- If the requirements are too strict, it could prevent potentially valuable breedings and reduce the gene pool.
- If the criteria are too loose, prospective donors may not trust that AKC PPB will respect their donations appropriately.
- The Semen Recipient Application includes considerable general questions about the dam and owner, so these do not need to be repeated [Link to Semen Recipient Application](#)
- Many questions are asked on the Semen Recipient Application; the Parent Club can define which answers are acceptable, as well as including breed specific questions.
- Many admonitions regarding the fitness to breed for a dam, or the behavior of a breeder, are addressed in a Parent Clubs Ethical Guidelines or Code of Ethics. The club should consider whether any of these need to be modified for AKC PPB applications.

#### **General Considerations**

- What breed specific attributes should be known about the dam to determine whether she is worthy?
- What should be known about the prospective breeders?
  - Appropriate experience and motivation
  - Breed specific attributes
- Are there breed-specific cautions that should be understood?

#### **Dam Characteristics Examples**

- Permanent ID (microchip and/or tattoo number)
- AKC DNA profile number
- CHIC number
- All Parent Club recommended health tests documented [Link to Breed Health Testing](#)
- Veterinary certification of fitness to breed
- No history of hereditary or epilepsy related seizures or crippling life-threatening disease

### **Dam Conformation Examples**

*Ideally, the dam will be a good representative of the breed*

- No disqualifying faults
- Titled in at least one significant event in conformation, companion, or performance
- Earned AKC Championship title
- Earned points in conformation
- Color acceptable in breed Standard
  - Color photograph required
- No history of disqualification for temperament or biting

### **Dam Breeding Fitness Examples**

- Age limitations
  - This will vary by breed, commonly between 2 and 7 years
- Number of litters produced
  - This will vary by breed, commonly one or more, but less than four
- Produced at least one litter of at least two healthy puppies
  - This will vary by breed

### **Breeder Characteristics Examples**

- At least one dam owner is a Member of the Parent Club
- Member of Breeder of Merit or Bred with H.E.A.R.T.
- Whelped and raised at least three litters
- Titled at least two dogs in conformation, performance, or companion
- Agrees to follow Parent Club Ethical Guidelines or Code of Ethics
- Agrees to use quantitative ovulation timing (i.e. progesterone testing)
- Agrees to brucellosis testing within two months of breeding
- Agrees to avoid using limited registration on this litter
- Agrees to disclose results of the breeding and disposition of the puppies
- Agrees to only use frozen semen on a naturally occurring, not a drug-induced estrous cycle
- Agrees to use a veterinarian for insemination with experience in using frozen semen for breeding dogs.