

# We've Got Your Number!

## How to Get An AKC® Number So Your Dog Can Earn an Official Title



To compete or earn AKC titles, your dog must have AKC number. We create titles at AKC by attaching the title to the dog's number. This number can be one of 3 types:

1. an **AKC registration number** (your purebred dog has "papers." You would have gotten these from the breeder), or,
2. a **PAL Number (Purebred Alternative Listing)** for purebred dogs of AKC breeds with no papers (such as rescue or shelter dogs), or,
3. an **AKC Canine Partners<sup>SM</sup> number** for mixed breed dogs, or dogs otherwise ineligible for AKC registration such as purebreds from other countries that are not AKC recognized breeds. All dogs can enroll in the AKC Canine Partners program.

**For PAL** (which used to be called ILP), see: [www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm](http://www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm)

**For AKC Canine Partners**, see: [www.akc.org/canine\\_partners/](http://www.akc.org/canine_partners/)

## Where do AKC dollars go?

AKC uses your registration dollars for many public education initiatives including promoting responsible dog ownership. All of the competing registries are for-profit companies.

- Created and support the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which funds research projects focusing on the genetics of disease, the canine genome map, and clinical studies. AKC has donated more than **\$15 million** to the Canine Health Foundation since **1995**.
- Award **\$240,000** in scholarships annually to veterinary and veterinary technical students and youths active in the sport of purebred dogs.
- Conduct approximately **5,000** kennel inspections annually to ensure the integrity of the AKC registry and monitor care and conditions at kennels across the country.
- Operate a Canine Legislation department that provides input for federal, state, and local legislation governing responsible dog ownership.

*Learn more about AKC at: [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org)*

## **AKC Canine Partners**

### **BENEFITS OF JOINING**

Enrolling in the AKC Canine Partners program makes the most of life with your dog. Once you've taken the step of enrolling, all kinds of fun dog activities become available.

- **AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAMS OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE**  
An official certificate from the American Kennel Club honoring your dog.
- **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AGILITY, AKC RALLY®, OBEDIENCE, TRACKING AND COURSING ABILITY EVENTS**  
Keep your dog fit - both physically and mentally - through the exciting world of dog sports.
- **ELIGIBILITY FOR AKC RECOGNITION OF TITLES**  
Dogs in the Canine Partners program are eligible for these titles: AKC Canine Good Citizen, AKC Canine Good Citizen-Advanced, AKC Therapy Dog and AKC Search & Rescue Dog. In addition, AKC recognizes the titles of these sports organizations: Barn Hunt Association, North America Diving Dogs and North American Flyball Association.
- **LIFETIME ENROLLMENT IN AKC REUNITE LOST & FOUND RECOVERY SERVICE WITH REUNITE COLLAR TAG**  
A pet recovery expert for 15 years, AKC Reunite is a not-for-profit organization, and protecting pets is all they do. Collar tag provided has your AKC Canine Partners Program Listing Number printed on it.
- **ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO AKC FAMILY DOG MAGAZINE**  
The AKC Family Dog magazine is published bimonthly and provides information for every dog owners on Training & Behavior, Nutrition and Health, Good Grooming and Dogsport 101.
- **COMPLIMENTARY OFFICE VISIT WITH VETERINARIAN IN THE AKC VETERINARY NETWORK**  
Receive an AKC Veterinary Network voucher to be redeemed with one of the practices participating in the AKC Veterinary Network for your first office visit.
- **30 DAYS OF PET INSURANCE COVERAGE**  
Receive an AKC Pet Insurance Certificate which offers 30 days of coverage for eligible veterinarian expenses. Details on activation will be included in your listing certificate packet. (\*may not be available in all areas. See link for details [www.akcpetinsurance.com/certificate](http://www.akcpetinsurance.com/certificate))
- **AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAM DECAL**  
Tell the world that your dog is enrolled with the American Kennel Club with this AKC decal!

More info about AKC Canine Partners:  
<http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/canine-partners/why-join/>

## PUREBRED ALTERNATIVE LISTING (PAL)

### THE AKC, PAL AND YOU

Many people have discovered the fun of teaming up with their dogs and competing in AKC Events. But, not all of those wonderful canine athletes that you see at these events are registered with the AKC. Some might be enrolled in the AKC's Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL), a program that allows unregistered dogs of registrable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events, also specific breeds in the FSS® Program that are eligible for Companion Events. If you have a purebred dog that cannot be registered with the AKC and have a desire to see what your dog can do in real competition, a PAL/ILP number is your ticket to the world of AKC events and clubs!

### PUREBRED ALTERNATIVE LISTING (PAL):

THE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES PUREBRED DOGS A SECOND CHANCE.

There are various reasons why a purebred dog might not be eligible for registration. The dog may be the product of an unregistered litter, or have unregistered parents. The dog's papers may have been withheld by its breeder or lost by its owner. Sometimes, it is the dog itself that was "lost." There are many dogs enrolled in the PAL program after they have been surrendered or abandoned, then adopted by new owners from animal shelters or purebred rescue groups. The PAL program allows the dog and owner a second chance at discovering the rewards of participating in AKC events.

### WHAT AKC EVENTS MAY A PAL DOG PARTICIPATE IN?

The Purebred Alternative Listing Program/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL) is designed to allow dogs to participate in AKC Companion and Performance Events. The AKC Events that a PAL dog can participate in are:

- **Agility Trials (All Breeds)**
- **Coursing Ability (All Breeds)**
- **Earthdog Trials (Small Terriers and Dachshunds)**
- **Herding Tests and Trials ( Herding Breeds, Rottweilers and Samoyeds)**
- **Hunt Tests (Most Sporting Breeds and Standard Poodles)**
- **Junior Showmanship (All Breeds)**
- **Lure Coursing (Sighthounds)**
- **Obedience Trials (All Breeds)**
- **Rally Trials (All Breeds)**
- **Tracking Tests (All Breeds)**

Once enrolled in the PAL program, entering AKC events is as easy as with a registrable dog. The only difference is that instead of an AKC registration number, you would list the dog's PAL number on the Entry form.

### HOW CAN YOU APPLY FOR A PAL NUMBER?

Applications for enrollment into the Purebred Alternative Listing can be downloaded or by emailing [PAL@akc.org](mailto:PAL@akc.org). When requesting a form via email please include your name and current mailing address. Remember, PAL numbers can only be issued to AKC registrable breeds.

