

Section 1.5 – Hardship Registration

1. Eligibility for Hardship Registration

A. Dogs must be purebred Australian Shepherds.

B. Applicant dogs must be at least 12 months old.

C. Puppies from any litter born prior to the hardship registration of sire and/or dam will be treated as individuals; each puppy must meet the hardship requirements.

D. If an ASCA® registered kennel name is used to register the applicant dog, written permission from the owner of the kennel name must be included on the application form.

E. Registration of any applicant dog, its parents or its grandparents with any registry as a breed other than an Australian Shepherd will result in the applicant dog being ineligible for registration in the ASCA® Registry.

F. The dog is registered as an Australian Shepherd in a registry recognized by ASCA® that has met one of the following requirements:

i) Any registry with which ASCA® has a reciprocal agreement (i.e. The Canadian Kennel Club)

ii) Any registry approved by the ASCA® Board of Directors after review of the registry's registration process (currently the American Kennel Club, The Kennel Club).

G. Owners of applicant dogs registered with registries not listed above must apply to the Board of Directors for approval of the registry.

H. A dog that has only one ASCA® registered parent is eligible for Hardship Registration. HOWEVER, if both parents of an applicant dog are ASCA® registered, the dog must be registered using the ASCA® Litter registration application. This dog is NOT eligible for Hardship Registration.

I. The applicant must provide evidence that the applicant dog's lineage is based 100% on ASCA® registered dogs. Applicants must supply ASCA® descendant registration numbers at time of application.

J. The owner must certify that the applicant dog does not have any disqualifying faults as described in the ASCA® breed standard.

K. Applicant dogs already registered as "NOT FOR BREEDING" by another registry will only be registered as "NOT FOR BREEDING" by ASCA®

L. An applicant dog must be DNA profiled by an ASCA® approved laboratory.

i. If the applicant's dog's Sire and Dam are alive and available, the applicant dog MUST be profiled DNA-VP. The cost of DNA profiling is borne by the applicant. Documentation of attempts made to fulfill DNA-VP requirement shall be provided with this application.

ii. If the applicant dog's Sire and/or Dam are deceased or unavailable, the applicant dog will be profiled DNA-CP. A dog's Sire and/or Dam are considered unavailable if the owner refuses to allow DNA profiling, the owner cannot be found, or the owner refuses to cooperate with the collection of the samples needed.

iii. If the applicant dog is to be registered as "NOT FOR BREEDING", the protocol in L (i) and L (ii) must still be followed

iv. If the applicant dog is DNA-CP profiled (under section L (ii)), the applicant must sign a release form acknowledging that all ASCA® rights and registry privileges will be revoked if there is evidence of either:

(a.) the hardship applicant's Sire or Dam were, in fact, available, or

(b.) any information supplied by the applicant was incomplete or inaccurate.

v. All Hardship Registration applications must be accompanied by a minimum three generation pedigree certified by the applicable registry and must include all registration numbers from that registry and must also include a photocopy of the registration papers certified by the applicable registry.

2. Registration Procedure: Items shall be submitted at the same time. Incomplete applications will be returned.

- A. Complete and submit FORM H-III REGISTRATION APPLICATION. All signatures are required.
 - B. Submit a photocopy of the applicant dog's registration certificate and ASCA® DNA profile certificate.
 - C. Submit three color photos: full body left side, full body right side, and full front view. Photos must be clear. No Polaroid photos will be accepted.
 - D. Submit the certified pedigree described in 1.L-v above.
 - E. Submit the application fee of \$100.00 (full ASCA® members) or \$200 (Service Members). If the applicant dog is not accepted for Hardship Registration, the fee will NOT be returned. Applications and photos will be retained by ASCA® as part of the ASCA® Registry files.
 - F. If a dog is already registered with AKC or CKC (Canadian Kennel Club); that registered name will remain. The one exception to this rule is that the owner's ASCA® registered kennel name may be substituted for the surname of the owner if requested.
3. The owners of any dog whose application for hardship registration is refused may appeal to the Board of Directors. All littermates of dogs granted registration based on appeal to the Board will be eligible for hardship registration without appeal to the Board.
4. PLEASE NOTE: The Hardship application procedure is a lengthy process that can take over a month to complete. Hardship applications will not be expedited. Missing pieces or incomplete applications will extend the processing time.
5. If at any time it is found that any part of the application has been falsified or found to be untrue, registration will be revoked for this dog and any progeny. Disciplinary action may be taken against the owner.

HARDSHIP CHECKLIST

- DNA Results for applicant dog (Eligibility 1.L)
 - DNA results for sire (Eligibility 1. L-i)
OR
 - Documentation of attempt to obtain DNA sample for sire (Eligibility #9b) and release form (Eligibility 1.L-ii)
 - DNA results for dam (Eligibility 1.L-i)
OR
 - Documentation of attempt to obtain DNA sample for dam (Eligibility #9b) and release form (Eligibility 1.L-ii)
- Copy of certified pedigree with at least three (3) generations from each registry applicant dog is registered with (Eligibility 1.L-v)
- Copy of applicant dog's registration certificate from each registry applicant dog is registered with (Registration Requirement B)
- Three color photos of the dog (no Polaroids) (Registration Requirement C)
- Registration fee (Registration Requirement E)
- Completed Hardship application with no parts left blank – Must have Breeder and Sire owner signatures.

