

AKC Lets Dogs Change Names

A change to the American Kennel Club's registration rules lets owners rename their dogs.

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Good news for dog owners who are thinking about renaming their dogs. The American Kennel Club has announced a change in their registration rules that allows owners of AKC-registered dogs to change their pet's official name for \$25. Dogs are eligible if they were born in the U.S., have never been bred, or have not won any awards at an AKC event.

"We have a lot of interest from AKC-registered dog owners looking to rename their dogs," says David Roberts, AKC's assistant vice president of registration. "In most cases, the dog is a beloved pet and the owner would like to pick a name that has special value to them.

The new rule allows owners to change the name when transferring their AKC-registered dog, or to request a name change at any time." Visit the AKC website for The Dog Name Change Authorization form. Submit the completed form via fax to the AKC at 919-816-4261 or mail it in to the address on the application.