



## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND RULES**

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### **I. DEFINITIONS**

#### **Alternate**

A person named by the **Registration Holder** that will be able to supply information and sign HMD Registry papers. This person must be of legal adult age in the country they reside.

#### **Dam**

The mother of a dog.

#### **HMD Registry**

Alternate name for Himalayan Mountain Dog Registry

#### **HMDR**

Alternate name for Himalayan Mountain Dog Registry

#### **Multiple Sired Litter**

A litter which more than one male (sire) was mated to the female (dam).

### **Registration Holder**

This person should be the person who has possession of the dog. The ***Registration Holder*** is the person HMD Registry will contact for any issues with the dog's registration and whose signature will be accepted for transfer of registration and mating verifications. The Registration Holder may name an ***Alternate***.

### **Sire**

The father of a dog.

## **II. REGISTRATION RULES, REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION**

Please also see ***Regulations for Record Keeping and Identification*** for other information pertaining to registration.

### ***A. Registration Applications***

HMD Registry Registration is confirmation the dog qualifies as a Himalayan Mountain Dog in accordance with rules contained in this document.

The person in possession of the dog is the person who applies for registration and whose name is on the registration (***Registration Holder***). This is the person HMD Registry will contact for any issues with the dog's registration and whose signature will be accepted for transfer of registration to new ***Registration Holder*** and on litter applications.

The ***Registration Holder*** may name an ***Alternate*** person that will be able to supply information and sign HMD Registry papers. Both the ***Registration Holder*** and the ***Alternate*** must be at least 18 years old.

HMD Registry owns the registration and retains all rights and privileges afforded to the same.

HMD Registry does not verify ownership of a dog. HMDR Registration papers are not a proof of ownership.

### ***B. Dog Registered Names***

Dog registered names are limited to 56 characters.

Registered names cannot be duplicated.

Names cannot be changed after the dog produces registered offspring or earns titles with HMDR.

HMD Registry reserves the right to reject a name if it is deemed inappropriate, offensive to others or groups of people, or is a name already in use.

## **III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### ***A. Foundation Dog Registration (for when parents are not registered with HMD Registry)***

Dogs must be a minimum of four months of age. Dogs four months but not yet six months old will need to have photos of both parents. If photos of parents are not available, then the dog must be six months of age before applying.

### ***B. Steps to Apply***

- 1. Fill out the [Foundation Dog Application form](#).** If you have a question, please contact us.

If the dog is registered with another pedigree registration organization you must use the same registered name on the application form as the dog is recorded under with that registration organization.

- 2. Take six color photographs** of the applicant dog. These must be included with the application. Hard copies of photographs will not be returned. Please take these photos at eye level to the dog. Avoid

taking photos standing above the dog. They may not be accepted and may require you to resubmit acceptable photographs.

The views are to be of the entire dog. All six of the following photographic views are required:

- Left side view
- Right side view
- Front view
- Rear view
- Head profile (side view)
- Full Frontal Face View

See photo examples on the next page.

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**EXAMPLES OF REQUIRED PHOTOS FOR FOUNDATION DOG REGISTRATION**

Tips for Taking Photos: All photos need to be taken at eye level. With the dog in the required position, one handler should hold a treat or toy one to two feet from the dog's nose to get the dog's attention. The second handler takes the photo by squatting down to the dog's level and quickly take the required photo of the dog while the dog is looking at the treat. For front views and front face views one handler may need to stand behind the photographer to get the dog's attention, while a third person holds the dog on a leash. Be sure to reward the dog's cooperation by giving the treat or engage in brief play with the toy.



**1. and 2. LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE VIEWS** These views are used to evaluate the dog's overall structure and conformation, include forequarter and hindquarter angulation, depth of chest, coat length pattern, and body proportions. A clear photograph of both the left and right side are required. The dog must be standing on a flat and even surface, free from anything that would impair the view of the feet.



Both photos must include the dog's head, body, legs, feet, and tail. The tail must be raised. No part should be cut off in these shots.

**3. FRONT VIEW**

Dog needs to be standing. The entire front is needed for this view to evaluate expression, body width, coat length pattern, and forequarter orientation. No part should be cut off.

**4. REAR VIEW**

Dog needs to be standing. The entire rear is needed for this view to evaluate body symmetry, body width, and hindquarter orientation. It is preferred the tail be in the raised position. No part should be cut off.

**5. HEAD PROFILE**

This view is used to evaluate the dog's head, including the skull and muzzle size and length, stop, lips, flews, and overall appearance. No part of the head should be cut off in this shot. Photo must include the head, muzzle, ears, and at least some of the neck. The dog can be sitting or standing for this photo.

**6. FULL FRONTAL FACE VIEW**

This view focuses the evaluation on eyes, ears, nose, muzzle width, lips, flews, and width of skull. The dog can be sitting or standing for this photo. No part should be cut off. Note that either in this photo or the front view photo the dog's ears should be raised to the level which is typical when the dog is at attention.

When possible, there may be an option for a member of the advisory board to examine your dog instead of sending photos. If you would like to explore this option, please email to inquire before submitting your application. Email [HMDR](mailto:HMDR)

**3. Photos of Sire and Dam** one side view and one full frontal face view. Additional photos of other ancestors may be requested if needed. Please label these clearly with the name of the dog and indicate if “Sire” or “Dam” on the photo. In the case of native dogs in or imported from their homeland, please contact us if you do not have these photos of the sire and dam. Hard copies of photographs will not be returned.

**4. Three-generation pedigree (ancestors) information.**

If the dog is currently registered as a Tibetan Mastiff, a complete three generation pedigree with registered names and numbers, is required.

For all others, if you have information about ancestors beyond the parents of the dog, please use a separate page to fill in what you know about them and include photos if you have them.

Photos and registration applications may be submitted on line. They can also be submitted with a paper registration or by email. You may request a paper application by emailing [hmdregistry@gmail.com](mailto:hmdregistry@gmail.com)  
Link to [Applications](#)

**B. Regular Registration**

Dogs born before 10/1/23 whose parents become HMD Registry registered must use the [Regular Registration form](#) and have a [Breeder Certification Statement](#) verifying the sire, dam, and date of birth from the breeder of the dog. The Breeder Certification Statement form is available on the HMD Registry website.

Use this form to permanently register a puppy from a HMDR registered litter. You will need to complete and return the puppy application form provided by the breeder.

**C. Reverse Pedigree Registration**

Dogs whose offspring are registered through Foundation Dog registration may be eligible for registration. Please complete the [Reverse Registration Application](#).

**VI. Litter Registration Requirements**

***Age Limits for Sire and Dam of the litter***

The Dam of the litter must be at least 18 months of age when she is mated and under 9 years of age when she whelps the litter.

The Sire of the litter must be under 13 years of age when mated to the Dam of the litter. In instances where frozen semen is used, the sire must have been under 13 years of age when it was collected.

In special circumstances, a breeder may submit a request to HMD Registry obtain approval for mating a dog or dogs over the ages specified above in order to be able to register the offspring.

***Breeding Verification***

If you are not the Registration holder of the sire of the litter, you will need to have the Registration Holder of the sire of the litter complete a [Breeding Verification/Artificial Insemination](#) form on the day of the mating.

***Multiple Sire Litters***

If a DNA profile for potential sires and the dam is not already on file with HMD Registry, DNA must be taken and submitted at the time of registration.

Potential sires and the dam must have DNA report from the lab used by HMD Registry. You must order the DNA collection kit from HMD Registry. Contact us at [hmdregistry@gmail.com](mailto:hmdregistry@gmail.com) to request a DNA collection kit. This is paid for by the breeder.

For multiple sire litters, DNA tests for parentage must be completed for each puppy before the litter is registered. This testing must also be completed through the lab used by HMD Registry. This is paid for by the breeder.

### **Litters from Closely Related Dogs**

Litters born from parent to offspring, sibling to sibling, half sibling to half sibling, or grandparent to grand offspring, will not be accepted for registration.

### **Registering a litter**

When the litter is born, the [Litter Application form](#) should be filled out and sent to HMD Registry along with the litter registration fees. You will receive a **HMD Registry Litter Registration Transfer Form** for each puppy. These forms are to be used to transfer puppies to regular registration and should be provided to new owners with the transfer of possession of the puppy.

Dogs born after 9/30/23 to HMD Registry registered parents must be litter registered.

## **V. SUGGESTED DONATION FOR REGISTRATION**

### ***Registration is free!***

We are an all-volunteer organization. Our interest is to preserve the HMD. We understand that in some countries where the HMD lives and is bred the citizens are not able to easily send money outside of the country. If are able to send money to register your dog(s) we would appreciate the donation to cover our expenses for registration certificates, postage, website maintenance, and our fundraising projects.

Suggested donations are listed below. All amounts are US Dollars.

**Foundation Dog. Parents not registered with HMD Registry**  
**\$21.00**

**Register additional dogs** with the same parents at the same time. **\$10.00 each**  
 Applications need to be submitted within a four day time period.

***There are no refunds for non-qualifying dogs.***

### **Regular Registration**

For dogs born before 10/1/23 whose parents have become HMD Registry registered.  
**\$16.00**

**Reverse Pedigree Registration** for dogs whose offspring are registered see information on page 4.  
**\$16.00**

### **Transfer to Regular Registration using Litter Registration Transfer Form**

**\$16.00** if completed before the dog is six months old.

After age six months (excluding dogs whose litter registration was late).

**\$26.00**

***Transfer of dog to new Registration Holder \$10.00***

**Litter Registration \$60.00**

If litter is registered after six months of age **\$80.00** per litter

**Re-issue lost Registration Certificate \$10.00****VI. CONTESTING PARENTAGE**

In accordance with HMD Registry's commitment to having reliable/accurate pedigrees on record, we will accept applications to verify pedigrees of HMD Registry *registered offspring* of HMD Registry *registered dogs*.

HMD Registry does not accept requests to verify the parentage of dogs that were Foundation Dog registered as we have already researched these dogs.

The person requesting the verification of pedigree must fill out and submit the *HMD Registry Verification of Parentage Request* and pay the administrative fees. Any additional costs are the responsibility of the person making the request. This can include DNA collection as well as the testing costs. Once it is determined what other costs are involved the person making the request will be billed for those costs. The verification process will not proceed until those costs are paid.

The administration fee of \$55.00 is to be submitted with the Verification of Parentage Request for the process to move forward. This fee is non-refundable.

If the outcome of the verification is that the dog's parentage is inaccurate, verification costs with exception of the administration fee, will be refunded. The breeder will then be charged by HMD Registry for these costs.

***Conditional Registration***

Conditional status will only be granted in cases where the dog is believed to be a HMD, but a registered parent is found to be incorrect.

To register a litter out of a sire or dam with conditional registration, both parents must be DNA-profiled. After two generations of DNA-profiled parents, the registrations will revert to regular for the litter in the third generation.

**VII. RIGHTS AND POWERS OF HMD REGISTRY**

Himalayan Mountain Dog Club International Registry holds and has reserved to itself certain rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, and transferring registrations of dogs.

These rights and powers include but are not limited to, barring or limiting an individual's ability to transfer registration or register any puppies or dogs in their name or to any member of that person's family or another party that is associated with that person. By way of illustration, the following constitute some, but not all, of the situations calling for the above sanction:

- Falsification or alteration of a HMD Registry Registration Certificate, Pedigree, or any other HMD Registry document.
- Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to wrongfully use a HMD Registry Registration Certificate, Pedigree, or any other HMD Registry document.
- Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect HMD Registry Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
- Intimidating, threatening, or injuring a HMD Registry representative, volunteer, or employee.

- Behavior or practices that diminish the accuracy of HMD Registry's record keeping.

The five illustrations above are given as examples and sanctions are not limited to these examples.

In addition, in accordance with HMD Registry's rights, any individual who is found guilty by a court of law of a crime involving dogs may be barred from Himalayan Mountain Dog Registry for an indefinite period. A person will be considered guilty in a criminal proceeding if they are convicted by a judge, a jury, or if they enter a plea bargain or other arrangement to plea to a lesser offense, or if their case is disposed of by any form of deferred adjudication; a person may be considered in violation by HMD Registry if in a civil proceeding they are held responsible or liable by a judge, jury, or if a compromised settlement is reached between the parties.

### **HMD REGISTRY'S RIGHT TO CHANGE OR APPLY RULES**

HMD Registry is free to apply and change its published rules in accordance with the best interests of HMD Registry's goals and mission.

### **NO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

Registering dogs with HMD Registry does not create any contractual agreement or obligation between the registration holder and HMD Registry.

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