



# Himalayan Mountain Dog Registry

## POLICY

### REGISTERED TIBETAN MASTIFF APPLICATIONS

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Western registered Tibetan Mastiff was founded during the 1970s with dogs from India, Nepal, and a few from Tibet.

Because Tibet/China was a politically isolated country, very few from Westerners were allowed access to the area. Since the internet did not exist, people were left to explore text and photos to try and define the appearance of the breed. Most of that information was published prior to 1940. Even text from the 1400s were used to try to define the appearance of the breed.

Based on the interpretation of this information, in some countries, through selective breeding, the breed was developed to be much larger than the founding dogs. In other countries and breeders used breeding techniques to preserve the more moderate appearance of the founding dogs.

Starting in the 2000s, some Chinese breeders used other registered breeds to change the breed. Around 2011, some of these dogs were accepted in the Western pedigreed gene pool as purebred Tibetan Mastiffs.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Himalayan Mountain Dog registry will accept applications of registered Tibetan Mastiffs as well as non-registered Tibetan Mastiff, for registration as HMDs. Applicants are advised that not all registered Tibetan Mastiffs are Himalayan Mountain Dogs, therefore not all registered Tibetan Mastiffs are automatically accepted to be registered as Himalayan Mountain Dogs.

Unregistered Tibetan Mastiff will be reviewed using the standard and available information regarding the dog's heritage.

Because, in some cases, the registered Tibetan Mastiff breed was changed from the founding dogs and has been infiltrated by cross-bred dogs, we adhere to strict standards to determine if a registered Tibetan Mastiff is eligible to be registered. To accomplish this goal, Himalayan Mountain Dog Registry will evaluate all registered Tibetan Mastiff applications using the following guidelines/considerations.

1. ***Pedigree.*** We require the ability to go back as many generations as the applicant dog has available. The best way to provide this information is to enter the applicant dog in the Tibetan Mastiff Breed Archive.

<https://tibetanimastiff.breedarchive.com/home/index>

2. ***Kennel Practices***

To determine reliability of the pedigree we will look at other dogs in the kennels of the pedigree of the dog, their breeding practices, how they promoted their dogs, and any sanctions imposed by other registries.

3. ***Appearance/Breed Standard Adherence***

The applicant dog will be compared to the breed standard as well as the dogs in its pedigree.

**PRIVACY**

The information used to determine whether or not an applicant dog is accepted will not be shared with the applicant or the public.

The public will not receive any notifications, nor will be able to request what dogs have applied to be registered as HMDs and were not approved.