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STUD BOOK – REGULATIONS, BY-LAWS, RULES

From the National Secretariat of the Stud Book

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- Article 1** The National Registry of the Stud Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico will be in charge of the administration, recording and solving all related matters pertaining to the development of all officially recognized breeds by the F.C.P.R. to guide, control and administrate the transactions, rules' applications and filing of the National Stud Book Registry.
- Article 2** The National Registry of the Stud Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico will be in charge of a National Secretary and two sub-secretaries appointed by the Executive Committee, for a two-year term. They could be indefinitely reelected and will perform as an affiliated group (body).
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From the Stud Book

- Article 3** The National Registry of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico will be in force (effect) and recognized through all the national territory and all affiliated members must abide to its standards.
- Article 4** All purebred dogs with pedigrees from recognized breeds by the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico could be registered in the Stud Bood of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico that:--
- a)** Born in the country with parents previously registered in the National Registry Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico.
 - b)** Have a Pedigree issued by recognized FCPR organizations.
 - C)** Imported, with the following procedure:
 - c.1) With all imported dogs, it is imperative to present the Official Transfer and Pedigree issued by the national kennel club of the dog's country of birth. This kennel club must be recognized by the Federation Cynologique Internationale and the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico.

In the case that clubs cannot (or will not) issue an Official Transfer, the Registration Certificate will have to be issued in the name of the actual owner.

It should also be presented an official identification with Tatoo or Microchip, including the identification number or code (if not listed in the pedigree).

An imported dog can not be mated nor can he be presented in dog shows until he/she is registered in the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico.

c.2) Without the requirements listed in the aforementioned c.1 clause, the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico will not register the foreign dog with a definite registration number or its descendants in the Stud Book. (That might have been produced by him).

d) Be imported in the dam's womb and registered in accordance with the following clauses:

d.1) The dam must be registered in the Stud Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico.

d.2) The breeder must notify the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico, before the litter's birth, that it was carried in the dam's womb.

d.3) The mating must have been done in accordance with the regulations in force in the country of origin.

d.4) The breeder must include a proof of mating signed by the sire's owner which must include date, place of mating and the registration number in the Stud Book of the sire. The Certificate of Pedigree, or a notarized copy of the certificate of the sire.

e) All puppies' registrations must comply to these minimum (few) conditions:

e.1) That it be the result of a mating performed (done) between dogs of the same breed.

e.2) That it is the result of a reproductive female mated after twelve (12) months of her birth or before reaching eight (8) years of age.

e.3) That it is the result of a male dog and the mating was performed after twelve (12) months of his birth or before reaching eight (8) years of age.

The National Secretary of the Stud Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico is entitled (able) to authorize, in exceptional cases, services not listed (mentioned) within the limits aforementioned.

e.4) That the puppies stay with their mother for a minimum of forty five (45) days.

Article 5 All dogs born in the same litter should be registered, regardless of the number of puppies.

The breeders, before transferring and for a period of one (1) year from the puppies' birth in his/her breeding place, may request that on the certificates, the words "not for breeding purposes" if, to the best of his/her knowledge, the dog has faults that might not be typical or disqualified for that breed standards. This request should mention in writing the cause (concern) and should be subjected to the approval or reject of the National Secretary of the Stud Book.

It is obligatory to report the death of any registered animal.

Of The Procedures (Transactions)

Article 6 Mating services, births and each puppy in a litter must be registered.

All procedures (transactions) with the Stud Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico should be done personally, or by a certified letter, or with a power from a public attorney in its respective jurisdiction.

All procedures (transactions) should be presented in the official formularies (forms), typed or legible handwritten.

Crossed out or amendments not done by F.C.P.R. responsible personnel should not be admitted. The person in charge will sign in the margin, certifying that they were done in his/her presence.

Same procedure will be followed when necessary to eliminate an error in any of the information contained in the form.

Duplicates of the procedures (steps) done at the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico regarding the registration of the animals must be kept by the breeders for at least five (5) years from its expedition. The Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico reserves the right to solicit its "exhibition".

Terms for service information, births and litter registration will bear the minimum conditions established in the following articles.

Article 7 Service Reports

The questionnaire must be completed, signed and delivered by the male's owner, at the same time of the service.

The breeders should fill out the Service Information within the following forty five (45) days, filling out and signing the necessary (corresponding) form. Once this time has elapsed, he/she should pay not only the corresponding rate, but an additional "delay rate" for each thirty (30) days in arrears. In case the Service Information had been prepared after the litter's birth, the procedure will be taken on a conditional form for the approval of the respective authority.

The service and birth information can be done jointly (at the same time) by paying the corresponding fines.

Article 8 Birth Reports

Breeders should do the Birth Reports within the twenty (20) next days by filling out the corresponding form. Once this term (deadline) has expired he/she should pay, besides the corresponding rate, an additional amount for lateness (delay) for each thirty (30) extra days. If the present service had been performed after the litter was born, the procedure will be taken in a conditional form for the approval or rejection of the respective authority.

The breeder, in all cases, will be obliged to keep the litter in his/her (declared) home, for a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive days from the date the information was entered to enable that the litter was properly entered

Birth Information implies the acceptance of the investigations ordered (prepared) by the National Secretary of the Stud Book.

Article 9 Litter Registrations

Litters will be registered under the following clauses:-

- 1)** Filling out, either on a machine or handwritten of the corresponding form with a very legible letter, which must be presented with the sixty (60) following days from the date of birth of the litter.
- 2)** To register a long born litter, the breeder must pay besides the corresponding rate, an additional amount for late registration for each puppy, for each month (30 days) or a fraction of seven (7) days elapsed.
- 3)** Litter registrations presented after the six (6) Months from birth will be taken on a conditional form for approval or rejection of the respective authority.
- 4)** When the registration of puppies born (in the country) The breeder will give (pick up) a name for each dog, bearing in mind the use of the same initial letter for each of them, following by the kennel name registered in the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico.

Puppies' names must follow the following conditions:

- a)** Names accepted in the Spanish or any other language, or even words without a significant meaning, provided they are not considered unmoral.
- b)** Each name should be different from the previously registered for the same breeder.
- c)** In any case, the maximum amount can not exceed thirty (30) letters counting the dog's name, kennel name and the space between words.

Article 10 For breeds on which height and size determine the variety, the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico will assign a registration number and a Provisional Pedigree until reaching twelve (12) months.

Once the dog reaches twelve (12) months, the owner should request to the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico an evaluation of the dog by a Technical Commission.

The FCPR acting on behalf of this Commission will determine the correct variety and will give a definite pedigree, without any cost. Without the number and the definite certificate of pedigree, the dog will not (can not) be used to reproduce or to compete in any show (exposition) after reaching 12 months.

Three members will be in charge of the Technical Commission which will be designated by the Executive Committee of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico.

Final decisions of the Technical Commission will result by majority of the members present.

Article 11 In case of breach of promise concerning the established terms in Article 7 and without detriment of the fines established for the deadline of the installment payments, the National Secretary of the Stud Book could reject the litter registration, provided proof of bad faith is found.

The following are considered bad faith if the service date or the birth of the puppies are not the correct one (tempered with) listing incorrect name of the dogs being bred or the quantity of dogs born.

Article 12 Dogs registered in the Stud Book of the FCPR will be given a number (in sequence) entered by breed and given a consecutive number.

Once the registration number is assigned the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico will give to the breeder a transfer of ownership for each puppy with the information of the dog registered.

This signed transfer must be given to the new owner when the transfer of ownership is processed, either with or without payment for this transaction.

It is prohibited to offer or sell without a pedigree puppies registered in the Stud Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico.

It is forbidden to assign any dog with the registration number of documents of other dogs

In case of the loss of this document is verified, the owner could request a duplicate and the above will be recorded in the Stud Book. If various owners are on record, this application must be signed by all involved, without exception. The new document must show the word DUPLICATE and must be notarized by the National Secretariat of the Stud Book.

Article 13 When registering a dog in co-ownership, the signature(s) must be verified for future transactions regardless if it shows one or more signatures.

Article 14 If the owner of a dog registered in the Stud Book of the F.C.P.R. dies, for further registration the breeder (breeders) must abide by the Breeders' Regulations – Article 5.

Article 15 "Receptorias" or Clubes – The FCPR will be able to open regional offices in any part of the country and authorize its members the organization of said offices for matters pertaining to the Stud Book. Said regional offices must have a place with business hours for the public, and to abide by these Regulations and to the administrative rules of the F.C.P.R.

Article 16 Pedigrees

These certificates of pedigrees will be issued by the FCPR Registry (Administrative) Department. This Department will also issue export pedigrees up to the (fifth) – third generation.

Article 17 Transfers

All registered dogs may be transferred once or more times, provided the new owner presents the Transfer of Ownership. When a dog is transferred for the first time. A Certificate of Pedigree must be issued.

For all dogs transferred more than one time, and already registered in the Stud Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico, a kennel name might be added with the corresponding fee. For this transaction a written authorization by the breeder must be presented.

Article 18 Costs

Fees for the following services provided by the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico will be determined by the Executive Committee.

- a)- Mating fee
- b)- Litter Registration
- c)- Birth Certificate
- d)- Transfer
- e)- Pedigree Fee
- f)- Fee for Foreign Dogs
- g)- Fee for Kennel Name
- h)- Fee for Champion or Grand Champion Certificates
- i)- Inquiries about status of championship certificates or ranking
- j)- Transactions with the FCI or SICALAM

Article 19 Artificial Insemination

The artificial insemination cannot be used (utilized) on animals that have not reproduced naturally.

In the case of an artificial insemination of the bitch, the veterinarian who has gathered (picked up) the semen must testify with (render a) certificate to be incorporated to the Stud Book on which the puppies must be recorded, that the sperm, be it fresh or frozen, comes from the chosen dog. (animal).

Also, the certificates mentioned in article 7 (from "a" to "g") must be available to the bitch owner by the previously selected male, without cost.

Owner of the bitch will be responsible for all expenses occurred in gathering the sperm and also for the insemination expenses.

The veterinarian performing (proceeding with the bitch insemination must certify (before the registering services) in the Stud Book that the bitch has been effectively inseminated with the chosen male's sperm.

The place and date of insemination, name and number of the bitch recorded in the Stud Book and also the owner's name and address. The owner of the stud from which the sperm is taken must give to the owner of the bitch not only the certificate issued by the veterinarian but also an official certificate of the mating.

Article 20 Registry of Signatures

The National Registry of the Stud Book Federacion Canofila of Puerto Rico will keep a registry of signatures of breeders and owners of registered dogs.

GENERAL CLAUSES

Article 21 The recording of any of the above transactions implies to comply with and observance of the regulations of the FCPR Breeders Registry.

Violations will be sanctioned with fines from notifications up to partial or life suspension of breeding privileges.

Article 22 La Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico will nor interfere with civil and commercial transactions between breeders and owners of dogs, only will the FCPR intervene if its is proven that its bylaws and regulations have been violated.

Claims filed due to violations of the FCPR bylaws must be presented in written form, with documented prove. If admitted, the Disciplinary Commission will be notified.

Article 23 Exception or not contemplated cases in these bylaws will be subject to decisions of the National Secretary of the National Registry of the Stud Book of the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico.

Article 24 The present document substitutes all others, 1980 and earlier documents, and shall have immediate effect the 1st. of November 2005.

Annexes to Article 4

Annex 1 All breeds not recognized by the American Kennel Club, born in the United States, but recognized by the Federation Cynologique Internationale, are able to be registered by the Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico in the National Registry Stud Book, as approved by the FCI.

Annex 2 The Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico can open national registries to breeds not yet officially recognized by the FCI.

Annex 3 The Federacion Canofila de Puerto Rico can maintain a registry for cats and non pure bred dogs.