

NOTICE ELIGIBILITY RULE CHANGE – URGENT READ NOW!

Due to our president (also webmaster/statistician), Lisa Ochoa falling ill suddenly and having to leave the board, as well as, board members being exhausted from a very stressful 2020 & 2021, we failed to appropriately communicate the new DNA requirement approved the last quarter of 2021 with the rest of CWA. This ruling was effective January 1, 2022. The board voted to amend the DNA requirement start date to: Any dog born on or after January 1, 2022 is required to provide proof of their AKC DNA profile when applying for a CWA number. It takes on average 8 weeks to get a DNA profile from AKC. We have found that occasionally it takes longer, so it is very important to give yourself plenty of time. The CWA application will not be accepted without the DNA profile.

This is how the new rule reads:

In Chapter 2 Eligibility A. 2. has been changed to the following:

2. Beginning January 1, 2022, all CWA registration applications must include proof of DNA profiles, as indicated below:

- ***Any dog with a dog bred by Deborah and/or Maurice Bahm, or of the Debmar prefix, in the first two generations of the pedigree must provide proof of AKC DNA profile on the dog being registered and its parents.***
- ***Any dog born on or after January 1, 2022 with one or more open straight racing champions in a 4-generation pedigree must provide proof of AKC DNA profile on the dog being registered and its parents.***
- ***Applications for all other dogs born on or after January 1, 2022 must provide a DNA profile on either the dog being registered or its parents.***

In addition to the above change, we want to take the opportunity to remind everyone of the other eligibility change that will affect dogs born on or after August 1, 2022 in Chapter 2 Eligibility B. 4. ii.

B. Other eligibility requirements for domestic Whippets has been changed to the following:

4. A four-generation pedigree must be submitted with the application, and must meet the standards defined below:

- Any dog or owner barred by AKC, CKC or any other National Kennel Club or National Purebred Racing Association is ineligible. The current list of ineligible dogs/owners is indicated on the application.***
- For all dogs born after August 1, 2022:***

a) The pedigree may not contain more than five open straight racing champions (dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time).

b) The pedigree for every dog must contain at least four individual competitive bench champions* (dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time). At least one of the champions must be within the first three generations on one side of the pedigree.

**** From Chapter 2 Eligibility General Definitions 3: For the purposes of this section, the term “competitive bench championship” is defined as a conformation championship which requires defeating other Whippets in competition to earn the title. The CWA Dual Purpose Champion (earned as defined in the CWA rules) counts as a competitive bench championship in pedigrees.***