

Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege

Giving all purebred dogs a chance to compete

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The AKC, PAL/ILP, GRCA, and You

Many people have discovered the fun of teaming up with their dogs and competing in AKC Events. But, not all of those wonderful canine athletes that you see at these events are registered with the AKC. Some might be enrolled in the AKC's Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP), a program that allows unregistered dogs of registrable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events. Golden Retrievers fall into the category of registrable breeds.

If you have a purebred dog that cannot be registered with the AKC and have a desire to see what your dog can do in real competition, a PAL/ILP number is your ticket to the world of AKC events and clubs!

Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP): The program that provides purebred dogs a Purebred second chance.

There are various reasons why a purebred dog might not be eligible for registration. The dog may be the product of an unregistered litter, or have unregistered parents. The dog's papers may have been withheld by its breeder or lost by its owner. Sometimes, it is the dog itself that was "lost." There are many dogs enrolled in the PAL/ILP program after they have been surrendered or abandoned, then adopted by new owners from animal shelters or purebred rescue groups. When a dog comes into a Golden Retriever Rescue organization, registration papers are not passed on to the adoptive owner, but become part of the dog's file. The PAL/ILP program allows the dog and owner a second chance at discovering the rewards of participating in AKC events.

What AKC events may a PAL/ILP dog Participate in?

The Purebred Alternative Listing Program/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP) is designed to allow dogs to participate in AKC Companion and Performance Events. The AKC Events that a PAL/ILP Golden Retrievers can participate in are:

- Agility Trials
- Coursing Ability
- Hunt Tests
- Junior Showmanship

- Obedience Trials
- Rally Trials
- Tracking Tests

What GRCA events may a PAL/ILP dog Participate in?

- Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)
- Working Certificate Tests (WC/WCX)

Once enrolled in the PAL/ILP program, entering AKC or GRCA events is as easy as with a registrable dog. The only difference is that instead of an AKC registration number, you would list the dog's PAL/ILP number on the Entry form.

How can you apply for a PAL/ILP number?

Applications for enrollment into the Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege can be downloaded or by emailing PAL@akc.org. When requesting a form via email, please include your name and current mailing address. Remember, PAL/ILP numbers can only be issued to AKC registrable breeds.

The following must be submitted with a completed PAL/ILP application:

- Two recent and clear color photographs of the dog:*one full front view showing the facial characteristics of the dog;*
- *one view showing the full side profile of the dog standing on a flat surface (not grass).*

(ALL PHOTOS SHOULD BE TAKEN AT EYE LEVEL IN A STANDING POSITION, INCLUDE THE WHOLE DOG IN THE PHOTO. DO NOT SHOOT DOWN ON THE DOG.)

- A non-refundable \$35.00 application fee.

Once compiled, the completed PAL/ILP application along with the items listed above should be mailed to: The American Kennel Club/PAL/ILP
PO Box 900059
Raleigh, NC 27675-9059

Enrollment in the Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege program is not to be construed as an alternative form of registration, but rather, as a listing so that dogs who are ineligible for AKC registration may participate in AKC Companion and Performance Events. A PAL/ILP may be cancelled for cause.

For more information or questions about the PAL/ILP program contact PAL@akc.org. For further information on GRCA events, visit www.grca.org.