# South African Canine & Feline Breed Registry (SACBR)

***Official Operational & Administrative Profile — 2026***

The **South African Canine & Feline Breed Registry (SACBR)**, established in **2002** by its founder **Philippe Lesage**, with **Barend Lesage** serving as the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, is the second-largest canine and feline breed registry on the African continent. Operating firmly under the guidelines of the national **Animal Improvement Act 62 of 1998**, the SACBR provides an advanced, inclusive, and highly affordable pedigree documentation framework for companion animals.

## ■ Key Identity & Milestones

• **Established:** Founded in **2002** to modernize and streamline the genealogical documentation of purebred companion animals in South Africa.

• **Continental Standing:** Officially recognized as the **second-largest breed registry on the African continent**.

• **Major Accolade:** Honoured with a **2023 MEA Business Award** by *MEA Markets*, being named the *"Most Inclusive Dog & Cat Breed Registry - South Africa"* for its regional excellence.

• **Affordability:** Maintains a highly competitive pricing tier structure (offering 3, 4, and 5-generation pedigrees) that is substantially more cost-effective for breeders than KUSA.

## ■ Dual-Registry Online Breeder Portal

• **Online Registrations:** Fully functional online litter registrations and individual dog/cat profile logging for both species.

• **Puppy/Kitten Transfers:** Seamless execution of ownership transfers directly through the digital portal.

• **Breeding Stock & Compliance:** Breeders can add new breeding stock to their kennel files online and directly attach their proof of payment.

• **Admin Invoicing Automation:** The backend infrastructure allows the SACBR administration to directly generate and manage invoices on behalf of breeders via a secure administrative login.

• **Total Technical Inclusivity:** Recognizing that not all breeders utilize digital technology, the SACBR maintains its traditional manual workflow. Breeders can download the required forms, print them, fill them out by hand, and mail/email them back to the SACBR admin team to be processed manually and emailed back.

• **No Cutoff Deadlines:** The registry enforces **no cutoff age limits** for registering litters or animals. Standard late penalties apply uniformly, and the fee structure remains exactly the same whether a registration is processed via the online portal or paperback forms.

• **Internal DNA Control:** DNA profiling and parentage verification are entirely supported by the registry as voluntary tools for breeders to use for their own personal kennel management and quality control.

## ■ Upcoming Global Standardization

• **International Standards:** The SACBR is actively finalizing the integration of full international standards for all registered canine breeds.

• **Universal Accessibility:** Once live, these official standards will be made available in downloadable **PDF format**, completely accessible to **both SACBR breeders and the general public** directly from the main website.

## ■ Strict Welfare & Code of Ethics

• **Ear Cropping Prohibited:** The cosmetic cropping of ears is completely banned.

• **Tail Docking Prohibited:** The cosmetic docking of tails is completely banned.

• **Statutory Enforcement:** The SACBR aligns directly with the *Animals Protection Act No. 71 of 1962* and the regulations of the *South African Veterinary Council (SAVC)*, treating cosmetic alterations as illegal acts of animal abuse.

• **Registry Penalties:** Any breeder or owner found practicing or commissioning these cosmetic procedures will face immediate rejection of applications, cancellation of active registry files, and permanent banishment from the SACBR.

• **Breeding Restrictions & Endorsements:** The SACBR strictly protects the administrative data rights of the breeder. If a dog or cat is registered with a breeder-imposed restriction, the registry will not record its offspring unless the original breeder directly contacts the SACBR administration to formally lift the restriction.