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Following an All-Members advisory poll, the ISSSC Board of Directors voted in 2023 with a 5-0 result to close the Seppala Siberian Sleddog Studbook, and to implement a new process for approving outcrosses as additions to the breed studbook. As a part of this decision, all Seppala Siberian Sleddogs who currently meet the requirements for Purebred Status will be assigned that status, and the Percentage-based calculations for determining Purebred Seppala Siberian Sleddog status will end. In place of the Percentage-Based outcross system, the ISSSC will instead initiate an application program for members wishing to have a dog or bitch added to the Seppala Siberian Sleddog Studbook that does not presently meet purebred Seppala status. The ISSSC Board of Directors will review applications and vote on their approval by Simple Majority vote. Dogs who are approved by the ISSSC Board of Directors and are added to the SSSD studbook will be considered Purebred for purposes of status of their offspring with other purebred SSSDs. The ISSSC board will inform Continental Kennel Club directly of any dogs that have been approved by this process, so that they may be added to the studbook for such purposes. Submissions for this program should include the following and be submitted to the Club Secretary (via e-mail to astarasleddogs@gmail.com):

- Pedigree
 - A pedigree or lineage record displaying as many generations as possible of immediate and direct ancestry. If the dog is registered with a major Kennel Club or registration body, including the Continental Kennel Club, an image or copy of the Certified Pedigree from said body should serve as the record submitted.
- Verifiable Harness Performance
 - Proof of exceptional performance, to be determined by deliberation of the ISSSC Board of Directors, working as a sleddog in harness, in venues potentially including but not limited to dogsled racing, dogsled tours/expeditions, dryland mushing, etc.
 - Proof of the above should consist of official records from race/competition events, detailed training logs in written and/or video form, and should be verified

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by a separate party in good standing with ISSSC and the Continental Kennel Club

- This record, even if primarily written, should include a minimum of one video of the dog performing in harness, for the purpose of matching to descriptors and photographs and evaluating working gait. The dog should be willingly pulling and contributing without aid from a human
- Health Testing
 - Clear Health Certificate from a licensed veterinarian, indicating that the dog is healthy and free of serious disease or health condition, at minimum;
 - Preference will be given to submissions with other relevant testing for genetic or otherwise hereditary health conditions or diseases, potentially including but not limited to:
 - OFA/Official Veterinary-Conducted Eye Screening
 - Passing of SPS1 and SHPN1 via Genetic Testing (Carriers may be admitted)
 - Other specified health tests as they become available and/or relevant
- Genetic Ancestry Testing
 - Ancestry DNA test demonstrating appropriate genetic ancestry for fitting the definition of a Seppala Siberian Sleddog, as well as demonstrating accuracy of Pedigree/Lineage records. Strong preference is noted for the commercially available EmbarkVet Ancestry test as the fulfilling test for this item, and may be requested by the Board if another ancestry test is instead provided for the submission
- Morphometrics
 - Detailed morphometrics and physiological profile of the dog including:
 - Height
 - Length
 - Weight
 - Coat (double-coated, designating whether of short/medium/long length)
 - Description of coat color, eye color, distinctive markings, and otherwise relevant descriptive details for use of accurately verifying identity of the dog
- Conformation Photographs
 - Minimum 3 (three) photographs displaying the dog's structure from profile angle at rest (also known as "stack"), profile angle while hooked in harness, and headshot.
- Information on Outcross Litter/s Produced (if applicable)
 - If the animal has been mated to a registered purebred Seppala Siberian Sleddog prior to submission, and the submissions for the purpose of retroactive entry into the studbook, information similar to or equaling the above on the progeny of the outcross litter/litters should also be included.
 - Outcrosses which are approved and are added to the studbook and have already produced offspring with a registered purebred SSSD mate will have their offspring automatically accepted for this purpose