

“Stud Finder” Search

The Stud Finder search is designed to assist breeders in finding an appropriate sire to use for a breeding. This functionality allows a database user to select a combination of many different criteria such as age or certifications. The Stud Finder search will then return a list of potential dogs that meet the criteria and can be investigated further.

What are the basics as to how this new search works?

The Stud Finder search page allows you to select on any combination of the various criteria listed. Each search criteria item is optional. If you leave any item blank, the search will ignore that item when determining what dogs meet your criteria. Some other items to note are:

- A. Since this is designed to find available studs, only males are returned in the results.
- B. Neutered or deceased dogs are not shown in the results unless you select the option to include dogs with frozen semen.
- C. **Only dogs where the owner has indicated the dog is available at stud will be returned in the results.** This will restrict the list to only dogs where the owner is willing to consider a breeding.

What do I need to do to make sure my stud dog shows up on the report?

There are a number of fields that you need to keep updated via the Dog Submission Form:

1. Make sure you keep the reproductive status of your dog updated (neutered or not).
2. There is a **Frozen Semen** field that is used to indicate you have frozen semen available from this dog whether he is alive or deceased. This would allow a dog to be used at stud even after his death.
3. There is also an **Available at Stud** field that you must update to indicate you are willing to discuss the use of your dog as a stud with the owner of a bitch. Please note that this only means you are willing to discuss the possibility and in no way would you be obligated to do anything. A breeding would only take place after the owners of the stud and bitch both agreed to the breeding and finalized all details themselves.
4. Keep your certifications and tests updated.

The bottom line is to make sure you keep your dogs updated in the database!

As always, your comments or suggestions are welcome via email to comments@scwtodb.org.