

# The DNA Related Reclassification of IMZA Pedigrees

When incorrect parentage is found due to DNA Parent Verification, sometimes it is possible and sometimes it is not possible to determine the correct parentage. Situations may result from a Sire and/or Dam being recorded in error, or they may be deceased or unable to be located. A sole case of an unknown Parent Verification may result in the reclassification of multiple generations of progeny.

A DNA Parent Verification Exclusion Disclosure form is available and can be found on the IMZA website.

**The following rule shall govern the process taken in the event of a DNA Parent Verification Exclusion.**

## **IMZA RULE 16:**

**1)** When the IMZA, the Board of Directors, the DNA Committee or the Registrar has been made aware of or notified of an official DNA Parent Verification Exclusion, the owner on record will immediately be notified by the IMZA and afforded a fourteen (14) calendar day period from the date of notification. During the fourteen (14) calendar day period, the owner/breeder may elect to notify progeny owners, resubmit new DNA Parent Verification testing or take necessary steps to verifiably correct the discrepancy. No reclassifications to any pedigrees will take place during the fourteen (14) calendar day period. Upon expiration of the fourteen (14) calendar day period, the IMZA shall notify all the affected owners, including progeny owners within the pedigree(s) of the DNA Parent Verification excluded animal. The Registered Pedigrees of all affected animals shall also be reclassified after the expiration of the fourteen (14) calendar day period according to procedures outlined in this rule.

Reissuance of Reclassified IMZA Registration Certificates shall be of no cost.

**2)** When Parent Verification has excluded a previously registered Sire and/or Dam through DNA testing, the status of the registered progeny shall be downgraded.

**3)** The new classification of registration shall hereby be known as *Conditional* and assigned the registration prefix of "C". The continuance of the pedigree shall follow and use the identical progression formula as outlined in the Hardship Registration Guidelines to attain Foundation Pure status.

**4)** The excluded Sire and/or Dam shall be removed from the pedigree(s) of the progeny being affected and replaced with Undetermined by DNA.

**5)** Previous generations before the animal(s) designated as *Undetermined by DNA* will be recorded as *Unavailable*.

**6)** The classification, registration and the pedigree of the excluded parent(s) will remain unchanged in the Registry of other Non-Parent Verified progeny.

**7)** This process will only occur in cases of previously registered IMZA animals that have a parent(s) excluded by DNA.

**8)** Animals that have an excluded Sire and/or Dam through the DNA Parent Verification process shall be assigned a C1 prefix as a replacement to the previous prefix of their existing IMZA Registration Number.

Subsequent registered generations shall also be assigned a C prefix as a replacement to the previous prefix of their existing registration numbers.

Example: Z-xxxx will be changed to C1-xxxx.

**9)** The first and subsequent generations of the excluded animal(s) shall also be reclassified as *Appearance Certified* on the Registration Certificate(s) until the progression formula to attain Foundation Pure or DNA evidence to restore the pedigree has been achieved.

**10)** At any time, an IMZA affiliated and verified DNA Parent Verification to an IMZA registered animal may be submitted as evidence to reverse the reclassification and/or restore the pedigree(s) in question to the proper classification. The original breeder may also submit an official Breeder Affidavit of Parentage Correction to correct the pedigree and will be subject to all current rules of Report of Birth, (*ref IMZA Rule 17*). The proper classification will be determined by the classification of the parent(s).

DNA evidence is subject to review and verification by the DNA Committee and the Board of Directors.

**11)** In unusual and/or extenuating DNA related circumstances, the DNA Committee shall submit to the Board of Directors, all evidence and documentation that may substantiate the circumstance. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, approve or deny additional considerations as deemed proper.

**12)** The new C registration prefix shall supersede the H registration prefix only when C classified animals are bred to H classified animals. The progression formula shall remain identical as outlined in the Hardship Registration Guidelines. This shall provide that the *Undetermined by DNA* animal(s) remain recorded in the affected pedigree until restored.

Example: C1 + H3 = C1, C3 + H2 = C2 and so forth.

**13)** If at any time, a DNA Profile and/or a Parent Verification is found to have been falsified in an attempt alter, correct, restore, or misrepresent a pedigree, procedures authorized and outlined in Article V of the Bylaws may be pursued.

**14)** To be fair and consistent with the recordings of the registry, the following rule shall be retroactive and apply to all previous cases where DNA Parent Verification has excluded an animal(s) in an IMZA Registered Pedigree.

The following appendix shall be incorporated into *IMZA RULE 16*

#### **Appendix A:**

Progression to Foundation Pure:

The progression from C1 to Foundation Pure status is as follows:

- C (1) + Z = C (2)
- C (2) + Z = C (3)
- C (3) + Z = Z
- C (1) + C (3) = C (1)
- C (2) + C (3) = C (2)
- C (3) + C (3) = C (3)
- C (1) + C (2) = C (1)
- C (2) + C (2) = C (2)
- C (1) + C (1) = C (1)

When two (2) C registered animals are paired for breeding, the offspring will retain the status of the lowest C parent.

To attain a higher C generational status, one parent of the breeding pair must be registered Foundation Pure.

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