**SPAY/NEUTER**

Spaying is the surgical removal of a female dog’s uterus and ovaries. Neutering refers to the surgical removal of the male’s testicles and spermatic cords. If you decide that breeding is not for you or your dog, please consider having your dog spayed or neutered to prevent accidental breedings.

The AKC welcomes spayed and neutered dogs to participate in all phases of Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Herding, Lure Coursing, Earthdog, Agility, AKC Canine Good Citizen® testing and Junior Showmanship, as well as most field work.

*For more information on responsible breeding and to contact a National Breed Club or local AKC-affiliated dog club, visit www.akc.org.*

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