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# The Neapolitan Mastiff Club

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**Welfare website: [www.neapolitanmastiffwelfare.co.uk](http://www.neapolitanmastiffwelfare.co.uk)**

## Thank you for your interest in: The Neapolitan Mastiff Club

The Neapolitan Mastiff Club was founded by a group of fellow enthusiasts who wished to increase their knowledge and understanding of this highly individualistic breed. Realising that, with the rise in popularity of the breed there were many other Mastino enthusiasts 'out there' wishing to do the same, in October 1998 they formed The 'proposed' Neapolitan Mastiff Club.

The purpose of the Club was to provide its Membership with the knowledge, information, and understanding they collectively sought to enable them to protect the interests of the Neapolitan Mastiff in the UK. They were aiming to ensure the care, the well-being, and the welfare of the Neapolitan Mastiff. To protect the breed against abuse, neglect, and unethical practices, and to promote the development of the Neapolitan Mastiff to the highest possible standard in the UK. That purpose is the same today as it was back in 1998.

In February 2002, The 'proposed' Neapolitan Mastiff Club, was officially Recognised by The Kennel Club, as the UK's Official Breed Club, since this time the Club has gone from strength to strength. Initial breed enquirers are provided with Breed specific Information & a Club Application. Following receipt of a completed application, New Members once ratified, receive our award winning (2009) Welcome / Breed Information Pack, and each year Club Members receive two glossy Newsletters packed with articles, Ads, pictures, news, views & information. Membership of the Club also ensures that each Member is assured of a help and support network as and when it is required.

The Neapolitan Mastiff remains a 'Rare Breed' without Championship Status and as such, are not yet allocated Challenge Certificates in recognition of merits achieved at Championship shows. We are unable at present to host our own Championship show but, we do host an annual Breed Open show which members are entitled to enter at a reduced rate. The Club Open show attracts an average entry of 50 Neapolitan Mastiffs per annum, which is the largest gathering of Mastini & Mastino enthusiasts in the UK.

Breed enthusiasts who take up the enjoyable hobby of exhibiting their Mastini at Dog Shows are able to follow their own achievements each week, through the Neapolitan Mastiff Breed Notes compiled by fellow enthusiasts and published in Our Dogs and Dog World weekly newspapers.

From the foundation of The Neapolitan Mastiff Club, Breed Welfare has been and continues to be, an on-going issue of concern. Our Welfare Organisation was established at the turn of the century with the primary purpose of: endeavouring to alleviate the suffering of unwanted and or abandoned Neapolitan Mastiffs. Neapolitan Mastiff Welfare is a Voluntary Organisation, administered and co-ordinated by fellow enthusiasts and financial donations, our Welfare Organisation welcomes any and or all support received, please visit our Welfare web site for further details:  
[www.neapolitanmastiffwelfare.co.uk](http://www.neapolitanmastiffwelfare.co.uk)

Once again, we thank you for your interest in The Neapolitan Mastiff Club, and look forward to receiving your completed application form and relevant subscription.

Yours sincerely,

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The Neapolitan Mastiff Club Secretary.