

Importing Comma Separated and Tab Separated Data Files

Import Data

File Type
 CSV - Comma Separated
 Tab Separated

Format
 CSV
 Tab

DOB Format
 M-D-Y
 D-M-Y
 Y-M-D
 yyyymmdd
 ddmmyyyy

19218 Records

Select Input File

Select Data Pattern

Save Data Pattern

Empty Owner / Breeder list

Load Owner / Breeder list

Edit Owner / Breeder List

Save Owner / Breeder list

Restore Owner / Breeder list

Load Database

Done

Field 19 Values

CC
James
03/82
Billy
Pete
Bari
Dinkster
Bernie
Dandy
Fancy
Catcher
Jonnie
Rinda
Dreamer
Frankie
Pockets
Hugger
Turbo
Booker
Rumor

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Select Field

Remove connection
 Field 1 (19218)
 Field 2 (19209)
 Field 3 (4290)
 Field 4 (10584)
 Field 5 (10485)
 Field 6 (10654)
 Field 7 (3089)
 Field 8 (114)
 Field 9 (4224)
 Field 10 (106)
 Field 11 (684)
 Field 12 (1771)
 Field 13 (15)
 Field 14 (562)
 Field 15 (13)
 Field 16 (204)
 Field 17 (1)
 Field 18 (10)
 Field 19 (342)
 Field 20 (5)
 Field 21 (254)
 Field 22 (19)
 Field 23 (81)
 Field 24 (76)
 Field 25 (120)

1 Dog Name
- Dog Code
2 Sex
4 Sire Name
- Sire Code
5 Dam Name
- Dam Code
7 Pre Titles
8 Post Titles
6 AKC / ID
3 Date of Birth
11 Breeders
12 Owners
- GD1
- GD2
- GD3
- Label 1
- Label 2
19 Call
- Label 4
16 Label 5
9 Label 6
- Label 7
- Label 8
- Label 9
21 Label 10
10 AD 1
13 AD 2
14 AD 3
15 AD 4

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(“File | Import CSV Data” & “File | Import Tab Separated Data”)

K9-ped allows the easy import of comma separated and Tab separated format files. The file to be imported is the data file while each line of data is a record with the fields separated by commas or tabs.

The data must be imported to an empty “breed”. Even if the data is to be combined with existing data it must be imported it into a blank breed first. After reviewing the imported data, produce a backup file and merge the backup file with your existing data. This prevents introducing errors into your live database.

K9-Ped uses a translation list or pattern to identify the desired location for each field of the import file. These patterns can be saved and selected to save time and ensure consistency of data import. Multiple pattern files can be saved for different data types.

Since other programs do not have separate records for each owner and breeder, all of the names are usually in one field for owners and one field for breeders. Data in this format can be ambiguous. For example “John Paul & Mary Jones” could be “Paul, John & Jones, Mary” or “Jones, John Paul & Jones, Mary”. When the Owner/Breeder list is loaded from the data file, K9-Ped attempts to parse the combined names into individual names separated by a “/”. This process is not precise. An editing screen is provided to help with this process.

After editing the name translation the list can be saved for future use. When the list is restored it overwrites any matching names. This has no effect on new names that were not present when the list was originally created and edited.

Step by step:

Select the type of input file using the radio buttons.

Select the input file. Most comma separated files will have a csv extension while Tab separated files will have a txt extension.

If a data pattern has been previously saved click select data pattern to load the pattern.

The radio buttons, “None” and “Field 1” through “Field 25” refer to the input data file field order. Clicking on a field number will display the contents of the field in the input data file. This will help identify the field order. With the data displayed, click the appropriate database field for the displayed data. “Field 1” will most often be the dog’s name. If the input data has more than 25 fields the field number can be entered and the “Select Field” button clicked.

When all of the desired input data fields have been associated with appropriate database fields save the pattern for later use.

K9-Ped is unique in using an unlimited number of separate names for Owner, Breeder and both. This allows for displaying a list of other dogs owned or bred by an individual and to see the other owners and breeders of each of their dogs.

If the current Owner / Breeder list contains unwanted data from a previous import it can be erased by clicking the “Empty Owner/Breeder List” button.

Clicking the “Load Owner/Breeder List” will fill the list with the data contained in the fields associated with the Breeders and Owners database fields. In the above example the data contained in fields 11 and 12 will be loaded into the file. As the data is being loaded K9-Ped will make an attempt to separate the names and change them to Last, first format. The list is used to translate the import Owner/Breeder names it needs to be verified and edited.

Use the “Edit Owner/Breeder List” button to bring up an edit screen for this data. This screen shows the original input name and the proposed separation. The names are edited on the left-hand side. A “/” is used to separate the names. The results of the separation are shown in the window on the right.

Editing the Owner/Breeder names can be time consuming so they can be saved and restored as many times as required prior to the final input of the data. The list can be maintained on a combined basis for all breeds or kept separate for each breed. **Save the list after each edit.**

Restoring the Owner/Breeder list will overwrite any matching name’s translations and add any additional names. It will not delete names in the data loaded that do not have a match in the saved file.

When the data pattern is properly defined and the Owner/Breeder translation list is complete click “Load Database” to import the data into the current breed. If the import is not correct, empty the current breed, load the data pattern with “Select Data Pattern” and load the Owner/Breeder translation table. Make the required changes to the data pattern and translation table and reload the database.

If the import data is to be added to your current database, backup the imported data and restore it to your current database. It is always a good idea to do a full backup of your working database prior to doing any merge.

Hint: Since the K9-Ped backup files are small it is a good idea to backup you database on a regular basis. The backup and restore screens are accessed from the “File” menu.