



Why Buy a Registered KuneKune?

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Red Roof KuneKunes

I get a lot of questions as to why buy a Registered KuneKune versus an unregistered KuneKune.

Many times this question is from Homesteaders that plan on harvesting offspring for their families consumption or selling to the public and other times it is from a person seeking Companion Animals / Pets.

There is no DNA test that can simply prove a pig is a KuneKune like you can for dogs to verify the breed.

All registered KuneKunes are DNA Parentage Verified throughout their entire pedigree proving that they are truly a KuneKune. This means that each pig in the pedigree is registered and has been Parentage DNA Verified using the pigs parents DNA Markers.

UC DAVIS VETERINARY MEDICINE Veterinary Genetics Laboratory		SWINE PARENTAGE AND GENETIC MARKER TEST REPORT	
Client/Owner/Agent Information: CAROLINE MALOTT 1500 BREWERY TERRY RD LYNCHBURG, VA 24505	Case: Pig Review#: Report Issue Date: Report ID:	KPS7005 09/10/2022 27/04/2022 2027-0030-0030-0000	Verify report at www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/swine
Name: RIK TANTUARD 12			
Additional Information: Parentage by DNA test at a laboratory was performed and results indicate the animal is affected or at risk. We recommend contacting your veterinarian for further clinical evaluation and for additional information on disease and management. For more detailed information on Parentage test results, please visit our website at: www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/swine/testfaq.php			
<small>For terms and conditions of testing, please see www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/about/terms-and-conditions. Results are determined using PCR based methods. The results relate only to the sample tested as identified by the submitter OR multiple identical samples. Report authorized by Dr. Rebecca Bellone, VGL Director Veterinary Genetics Laboratory University of California, Davis, One Shields Ave. Davis, CA 95616 VGL Davis, CA (530) 752-2211</small>			
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The American KuneKune Pig Society - AKKPS - has stringent [Registration Guidelines](#) for registering KuneKunes.

Most people want a KuneKune for the traits that traditionally come along with a KuneKune.

- Tend not to root

- Docile
- Size
- Easy on the land
- Marbled red meat
- Great with children
- Grazers in addition to a small amount of pig feed

When an unregistered KuneKune is purchased, there is no guarantee you are getting a purebred animal with the KuneKune traits.

There are many pigs advertised as KuneKunes that are KuneKune crosses. I have had many customers make the grievous mistake of purchasing one and the end result was not at all what they expected. I have also had clients who “saw” the parents and assumed they were getting a pure KuneKune and often this was not the case.

It is true you can not eat papers. It is true that Companion Animals are not registered with breeding rights BUT if you want a KuneKune for its traits, please purchase registered animals from a reputable breeder. I assure you, you will not regret it!