



THE PEKINGESE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Membership Application

Send completed form and fees to: Betty Tilley-Poole, Treasurer
9455 SW 140 Ave Dunnellon, FL 34432-3973 352-465-1628

- U.S. Member-Contributed Capital (dues) for one year \$35.00, plus an initial non-refundable application fee of \$10.00*
- International Member-Contributed Capital (dues) for one year \$45.00, plus an initial non-refundable application fee of \$10.00*

***USPS Delivery of the PCA Bulletin ("The Lion Dog News"):**

Due to the substantial costs now incurred by the Club for this service, if you wish to receive the Club Bulletin ("The Lion Dog News") via USPS *in addition to its current electronic delivery to all members via email and the PCA website*, you must subscribe to it on an annual basis. The cost of a one-year snail-mailed LDN subscription is an additional \$20, payable with your dues and application fee.

Note: Two applicants from the same household must each use separate forms. Two persons from the same household may not sponsor the same applicant. Dues and application fee must accompany the application when it is sent to the Club Treasurer in order for it to be considered. If approved, the applicant will be notified by the secretary

I, the undersigned, understand that if accepted into membership, my contact information will be published only in the password-protected members only section of the Club Website unless I give permission to have it published elsewhere on the public Club website, and I hereby apply for membership in The Pekingese Club of America:

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Kennel Name: _____
Email: _____ Website: _____
Dog Club Affiliations: _____

Type of membership* desired: Regular Associate International Junior (if checked, DOB is: _____)

- ❖ **Regular.** For individuals 18 years of age or older who live in the United States, its territories or possessions and who have shown in conformation and/or have bred Pekingese to show in conformation. Each of the two sponsors that are required when applying for Active membership must have known the applicant for at least one year and must be aware of the applicant's AKC and Pekingese-related activities. The applicant for Regular membership will fit into one of the two categories that follow here:
 1. **FIRST-TIME APPLICANT** applying for Regular Membership
 2. **FORMER PCA MEMBER WHO RE-APPLIES** for Membership in PCA after his/her membership has lapsed. Unless additional information is requested by the PCA Board, applicants of this type will be accepted into membership of the same type they had when membership lapsed.
- ❖ **Associate.** For individuals 18 years of age or older who live in the United States, its territories or possessions and who either do not have a history of breeding and/or showing or who were regular members who have ceased breeding and/or showing Pekingese and who have elected to move to this membership type so as not to affect Club quorum requirements. Associate members may not vote or hold office and are not required to obtain the two sponsors that applicants for Regular membership are required to provide. Associate members who have become active breeders and/or exhibitors may, if they wish, apply to change their membership status from Associate to Regular after they have been Associate members for at least one year. When doing so, these members must describe their Peke-related activities and obtain the sponsorship of two Regular members who have mentored them as they began to exhibit and/or breed Pekingese while they were Associate members.
- ❖ **International.** For individuals 18 years of age or older who do not live in the United States, its territories or possessions. International members may not vote or hold office.
- ❖ **Junior.** For individuals under 18 years of age who are interested in Pekingese. Juniors may not vote or hold office.

I. APPLICANT.

a) On the following page, please briefly describe your experience with dogs in general and Pekingese in particular. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

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Printed Name of Applicant: _____

b) If applying for Regular (voting) membership, please check the verification statement below that applies to you, and supply your signature and the date where indicated:

- I am a first-time applicant
 I am a former Pekingese Club of America member who is reapplying for regular membership because my membership has lapsed.

c) If applying for Associate membership, please simply sign and date below.

Applicant's signature

Date

II. **SPONSORS** (*When applying for Regular voting membership, two required*). Each sponsor stipulates that he or she has been a member of the Club for a period of at least one year and has known the applicant for at least one year. Each sponsor must also provide answers to the following questions. Please remember that you should feel comfortable with the responsibility of sponsoring this applicant as you must be willing to mentor this new Regular member for at least his/her first year of Club membership.

SPONSOR #1 _____ (print name)

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Have you met the applicant in person? YES NO

Why do you recommend this applicant for Regular membership? (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

I endorse the application of _____ for Regular membership in The Pekingese Club of America, Inc.

(Signature of Sponsor #1)

(Date)

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Printed Name of Applicant: _____

SPONSOR #2 _____ (print name)

How long have you known applicant? _____

Have you met the applicant in person? YES NO

Why do you recommend this applicant for Regular membership? (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

I endorse the application of _____ for Regular membership in The Pekingese Club of America, Inc.

(Signature of Sponsor #2)

(Date)

If accepted as a Club member, I pledge to uphold **The Pekingese Club of America Code of Ethics**, as follows:

1. **Registration:** I will properly and honestly register my dogs with the American Kennel Club, if a U.S. resident, and keep accurate records. I will abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Pekingese Club of America, as well as the rules and policies of the American Kennel Club.
2. **Breeding, and care and condition of dogs:** I will abide by the approved American Kennel Club Pekingese Breed Standard. All puppies which are not kept will be placed into an educated, proper, caring home. I will keep my dogs with adequate room and sanitary conditions and seek the highest standards of veterinary care for them. I will not place Pekingese puppies before ten (10) weeks of age. I will carefully screen all prospective homes and take back any dog I sell or place if the owner is unable to keep it so as to find an appropriate home for the dog.
3. **Responsibility:** I will not sell dogs to wholesale or retail outlets, brokers, pet shops, mail order houses, or businesses of similar commercial enterprise, or donate a dog to be offered for auction or prize.
4. **Education and Encouragement:** As a Pekingese Club of America member I pledge to uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship to help educate the public on the Pekingese Standard and idiosyncrasies of the breed, and to help newcomers and new owners to learn about, enjoy and promote Pekingese and the Sport of Dogs.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

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THE TWO NOTICES WHICH FOLLOW RELATE TO RECENT AKC RULINGS THAT ENABLE PARENT CLUBS TO FUNCTION MORE EFFICIENTLY AND MORE ECONOMICALLY. PLEASE BE SO KIND AS TO READ AND SIGN. THANK YOU.

I hereby request that all notices of Club meetings be sent to me at the following:

email address: _____

or facsimile number: _____

and I stipulate that all meeting notices sent to the email address or facsimile number I have designated above will be effective notice for all purposes when a facsimile transmission or electronic transmission is confirmed. I therefore waive my right to receive meeting notices by first class mail through the United States Postal Service. I further agree that it is my responsibility to maintain current address and contact information with the Club Corresponding Secretary, and I stipulate that this waiver shall remain in effect until I send written notice to the Corresponding Secretary of any requested change.

(Applicant's Name)

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

I hereby authorize PCA to use an independent firm to conduct elections, votes on breed standard revisions, Bylaw amendments and any other specific questions the Board of Directors shall determine via electronic balloting. I am aware that this authorization is revocable, and I agree to release the Club from liability should the ballot be received late or not received by the member, due to circumstances beyond the Club's control.

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(Applicant's Name)

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

Please note: Applications take between six to eight weeks to process and publish in The Lion Dog News.

(form approved 02/23/16)