



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)

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)

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Printed Name of Applicant: _____

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:



**The Pekingese Club of America
CODE OF ETHICS**

PURPOSE

This code of ethics is established to further the objectives of the Pekingese Club of America, Inc. It is intended to promote the ideals and principles required to maintain, protect and preserve the Pekingese breed. This code of ethics requires a commitment to a high standard of practice in owning, breeding and exhibiting Pekingese.

- **REGISTRATION** – Dogs must be properly and honestly registered with the American Kennel Club; for breeders in other countries, puppies must be registered with that country's primary kennel club. Unregistered bitches will not be bred and unregistered dogs will not be used for breeding. All American Kennel Club rules and regulations will be complied with where applicable.
- **BREEDING** – Only healthy animals with characteristic breed type and sound structure and temperament should be bred. Members shall breed only with the understanding that they must keep the puppies until responsible homes are found for them. Breeders must understand and acknowledge that they may need to take back or assist in finding a new home for any Pekingese they have produced. Breeders shall remain alert for and shall endeavor to control or eradicate inherited problems particular to the breed, and should strive to screen breeding stock for hereditary problems. Members shall guard against unplanned matings. Members shall never intentionally produce or sell crossbred dogs. Accurate and current breeding records shall be kept. Stud contracts shall include an agreement that no puppies resulting from the mating will be sold/given to pet shops, wholesale dog breeders or dealers.
- **HEALTH** – Members shall maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness and care for their Pekingese. Members shall provide the socialization, vaccinations, anti-parasite treatments and all routine care necessary to provide maximum mental and physical well-being for all Pekingese under their care.
- **ADVERTISING/SALES** – Members shall advertise honestly. Advertising should neither offer Pekingese at bargain prices, nor encourage producing Pekingese as a moneymaking enterprise. No member of The Pekingese Club of America will sell at wholesale or to retail outlets, brokers, pet shops, mail order houses, or businesses of similar commercial enterprise, or donate a dog to be offered as a prize. The Pekingese Club of America recommends that every dog is micro chipped prior to sale with the breeder as the secondary contact.
- **PLACEMENT** - All dogs sold by members should be honestly evaluated regarding their pedigrees, temperaments, potential and faults. It is recommended that Pekingese puppies not be placed before three months of age; however, no puppies will be placed before eight weeks of age. No dog shall be released or shipped to a new home without having received vaccinations in accordance with local veterinary recommendations and/or state required health certification. Any health guarantee should allow the buyer a specified period of time within which to have the dog examined by a veterinarian. If a dog is found to be unfit (as covered in the guarantee), the breeder shall be prepared to equitably replace the dog, refund the purchase price, or otherwise comply with the purchase agreement as written. Members shall make every effort to protect their Pekingese bloodlines. Dogs not intended for show/breeding shall be placed with spay/neuter contracts, limited AKC registration, or spayed/neutered by the breeder if the dog is of appropriate age. Members shall furnish the buyer with diet and care information as well as copies of all veterinary procedures, pedigree, and AKC registration or transfer documents, unless the written agreement stipulates that registration and/or pedigree shall be withheld until proof of spaying or neutering has been received by the seller. Members shall not charge an additional fee for registration papers. Members shall screen all prospective buyers to assure that each Pekingese sold will have a safe and loving home.

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- **PROFESSIONALISM** - Each club member shall pledge to help educate the public on the Pekingese Standard and idiosyncrasies of the breed. When exhibiting, members shall not alter (nor permit another to alter) the appearance, behavior, or physical condition of their dog in any manner that shall misrepresent or deviate noticeably from the original appearance and physical structure of the dog.
- **SPORTSMANSHIP** - Members are required at all times to display good conduct and sportsmanship and treat judges, competitors, show officials and spectators with courtesy and respect. The Pekingese Club of America subscribes to the AKC Code of Sportsmanship. Members shall not engage in false advertising nor shall they maliciously malign another person by making misleading statements regarding a competitor's dog or breeding practices. At no time shall social media be used to air complaints/negative comments about a competitor or their dogs.

I have read and promise to abide by the above Code of Ethics as set forth by the Pekingese Club of America, Inc.

Print your name

Signature of Member/ Membership Applicant

Date

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 08/30/17)