



AKITA CLUB OF AMERICA

SPECIALTY CLUB

NATIONAL PARENT BREED CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Akita Specialty Club Name: _____

President:

Corresponding Secretary:

Last Name: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip Code: _____

City: _____ **State:** __ **Zip Code:** _____

If the President or Secretary is an ACA member, a duplicate Update will not be sent.

Club's primary Akita interests: Conformation Performance Therapy Rescue

Club's primary geographic area: _____

Does the Club intend to hold Specialties and/or Supported Entries for Akitas?

Does the Club hold it's own AKC Sanctioned Events? Yes No

How long has the Applicant Club been in existence? ____years. Are you incorporated? Yes No

Briefly state why your Club wishes to become a Member Club of the Akita Club of America (ACA) and what you feel it brings to the ACA: _____

Non Refundable Application Fee:	\$20.00
Calendar Year Membership Dues	\$60.00
Donation to AKC Canine Health Fund *	\$
Donation to ACA Rescue (ACAR)**	\$
Donation to Illustrated Standard Project	\$
Total Amount Enclosed (Check or Money Order)	\$

Please make check/money order (in U.S. Funds only) payable to Akita Club of America and return to:
Akita Club of America
Sandi Soto, Vice President/Membership Chairperson
5602 N. Church Ave.
Tampa, FL 33614
aca-vice-president@akitaclub.org

* Donations to CHF for Akita health research may be made separately at time of renewal in order to be deductible. The CHF is a separate 501(c)3 organization. Send a separate check made out to Canine Health Foundation and it will be forwarded on to our CHF Akita Donor Advised fund.
** Donations will be specifically allocated to rescue. Any amount is appreciated, no donation too large or small. ACAR is a 501(c)3.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING BEFORE RETURNING YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Your membership application will not be accepted unless:
 - a) It is completely filled out
 - b) All required items listed in the checklist on the Code of Ethics page are included
 - c) The ACA Code of ethics is signed
 - d) Application form is accompanied by the correct payment (Check or money order)
2. Please note the following timeline if your club hosts an ACA affiliated Specialty or Supported Entry:
 - a) Dues must be paid through the entire year that the Specialty or Supported Entry is expected to occur
 - b) ACA Specialty or Supported Entry application must be received by the ACA Corresponding Secretary at least seven (7) months prior to the show
 - c) AKC Show application must be received by the ACA Corresponding Secretary for submission to the AKC at least six(6) months prior to the show
 - d) The proposed judging panel must be received by the ACA Corresponding Secretary for submission to the AKC at least six (6) months prior to the show.



AKITA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
NATIONAL PARENT BREED CLUB
CODE OF ETHICS (MEMBER CLUBS)

In order to promote the highest ideals among Akita owners and breeders and aim for the continuous improvement of the Akita breed within the framework of the approved breed standard, we, the members of this club, pledge that:

1. We will follow the rules of good sportsmanship which will be a credit to the breed, the club and myself in all Akita competition and activities.
2. We will fully explain to all prospective Akita purchasers the advantages as well as the disadvantages of owning an Akita.
3. We will attempt to help and befriend novice exhibitors and owners.
4. We will keep well informed in the field of genetics and work to eliminate hereditary defects from the breed.
5. Each member will, before entering into a breeding agreement or doing any breeding of his own dogs, carefully analyze the conformation and pedigrees of the prospective sire and dam. He shall refuse the mating if, in his opinion, it will not be in the best interest of the breed. If he denies stud service, he will fully explain his reasons to the owner of the bitch.
6. We will participate in a program of hip x-raying and eye examinations by qualified veterinarians to eliminate hip dysplasia and congenital eye problems.
7. When an Akita has hereditary faults of such nature as to make his or her use for breeding detrimental to the furtherance of the breed, that dog shall be neutered/spayed.
8. We will refuse to deal with dog wholesalers or to sell puppies to pet shops and will include in all stud contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies resulting from the mating will be wholesaled, sold or given to pet shops or wholesale dog breeders or dealers.
9. Furthermore, we will refuse to wholesale (buy or sell) any registered breed of dog, singly or in litter lots realizing that we as dog fanciers are responsible for not only our own breed but for others as well.
10. All puppies or adults sold as pet quality and at pet prices should be sold on spay/neuter contracts with written agreement that no AKC registration papers will be issued until the seller has received veterinary certification that surgery has been performed and a copy of that sent to AKC.

ELECTRONIC BALLOTING

Electronic balloting for any issue requiring a membership vote will be in accordance with California State Statute 5510 and the American Kennel Club Procedure on Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs.

The Akita Club of America is released from liability should the ballot be received late or not received by the Member due to circumstances beyond the Akita Club of America's control. The AKC requires the member(s) to affirm their intentions with respect to electronic balloting (further, this consent is revocable at any time by written request of a member). Finally, AKC requires the club to retain the signed consent forms. This electronic form will be archived by the Club for this purpose.

Balloting Preference: **We consent to Electronic Balloting** **We do not consent to Electronic Balloting**

MEMBER _____ **DATE:** _____

E-mail address: _____

I have read the Code of Ethics and the terms of electronic balloting as witnessed by my signature below. I understand that as an officer of a Member Club I have a responsibility to do my best to see that my club members adhere to this Code of Ethics. Any breach of this code may be cause for dismissal of my Member Club from the ACA, the parent club.

Signature of Club Officer _____ **DATE:** _____

Position (Office): _____

Before submitting this application form, please be sure you are enclosing the following:

- ✓ **Signed Membership Application Form**
- ✓ **Signed and dated Akita Club of America Code of Ethics**
- ✓ **Check or money order for the appropriate dues**
- ✓ **Member Club's current list of officers/board of directors**
- ✓ **Member Club's current membership list representing a minimum of 12 members**
- ✓ **Member Club's Code of Ethics**
- ✓ **Member Club's current Constitution and By-Laws**