

# Virginia Kennel Club Membership Application

This Membership Application must be accompanied by:

- Signed Virginia Kennel Club Code of ethics
- Dues payment for current year

**Please Print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age if under 21 \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a member of the following: all breed, specialty, performance and/or parent clubs:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Breed(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for membership in the Virginia Kennel Club. I understand that my application will be reviewed for eligibility by the Board of Directors before being submitted to the membership for approval.

If elected to membership of the Virginia Kennel Club, I agree to comply with the Constitution and By-laws, Standing Rules, and Code of Ethics of the club, in force at the time of election, and as may be legally adopted by the Club in the future. And also, with the Rules of the American Kennel Club.

I certify that I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club. I Pledge that I will conduct myself in a proper and sportsmanlike manner at all Club events and activities.

I agree to receive VKC information and notices by email: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

VKC Membership Endorsement (letters to be sent to VKC Recording Secretary)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

## Virginia Kennel Club Code of Ethics

As a member of THE VIRGINIA KENNEL CLUB, INC. I subscribe to the following CODE OF ETHICS:

I will:

1. Keep health and welfare a priority in the breeding and selling of my breed(s).
2. Breed only to improve my dogs to the standard of the breed(s). I will breed mature, healthy, high quality representatives of the breed.
3. Maintain high standards in the care of my dogs. Cleanliness in housing, quality veterinary care, and necessary immunizations shall be of a highest priority.
4. Not use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising and will provide the purchaser with an accurate representation of the breed and an honest evaluation of the dog or puppy purchased or placed.
5. Comply with all American Kennel Club and National Kennel Clubs rules where they may pertain.
6. Sell/place all dogs which are not show or breeding stock on a spay/neuter agreement and or limited registration.
7. Refuse stud service to any bitch that is not AKC registered or that has faults detrimental to the breed in health or temperament.
8. Not sell dogs to a commercial wholesaler or retailer or donate dogs to auctions, raffles, or research which is not under sponsorship of AKC/National Breed Clubs or Parent Clubs.
9. Not sell to any buyer where there are not adequate facilities or where the dog or puppy will not receive proper care.
10. Help buyers with advice or instruction for the life of the dog and pass on knowledge to novices interested in showing in conformation or obedience.
11. Accept full responsibility while pursuing and awaiting alternate placement, for any dog I have sold/placed with any individual who no longer wants or is able to keep the dog, regardless of the reason.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_