

Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.

Membership Application Information



Dear Prospective SHCA Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Siberian Husky Club of America. Enclosed, you will find all forms and information necessary to make your application for membership in SHCA.

Because SHCA believes that an applicant for membership should meet certain minimum requirements, we provide those minimum standards at this time:

1. The applicant must have owned a Siberian Husky for at least three years.
2. The applicant must have actively participated in AKC shows, obedience or agility trials, or organized sled dog activities for at least two years.
3. The applicant must be willing to sign the SHCA Code of Ethics
4. The applicant must obtain two sponsors (not members of the same household) who are members in good standing of SHCA, and who have known the applicant for at least two years.

If you feel that you meet these requirements, please complete, and submit the following:

1. Complete and sign the Application for Membership
2. Complete and sign the Questionnaire
3. Read the SHCA Code of Ethics and sign one copy (to be submitted). Keep the second copy for your records
4. Submit the initiation fee and first year's dues. The current fees are:
Individual: Dues \$25.00 + Initiation Fee \$20.00 = \$45.00
Couple: Dues \$50.00 + Initiation Fee \$20.00 = \$70.00
5. Obtain letters of sponsorship from two SHCA members who have known you for at least two years. Please urge your sponsors to include sufficient information to enable the Board to give your application proper attention. Sponsors must include how long and how well they have known you personally. Important: Inadequate letters may cause delay or rejection of your application.
6. Sponsors must read and sign the SHCA Sponsor Responsibility Guidelines.

If the Membership Committee determines that you meet the minimum requirements and that your application is complete, your name, and those of your sponsors, will be published in the SHCA Bulletin, which is mailed to all members. Comments will be invited from the general membership. Subsequently, the Board will vote on your application. The Recording Secretary will notify you if your application receives sufficient positive votes for election to membership. Please bear in mind that this process usually requires a period of several months after your completed application has been received.

If, at this time, you choose not to apply for membership, we invite you to subscribe to the SHCA Newsletter, which features articles of both current and long-term interest, photos of new member-owned Champions, and sections devoted to shows, specialties, obedience and agility trials, racing news, and more. The annual subscription is \$25.00 (\$32.00 Foreign). To subscribe, you may contact the Circulation Manager, Beth McClure, 1320 Garner Road, N. Milford, MI 48380-3300.

Should you have any questions, or if I may be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. (Sandy) Jessop, SHCA Membership Chair
7850 Friendsville Road
Lenoir City, TN 37772
865/988-4988
jaxsibes@bellsouth.net

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Application for Membership



Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Kennel Name _____ Occupation(s) _____

Sponsors: This application must be endorsed by two persons, not living in the same household, who are currently members in good standing of the SHCA. Each sponsor must write a short letter of recommendation which must be received by the Membership Chair prior to approval of the Application. The letters should indicate the sponsors' association with the applicant, ways in which the applicant may contribute to the Club, and vice versa. Each sponsor must also read and sign the SHCA Sponsor Responsibility Guidelines, making sure the applicant meets the minimum requirements, and attest to his/her understanding of what is expected from the applicant and the Sponsor. These must accompany the application.

Endorsed by: _____ Endorsed by: _____

Eligibility: There shall be one type of membership, open to all persons eighteen years of age and older, who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. The minimum age requirement may be waived by the Board of Directors where the applicant has demonstrated an interest in the breed through exhibiting and/or racing registered Siberian Huskies.

Dues: Annual Membership Dues are \$25.00 per person.

Initiation Fee: There shall be one initiation fee of \$20.00 for an individual applicant or for members of a family applying at the same time.

The application shall be forwarded to the Membership Chairperson, together with a check, payable to SHCA, for the dues and initiation fee. Must also include the signed SHCA Code of Ethics, two Sponsor's letters of endorsement, and the signed Sponsors' Responsibility Guidelines sheets. Send to:

Sandra E. (Sandy) Jessop, SHCA Membership Chair
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I/We agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc., and the rules of the American Kennel Club. I/We agree that any statements submitted in regard to this application become the property of the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc., and I/we voluntarily relinquish any right to them.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Membership Application Questionnaire



NOTICE: Information furnished on this form is used by the Membership Chair and the Board of Directors to evaluate potential members. None of the questions and/or answers is to be considered as being a qualifier or disqualifier for membership. Note: Please PRINT CLEARLY and use BLACK ink.

Name(s) _____ Age, if under 18 _____
_____ Age, if under 18 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____ - _____

Phone(_____) _____ Fax(_____) _____

E-mail _____ Kennel Name _____

Occupation(s) _____

Special Interests or Skills _____

SHCA Sponsors' Names 1) _____ 2) _____

*There are additional questions on the next page. If additional space is required to answer the following questions, please feel free to add another sheet of paper.

1. When did you obtain your first Siberian Husky? _____

2. How many Siberian Huskies are presently owned by you or your immediate family? _____

Of these, how many have you raised from puppyhood? _____

3. List by year the number of litters of Siberian Huskies you have registered with the AKC _____

4. How many stud services have you given involving Siberian Huskies? _____

5. Do you perform radiographic examinations (OFA) on your Siberian Huskies? _____

6. Do you perform annual ophthalmological examinations (CERF/SHOR) on your Siberian Huskies? _____

7. Name other breeds you own, and how many _____

8. Describe your specific activities with the Siberian Husky. Please include the names and breed of each AKC Champion, obedience and/or agility titleholder, and Sled dog degree holder that you own or have owned. In addition, please include the number of AKC shows, obedience and/or agility trials, or sled races in which you have participated in the past 24 months.

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Membership Application Questionnaire, continued



9. Name of organized Siberian Husky Club of which you are a member, and offices held

10. Name of AKC-recognized all-breed kennel or obedience or agility club of which you are a member, and offices you have held.

11. Name of animal humane association of which you are a member _____

12. Are you an AKC licensed judge? _____ Are you a professional handler? _____

13. Do you subscribe to the SHCA *Newsletter*? _____

14. What dog publications do you read regularly? _____

15. Are you currently, or have you ever been, under suspension by the AKC? _____

16. Do you sell or have you sold dogs to pet stores or other persons, for resale through pet stores or other commercial outlets? _____ If so, explain _____

17. Do you consign or have you consigned dogs for sale at pet stores or other commercial outlets? _____

If so, explain _____

18. What can you contribute to SHCA? _____

I/We have read the SHCA information describing membership qualifications, including the Code of Ethics. I/We understand that this form is merely a questionnaire to determine my/our experience and background in the breed and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my/our knowledge.

I/We agree that any statements submitted in regard to this application become property of SHCA, Inc., and I/we voluntarily relinquish any right to them. I/Wee understand you will notify me/us after your have studied the information given.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Return to: Sandra E. (Sandy) Jessop, SHCA Membership Chair
7850 Friendsville Road
Lenoir City, TN 37772

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Code of Ethics

In order to promote the highest ideals among Siberian Husky owners and breeders and to aim for the continuous improvement of the breed within the framework of the American Kennel Club-approved Breed Standard, I pledge that:

1. I will follow the rules of good sportsmanship in all Siberian Husky competition and activities.
2. I will fully explain to all prospective Siberian Husky purchasers the disadvantages as well as the advantages of owning a Siberian Husky
3. I will attempt to help and befriend novice exhibitors, racers, and breeders.
4. I will keep well-informed in the field of genetics, and will work persistently to eliminate hereditary defects from the breed.
5. I will, before entering any breeding agreement, carefully analyze the conformation and the pedigrees of the prospective sire and dam and, keeping the breed standard clearly in mind, refuse the mating if, in my opinion, it will not be in the best interest of the breed. If I deny stud service, I will fully explain my reasons to the owner of the bitch.
6. I will refuse to deal with dog wholesalers or to sell puppies or dogs to pet shops, and I 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 or sold to pet shops.

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Guidelines for Ethical Breeding Practices



The Board of Directors feel that the following are those basic precepts that an overwhelming majority of the fancy accept as proper, honest, and fair as regards conduct between breeders. Our example, as breeders who voluntarily establish and subscribe to such guidelines, will have a beneficial effect.

The Stud Dog

1. The stud dog should be OFA certified free of radiological evidence of hip dysplasia.
2. Eyes should be diagnosed as free from genetic disorders by a canine ophthalmologist once yearly.
3. The stud dog owner should require of the brood bitch -- OFA certification and current proof of unaffected eyes from a canine ophthalmologist.
4. The stud dog should be free of hereditary, incapacitating faults, not be oversize or undersize, should be a good specimen of the breed, and possess proper disposition. In addition, the dog must have two normally descended testicles.
5. The stud dog should be in good health, free from any disease, as well as internal and external parasites at the time of mating.
6. A male can be offered at stud by passive advertising only. Stud service should never be actively solicited by the stud owner or agent. Solicitations should be initiated only by the owner or agent of the bitch.
7. The owner of the stud dog, when approached, is obligated to discuss the merits and disadvantages of the proposed breeding with candor.
8. The stud fee is actually for the act of breeding which is consummated by a "tie." The fee itself is a matter between the parties involved and subject only by mutual agreement as to amount. A stud dog owner/agent may make the practice of offering a return service at another breeding season if a mating does not produce a litter. The normal arrangement is for the full fee to be paid at the time of service.
9. If a stud dog has not been proved by producing a litter (listed in the AKC Stud Dog Register), the burden of proof of fertility is with the stud dog owner.
10. No substitution of stud dogs will take place unless agreed to by the owner or agent of the bitch.

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6. Under ordinary circumstances, the brood bitch should not be bred before the age of two years.
7. Under ordinary circumstances, the brood bitch should not have puppies on successive seasons.

The Breeding

1. A breeding should never be undertaken unless it is specifically for the purpose of producing a better dog. Under no circumstances should a breeding be made to satisfy sales demand or for the sole purpose of supporting a kennel.
2. A breeding should never be made unless the owner of the bitch can properly care for the litter. There must be adequate yard space and housing. There must be adequate funds to cover health care, unexpected medical bills, and for general care over an extended time when proper homes have not been found for them.
3. All breedings should be personally supervised to ensure the dogs' safety.
4. All arrangements should be in writing. These should cover fee, boarding, travel, and other circumstances pertinent to that particular mating, and should be signed by both parties.
5. One puppy, full term, dead or alive, constitutes a litter.
6. The breeder of the litter should allot proper time for socialization and play with the puppies.

The Puppies

1. Each puppy sold should be accompanied by an AKC registration form and a correct, signed pedigree. A health record of immunization and parasite control, as well as the feeding regimen should be written out and also verbally explained to the buyer.
2. The breeder should develop and have in mind a profile of an acceptable potential Siberian Husky owner. The advantages and disadvantages of owning this puppy should be fully explained.
3. The breeder should be aware of the facilities available at the purchaser's home for the puppy. Questions such as . . . Who is going to be responsible for its care? . . . Will it be properly confined? . . . Do all members of the family want the dog? . . . etc., should be asked and answered in the affirmative before the puppy is sold.
4. If, in the breeder's judgment, the puppy is pet quality only, strong consideration should be given to limited registration or to withholding the registration papers by mutual agreement with the purchaser, using the outline in Chapter 3, Section 4A and Section 6, respectively, in the AKC Rules, Registrations, and Dog Shows.
5. The price of the puppies is properly the business of the seller and purchaser. Any agreements, arrangement, and guarantees should be in writing, and signed by all parties involved.
6. The breeder should follow up on puppies placed for at least the first year, and should be willing to help place the puppy in another home if the original buyer is unable to keep it.
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Membership: Sponsor's Responsibility



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Within the framework of the existing requirements for initial application, the following guidelines are provided:

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The intent of establishing specific minimum requirements for SHCA membership is to bring together those Siberian Husky owners who exhibit a dedication and a lasting interest in one or more breed activities.

The Siberian Husky Club of America envisions itself as a group of Siberian Husky owners who will, at all times, keep the breed and its welfare uppermost in mind, regardless of one's personal choice of activities. When members are asked by prospective applicants to endorse them for membership, it is expected that serious thought and consideration be given because of these standards. Face-to-face association is necessary, rather than mere acquaintance and long-distance communication between sponsor and applicant. Purchasing a puppy from an eligible sponsor does not of itself warrant sponsorship. Observing the applicant in various dog-oriented events does afford an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with his basic attitudes. Extended periods of communication and observation are essential while evaluating a prospective applicant's sportsmanship toward others, and treatment of Siberians in care, housing, and cleanliness. Practicing conservative breeding habits, possessing good *dog sense*, and earning mutual respect from fellow workers and fanciers are all traits that should be given serious consideration. Mere endorsement of an applicant is not the end of a sponsor's responsibility to the club, but should include a measure of follow-up advice and assistance.

Dog show ribbons, racing trophies, and titles are all very well, but the manner in which future applicants conduct themselves in the sport of dogs carries more weight in meeting our criteria.

All of us are guilty of occasional bad judgment and often there were ideas we held early in our careers that we have later on learned were incorrect. All individuals should be continually learning, adjusting, testing ideas, and seeking new philosophies. Applicants who have exhibited occasional bad judgment, but have displayed positive changed behavior should be eligible for membership.

If any prospective sponsor is unsure or lacks adequate knowledge to wholeheartedly endorse an applicant, the proper course of action is to have the moral courage to refuse sponsorship until such time as all doubts as to the applicant's readiness for membership have been favorably resolved. A sponsor should stand ready to educate and assist the newcomer to attain growth within the sport of purebred dogs in general and the Siberian Husky in particular.

Several well-established area clubs serve as a training ground and source of education for future SHCA members. While the SHCA has no specific policy of endorsement of area clubs, participation at the local level should bring to the novice owner some benefit from association with SHCA members.

If an individual follows a course of development resulting in a maturation process, and is possessed of honesty, integrity, and a willingness to listen and learn, he/she is a good prospect for membership.

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