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# BISMARCK KENNEL CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### BKC USE ONLY

1st Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Decision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Website (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the BKC? \_\_\_\_\_

Which events are you interested in participating? \_\_\_\_\_

At which events are you willing to work and/or what skills are you willing to share?

Conformation ☐ Obedience ☐ Rally ☐ Other ☐ describe \_\_\_\_\_

**BKC Sponsor 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BKC Sponsor 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership Selection Type (please **choose one**). Please submit annual dues with this application by your second meeting.*

	Membership Type	Voting Status	Annual Dues (due annually in January thereafter)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	Full	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Household	Full	\$45.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Associate	None and cannot hold office	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior (under 18 years old)	Full but cannot hold office	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime	Full	\$ 200.00

Your signature below agrees to the following, I (We) are in good standing with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and subscribe to the purposes of the club, hereby apply for membership in the Bismarck Kennel Club (BKC) and agree to abide by the constitution, by-laws, and code of ethics of the club and the rules of the AKC. I (We) understand the rules and the code of the club and wish to become a member. **Must be eighteen years of age or older to sign.** *If applying for a Junior membership, a parent or guardian must sign.*

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE BISMARCK KENNEL CLUB OR BKC**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Must attend two BKC meetings with this application and submit annual dues in order to be voted on.

## BKC'S CODE OF ETHICS

This code is established in accordance with the objectives of the Bismarck Kennel Club (BKC) and is set forth to protect and advance the interests of all dogs by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, obedience trials, tracking tests, and other dog sports. Club members shall always conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect credit upon themselves, their dogs (regardless of the genetic makeup of the dogs), and the sport of dogs, regardless of the location or circumstances. Additionally, this code of ethics has been devised to protect and advance the interests of dog breed preservation, by maintaining high breeding standards for AKC recognized and AKC registered Purebred dogs.

### HEALTH OF DOGS

The owner shall maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness, and veterinary care, including mental health such as contact with people and exposure to the outside world.

### REGISTRATION OF DOGS

In order to compete in the sport of dogs, all dogs (regardless of their genetic composition and makeup) will be registered with the AKC in the appropriate category. For dogs not already listed and registered as an AKC purebred, options include the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) for purebred dogs not listed or able to be listed as an AKC-recognized purebred. Alternatively, Mixed-breed dogs are to be registered through the AKC's Canine Partners Program. Members agree to follow the guidelines of those registrations, namely, "...THAT THIS DOG HAS BEEN SPAYED/NEUTERED OR THAT IT, BEING A PUPPY, WILL BE SPAYED/NEUTERED AT SUCH TIME AS RECOMMENDED BY MY VETERINARIAN AND THAT I (WE) WILL SUBMIT WRITTEN VERIFICATION IF REQUESTED BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB." In the case of Mixed Breed, Canine Partner registrations, the owners will also agree and "...CERTIFY THAT THIS DOG IS NOT A WOLF OR THE IMMEDIATE PROGENY OF A WOLF/CANINE CROSSBREEDING." **No Member shall breed or attempt to breed a dog registered as a PAL or Canine Partner.**

### BREEDING OF AKC-RECOGNIZED AND AKC-REGISTERED PUREBRED BREEDS

#### **The breeder shall:**

1. Follow the Breed Parent Club health testing requirements prior to breeding any stud or bitch.
2. Breed only with the intention of improving the breed, and finding suitable homes for the puppies
3. Choose only healthy parents of good temperament and qualities in relation to the AKC-approved Official Breed Standards, and who have been deemed genetically sound by testing as recommended by the parent club of your breed or breeds.
4. Breed only mature bitches with excellent prenatal care for the dam and puppies.
5. Refuse to breed a stud to any bitch who is inferior physically, mentally, or temperamentally.
6. It is the breeder's responsibility to take back or re-home any dog they have produced for the life of that dog. Breeder contracts are to be used.
7. The owner shall breed only AKC-registered or AKC-recognized foreign registered dogs with other AKC-registered or AKC-recognized foreign dogs, and keep accurate records of matings and pedigrees.

### SALES OF AKC-RECOGNIZED AND AKC-REGISTERED PUREBRED BREEDS

1. Not to auction, raffle, sell, or consign puppies or adults to pet shops or other commercial dealers.
2. Use limited registration or spay/neuter contracts for all pet puppies sold that will not be used for competition in AKC events
3. Honestly evaluate the quality of the dog or puppy sold and fairly represent that evaluation.
4. Not release puppies before they are at least eight weeks of age and furnish details on feedings, general care, medical inoculations, veterinary care, pedigrees, etcetera.
5. Screen all prospective buyers to ensure that the puppies will have safe and loving homes.
6. Follow up on puppies after the sale to ensure their continuing care and to encourage the owners to become involved in activities of show, obedience, rally, agility, hunting, and tracking.

**ANY MEMBER SHOULD WELCOME A VISIT FROM ANY OTHER MEMBER.**