

Keeshond Club of America, Inc.

Membership Application

Applicant(s) must be 18 years of age or older or older for regular membership or 10 years of age through 17 years of age for junior membership. Two sponsor's letters must accompany the application or be received by the Membership Coordinator. Both sponsors must be KCA members, in good standing, neither of the applicant's family (including in-laws) nor residing in the same household. At least one sponsor should be from the applicant's geographical area if possible. In such case as the applicant does not know two sponsors, he or she may ask the Board to act as one of the sponsors.

One-year dues payment (\$20 for individual - \$25 for family - \$10.00 for junior) must accompany application. If application is for a family membership, then both applicants must sign form. Applications not filled out completely, signed by applicant(s), or accompanied by dues payment will be returned. Sponsors forms must be received by the Membership Coordinator, or accompany application in order for processing to begin. Applications are reviewed by the Membership Coordinator, and the KCA Board at its next meeting, and then published in the KCA Secretary's Report. Thirty days after the Secretary's report, the applicant automatically becomes a member if the Board receives no negative comments. This procedure takes considerable time, and the applicant should anticipate some delay before notification and membership packet is received. Membership privileges begin as of date of approval by the Board, however, annual *member only* Awards and Trophies may not be earned until the year following receipt of the completed application.

LAST NAME (PRINT) FIRST NAME LAST NAME (PRINT) FIRST NAME

STREET ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

CITY STATE ZIP CODE KENNEL NAME (IF ANY)

EMAIL ADDRESS

SPONSOR'S NAME SPONSOR'S NAME
[Check one] Regular membership (18 years or older) _____ Family (two persons) _____
 Junior membership _____ (date of birth) _____

Number of Keeshonden owned. Dogs? _____ Bitches? _____ For how long? _____
Do you show your dogs in conformation? _____ How long? _____ Obedience? _____ How long? _____ Agility? _____
 How long? _____
How many litters have you bred (all breeds) in the last 5 years? _____ Keeshond litters? _____
How many stud services have your dogs provided in the last 5 years? _____
Are you actively interested in other breeds? _____ Please list breeds, number owned, and involvement.

Are you participating in any other activity associated with dogs? _____ Please list.

Do you belong to any dog clubs? _____ If so, please list.

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from or refused membership in KCA, AKC, or any other dog club? _____ No
 _____ Yes. If yes, give details. _____ Details?

Applicant(s) occupation(s)
Why do you feel you would like to be a member of KCA?

What special skills, background, or training do you have that might be helpful to KCA? _____

Please add any comments, particularly individual interests or abilities, which may be helpful to the KCA.

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in the Keeshond Club of America. I (we) agree to be governed by the Rules of AKC and the Bylaws of the Club; to further its objectives therein and to conduct all activities with the Breed in accordance with the Code of Ethics as printed on the reverse side of this application.

Signature of Applicant(s) Signature(s) of Applicant(s) date

Please mail application and sponsors' letters to:

Maralou Burnham, Membership Application Coordinator
PO Box 44266
Phoenix, AZ 85064-4266

The Keeshond Club of America – *Code of Ethics*

The Code of Ethics has as its primary goal the welfare of the breed and the manner in which those people involved conduct themselves.

AN ETHICAL BREEDER CONDUCTS HIS OR HER ACTIVITIES AS FOLLOWS:

The breeder conscientiously plans each litter based on the parents' appropriate temperament, freedom from congenital and hereditary defects, and qualities in relation to the breed's A.K.C. approved official standard. Before deciding to produce a litter, the breeder considers the obligations of properly placing or providing for all the puppies.

VOLUME BREEDING is not in the best interest of the breed. The breeder takes care to plan the SPACING OF LITTERS so that puppies under the age of six months bred by him or her are not consistently available. The breeder and stud dog owner verify in writing that the parents' patellae have been pronounced normal, and that hip x-rays have been cleared by a veterinarian specializing in the field of orthopedics or radiology, or through a national registry such as the Orthopedic Foundation of Animals.

The breeder breeds only healthy mature Keeshonden over one and one-half years of age and after preliminary or certified x-rays. Bitches should have no more than two litters in any 18-month period, and no bitch should be bred after the age of eight years. No male should be used for breeding before one and one-half years of age. ALL Keeshonden purchased as pets are required to be spayed or neutered. All un-neutered bitches and dogs are safeguarded from unplanned matings. All of the breeder's stock is kept under sanitary conditions and given maximum health protection through worming, inoculation, and proper veterinary care at all times. Whenever a person is entrusted with the care of another person's dog, utmost effort must be made for the care, protection, and well being of that dog.

The breeder registers all breeding stock and keeps accurate records of mating and pedigrees in accordance with American Kennel Club requirements.

The breeder does not sell, consign, or lease puppies or adults to pet shops or any commercial establishment, broker distributor or wholesaler, and words any contract so that purchasers or lessees will not do so either. The breeder does not supply Keeshonden for auctions, raffles, "giveaway" prizes or other such projects or consignments, even in non-commercial instances. By setting a reasonable price for young puppies, the breeder upholds the value of the breed. Adults and puppies are given first class care, and therefore, cannot be sold at a low price.

The breeder sells Keeshonden, permits stud service, and leases studs or bitches only to individuals who have demonstrated that they will give them proper care and attention, and who are in written agreement with this Code of Ethics. The breeder makes available to the novice the benefit of his or her advice and experience. The breeder requires adherence to this Code of Ethics, and to the Keeshond Club of America's Recommended Practices for Breeders, Exhibitors, and Owners in all transactions.

All puppies leaving the breeder's possession are at least seven weeks of age. All new owners are provided with written details on feeding, general care, dates of worming and inoculations and a four-generation pedigree.

Written contracts are provided and signed by all parties to all sales and other transactions prior to physical transfer of the animal. These contracts specify how the breeder will honor a refund or replacement, which may be necessary because of unforeseen health problems or other circumstances. Contracts that require puppies back as part of the purchase price of the bitch, whether the arrangements are an outright purchase or co-ownership of the bitch to satisfy the purchase price, would not require puppies back after the bitch's first normal litter, the size of which if to be defined in the contract. At the completion of the transfer of these above-mentioned puppies, the dam's breeder will deliver to the purchaser all forms necessary for completion of the transaction. NOTE: Under American Kennel Club rules (Chapter 3, Section 6), all such forms MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUPPLIED by all parties to transactions, unless they have agreed otherwise in writing. Terms for co-ownership for either dogs or bitches between KNOWLEDGEABLE breeders must be clearly stated in the contract, and must be mutually favorable to both parties. Breeding arrangements NEVER involve the breeding of a pet quality dog or bitch.

All the breeder's advertising is factual. It neither offers Keeshonden at cheap prices, nor is it worded so as to attract undesirable buyers, or to encourage producing Keeshonden as a moneymaking enterprise. Advertising relating to show wins or producing accomplishments must be precise and factual, and should not imply achievements that are not accurate.

The breeder or owner at all times behaves in a sportsmanlike manner, such as to reflect positively on the sport of showing dogs and the Keeshond breed in particular.

When confronted by a situation not covered by this Code of Ethics, the breeder's conduct reflects how he or she would like to be treated under similar circumstances.

Keeshonden are outstanding in temperament—outgoing, and uncommonly loyal and devoted. Those involved with this breed should reflect these qualities in return and be known as uncommonly good to their dogs and considerate of each other.

KCA Membership Application Sponsor's Letter

The Board asks that you take sponsorship seriously and asks that you fill out the below form to the best of your ability.

Either one or both Sponsors should have visited the residence of the applicant. **It is strongly recommended that members not sponsor individuals whom they do not know personally, eg, persons known only through email or written correspondence.**

Applicant's Name(s): _____

1. How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?
2. Please describe the care, maintenance, and conditions of the applicant's dogs, including whether or not you have been to their residence and if so please describe the dog care facilities.
3. Please describe the applicant's involvement with other breeds, if any.
4. Why do you feel that this applicant will be an asset to KCA and the breed in general, regardless of whether the applicant will be an active or an inactive member?

Sponsor _____ Date _____

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