



Date: _____ Dates of Readings: _____

The North Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc Membership Application

Received: _____ Accepted: _____ Rejected: _____

Dates of Club Meeting Readings: _____

Please Print Name(s) _____

Occupation: _____

Any special interests, hobbies, or abilities: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Physical address if different: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Text? Yes/No

Email: _____ Best time to be called: _____

Kennel Name (if applicable): _____

Dog Breed(s): _____

Applying Member(s) Signature(s): _____

Check your interest(s): ☐ Conformation ☐ Obedience ☐ Rally ☐ Agility ☐ Breeding ☐ Juniors ☐ Other

Sponsor's Signatures:

#1) _____

How long have you known applicant? _____ State why you feel the applicant should become a member of our club and how this person could be an asset to our club: _____

#2) _____

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1. Individual – Individual members are entitled to all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office. Full memberships are expected to participate at events and activities, and to attend meetings. Dues are \$10.00 per individual
2. Household – Limited to two adult members residing in the same household. Dues are \$15.00 per household
3. Associate (limited membership) An associate is an adult member entitled to all club privileges except voting and holding office. This level of membership is great for new members trying out the club and dog events, and for members out of the club's meeting area. Recommended level for those interested in and enjoys participating and helping out in one type(s) of activity or event that NAKC sponsors and cannot regularly attend meetings. At any time, those who are associate members and are currently active in the various events and meetings and wish to update to a full individual or household membership, may apply to full membership with voting rights with written notification and balance of yearly dues. If never been a full membership, the vote will be placed at the next general membership for change of membership. Dues are \$5 per individual
4. Junior – (limited membership) Open to young people under 18 years of age. Junior memberships are entitled to all club privileges except holding office and voting. Junior members pay no dues and their membership converts to individual at 18 years of age. If under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at meetings and events. Dues are \$0

Please turn application in at the next general meeting or mail the completed application with two (2) sponsor members in good standing signatures, the signed Code of Ethics, and the filled out Pre-Membership Survey, with a check made out to NAKC for one year's dues to the membership chair, Cj Titus, 42 Nubbin Ridge Road, Lakeview AR 72642. cj@northarkansaskennelclub.org.

Note: Membership application will be read at the next three general meetings. Full membership applicants must complete three (3) NAKC activities/events before acceptance as a member. (Activity Examples: volunteer at a show, trial, or match, attend general meetings, attend & help out at classes, seminars or workshops, or any other official club activity.) Member agrees by signing application to receive club notices, minutes, and newsletters by electronic means if possible.

(rev 6/24/2025)



North Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.
Pre-Membership Questionnaire

Date: _____

Have you belonged to a dog club before? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, which club or clubs were you a member? _____

How many dogs do you currently own? _____

What breed(s) of dogs have you owned or currently own? _____

Do you breed your dogs? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how often do you breed? _____

How many puppies do you produce in a year? _____

What activities do you enjoy doing with your dogs? _____

Have you ever shown or trialed your dogs? Yes ___ No ___

If no, would you be interested in learning showing, obedience or agility? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, are you interested in conformation, obedience/rally, agility, or a combination of activities, or other performance activities? _____

If you become a member, would you be available to come to meetings & activities on a regular basis? Yes ___ No ___ (If no, explain why) _____

A club runs only as well as its volunteers are willing to help out in one or more of the different jobs needed for each activity. Our events, activities and/or social functions have committees that need volunteers to physically help with the setup, or work the event, or help run errands before & during the event, or tear down after the event. Look for posts on our website, and/or email for volunteer requests. Most events also need volunteers to help promote each activity, getting local trophy donations, and ads for show catalogs from interested businesses and individuals are needed each year for every event. Would you be interested in volunteering your time to help with an event &/or activity: Yes ___ No ___

What would you like to get out of being a member of this club? _____

Individual Membership needs one signature - Household Memberships needs both signatures.

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Returned filled out with NAKC membership application. If need more room for your reply, please use the back of this form.



Date: _____

North Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.

Code of Ethics

In an effort to promote high ideals among dog owners and breeders, and to strive for the continuous improvement of the breeds within the framework of the approved breed standards, I pledge that:

1. I will maintain the best possible standard of health and care for my dogs.
2. I will attempt to help, befriend, and educate novice exhibitors, owners, and breeders.
3. I will fully explain to all prospective owners the disadvantages as well as the advantages of owning a dog, and the need for basic socialization, and obedience or Canine Good Citizenship classes.
4. I will, before entering into ANY breeding agreement or doing ANY breeding of my own dogs, carefully analyze the conformation, pedigree, and physical health of the prospective sire and dam. I will refuse the mating if, in my opinion, it will not be in the best interest of the breed. I will refuse stud service to any bitch I consider in poor physical health, of unsound temperament, having hereditary show disqualifying faults, or having hereditary health problems, nor will I use a stud as described as same. I will fully explain my reasons to the owner of said bitch or stud.
5. I will refuse to sell to or recommend unethical breeders, refuse to deal with dog wholesalers, or to sell puppies or adult dogs to pet shops, and I will include in all stud service contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies from the mating will be wholesaled, sold, or given to pet stores or wholesale dog breeders.
6. I will maintain and transfer to buyers of puppies or adult dogs accurate health, breeding, registration and pedigree records at time of purchase.
7. I will clearly state to the buyer of a puppy or adult whether the animal in question is of showable, breeding or pet quality. I will use the AKC's Limited Registration and/or provide for a non-breeding agreement to be agreed upon and signed for the spaying or neutering of any animal whose breeding would be detrimental to the furtherance of that particular breed.
8. I will urge all buyers to have any puppy or adult dog sold by me examined by a veterinarian within 48 hours of receipt.
9. I will sell only dogs of sound health and temperament, and will honestly represent them to the best of my ability, as to individual quality, potential, and abilities. I will use a sales contract or written agreement involving the sale of all dogs or puppies and will include in said contract or agreement a written Refund/Replacement Guarantee. Where the buyer or his representative did not personally see or choose the dog if shipped by me, a period of not less than 48 hours will be granted to return or advise that they will return the animal promptly.
10. I will follow the rules of good sportsmanship in a manner which will be a credit to the breeds, the club and myself in all competitions and activities.

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Signed: _____

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR NORTH ARKANSAS KENNEL CLUB, INC.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I NAME AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be North Arkansas Kennel Club.

SECTION 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- a) To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs;
- b) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience and rally trials and agility trials; (revised 12/30/08)
- c) To conduct sanctioned matches and other performance events, obedience and rally classes, obedience trials, agility trials and dog shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club. (revised 12/30/08)

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and not part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BY-LAWS ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility:

The Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area. The membership is to be unrestricted as to residence. (Revised June 2016)

There shall be four types 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. A junior membership is offered for persons under 18 years of age. (Revised August 2016) (A member in good standing must be within rules of the AKC, current in payment of NAKC membership dues and have no pending discipline hearings.)

The types of membership will be as follows:

1. **Individual** – Individual members are entitled to all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.
2. **Household** – Limited to two adult members residing in the same household. Each member is entitled to all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office. (Revised June 2016)
3. **Associate** – An associate is an adult member entitled to all club privileges except voting and holding office. (Revised June 2016)
4. **Life** – for those individuals who have been members for 20+ years. Life members pay no dues, but are eligible to vote and hold office. (Revised June 2016)
5. **Junior** – Open to children under 18 years of age. Junior memberships are entitled to all club privileges except holding office and voting. Junior members pay no dues and their membership converts to individual at 18 years of age. If under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at meetings and events. (Revised June 2016)

SECTION 2. Dues:

Membership dues shall not exceed \$20.00 for an individual or \$30.00 for a household per year and associate dues shall not exceed \$10.00. (Revised June 2016) Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall send by mail or electronically to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. Individuals submitting the applications for membership after January 1st will have dues paid through the current fiscal year.

Dues will be discussed by the board each year and then if changes occur will be brought before the membership for voting. (Revised June 2016)

SECTION 3. Election to Membership:

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws and the NAKC club's code of ethics (Revised June 2016) and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall carry the endorsement of two members. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Membership Chair and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. The application will be read a total of three times at three consecutive meetings. At the 3rd reading the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of ¾ of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. The applicant must participate in three club events such as, meetings, matches, obedience, rally or agility trials, conformation shows or any other designated club event before final approval. (revised June 2016)

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

SECTION 4. Termination of Membership:

Memberships may be terminated:

- a) By resignation. Any member in good standing (to be in good standing a member must be within rules of AKC, current in payment of NAKC membership dues and have no pending discipline hearings) may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but the member may not resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of the fiscal year.
- b) By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 90 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- c) By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these by-laws.

SECTION 5. Reinstatement:

An individual, whose membership lapsed, or who resigned without duress within the past two years may be reinstated at any time by payment of dues with submission of new membership application and Code of Ethics and membership approval of ¾ of members present. Prior to membership vote reinstatement requires reading at the general meeting and publication of name in the newsletter. (revised 12/30/08)

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION 1. Club Meeting:

Meetings of the Club shall be held in the greater north central Arkansas area on the second Tuesday of each month, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be provided by mail or electronic mail at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing. (revised June 2016)

SECTION 2. Special Club Meeting:

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the North Arkansas Kennel Club shall be held each month in the greater north central Arkansas area on the 4th Tuesday of each month at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Meeting attendance may be in person or electronically by written or electronic notice of each such meeting. Notice of each such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board. (revised June 2016)

SECTION 3. Board Meetings:

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each month in the greater north central Arkansas area on the 4th Tuesday of each month at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Written or electronic notice of each such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board. (revised June 2016)

SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings:

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of written or electronic request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater north central Arkansas area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written or electronic notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, or electronic notice shall be filed at least 3 days and not more than 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board. (revised June 2016)

SECTION 5. Voting:

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III - DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Board of Directors:

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five other persons all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Officers:

The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings:

- a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws.
- b) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercises the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws.
- d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. He/she shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and he/she shall report them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting he/she shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 3. Vacancies:

Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV - THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS**SECTION 1. Club Year:**

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of October at which Officers, and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 3. Elections:

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The five nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. Nominations:

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of July, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the Committee and it shall be his/her duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before the August meeting.

- a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and five candidates for the five other board positions on the Board, and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing or electronically.
- b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall before September 5th notify each member in writing or electronically of the candidates so nominated.
- c) Additional nominations may be made at the September meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.
- d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience/rally trials, agility trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects. (revised 12/30/08)

SECTION 2. Any committee appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE**SECTION 1. American Kennel Club Suspension:**

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Charges:

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at the Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes. In the event the \$10.00 is forfeited under this section, the person who alleged the misconduct has been cleared shall have no further recourse. (revised 12/30/08)

SECTION 3. Board Hearing:

The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both Complainant and Defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by Complainant and Defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the Defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the Defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. Expulsion:

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held with 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The Defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the Defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he/she wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and by-laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION**SECTION 1. Dissolution:**

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll call
- Introduction of guests (revised 12/30/08)
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE X (revised 12/30/08) - MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. Anything not covered in the Constitution and By-laws shall be covered by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

SECTION 2. Interpretation of the Constitution and By-laws shall be made by the Board of Directors.