



Great Barrington Kennel Club
Membership Application/Change of Membership Type Application

Our new membership year begins July 1st. In to order to appear on the membership list and to vote at meetings, your dues must be paid by June 30th.

Please print clearly. (This is a two page form.)

Name _____

Address (mailing):

Street/PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone(s) _____

Email _____

Note: If you have been an associate member for one year or more, you may change your membership to Regular or Household.

Membership Type:

_____Regular _____Household _____Associate _____Junior

Please indicate your dog breed(s): _____

Please give a brief summary of your experience with dog activities (ie: breeding, handling, obedience. If breeding, please include kennel name and registration #.)

Are you currently breeding? _____ (Yes or No)

Please list any dog club affiliations, past and present, including any offices you hold or have held:

Please indicate the dog activities you are currently involved in:

_____ Conformation
_____ Obedience
_____ Rally
_____ Agility
_____ Tracking
_____ Lure Coursing
_____ Earthdog
_____ Flyball
_____ Barn Hunt

_____ Herding
_____ Service Dog
_____ Search and Rescue
_____ Field Trials
_____ Hunt Test
_____ Scent Work
_____ Carting
_____ Happy Ratters
_____ Other: _____

The Great Barrington Kennel Club holds several significant events annually. Please indicate areas that you would be willing to assist with:

AKC AB Point Shows (2) - Annually in February _____
AKC Scentwork Trials – Twice a year, February and another date TBD. _____
Barn Hunt – Annually, date TBD. _____
Educational Events _____
Therapy Dog Activities _____

Prospective members must attend the required number of meetings and/or activities as follows:
Regular, Household or Junior Membership: Two meetings and one club activity or three meetings.
Associate Membership: One meeting.

Membership dues must be paid at the time this application is submitted as follows:
Junior and Associate Membership Dues \$10.00 annually.
Regular and Household (2 persons) Membership Dues \$15.00 annually.
Note: Dues shall not exceed \$80.00 per family annually.

This applicant is sponsored by the following two GBKC members:

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once the applicant has fulfilled all the requirements for membership, the application will be voted on at the next available meeting.

The membership committee recommends the following action:

GBKC Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Great Barrington Kennel Club (hereinafter GBKC) endorses the following Code of Ethics for its members who are breeders and/or exhibitors of pure-bred dogs, or owners and/or exhibitors of any dog. It is acknowledged that one of the primary purposes of GBKC is to encourage its members to perfect by selective breeding the type of dog most suitable in appearance, soundness, temperament, natural ability and personality for work for which each such member's particular breed is intended.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A DOG OWNER:

Members should ensure that their dogs are kept safe and under control at all times. Members should train their dogs properly so that they are an asset in their community and not a nuisance. Their dogs must be maintained in good health; including adequate attention, grooming, inoculations, feeding, routine care and exercise. They must be kept in proper, safe and sanitary conditions and must be properly licensed.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF GBKC:

Members are obligated to protect the best interests of all dogs.

Members are required to maintain good sportsmanship at all events and competitions involving dogs and shall conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect credit on them, their breed(s) and GBKC. Members will uphold the rules of the American Kennel Club and GBKC.

No member of GBKC, its Board of Directors or committee members will use their position within GBKC to further their own interests.

It is acknowledged that it is considered unethical for members of GBKC to sell or donate dogs to commercial dog wholesalers or retailers, or in any manner aid and abet such activities (including allowing a member's stud dog to be used for breeding a bitch owned by an individual who sells dogs to pet shops or wholesale dealers); or donate dogs to auctions or for use as prizes in contests.

Member's responsibilities include educating the public about their particular breed(s) and remembering that their dogs are representative of their breed(s), GBKC and the sport of pure-bred dogs. Members will do all they can to enlighten novice breeders to the responsibilities one assumes when becoming a breeder.

Members are urged to accept the standard of their breed(s) as approved by the American Kennel club, if applicable, as the only standard of excellence by which their breed(s) shall be judged.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A BREEDER:

GBKC members who are involved in the breeding of pure-breed dogs ("breeders"), either as a bitch owner or a stud dog owner, will maintain the purpose of their particular breed(s) and demonstrate honesty and fairness in dealing with owners of stud dogs, brood bitches, puppy purchasers and the general public, and will not misrepresent their dogs or puppies to purchasers, or through false or misleading advertisements. Members will, to the best of their ability, strive to produce dogs of exceptional high quality. Breeders shall provide documentation to all concerned regarding the health of the dogs involved in the breeding (sire, dam and offspring).

All breeding stock will be in good health, of sound temperament and should be free from known major hereditary defects at the time of breeding.

Breeders hereby acknowledge that they are responsible for the puppies they produce throughout the lives of those puppies and must be willing to take any dog they produce back at any time and for any reason if requested to do so.

Breeders should sell puppies, permit stud service and/or lease any stud dogs or brood bitches only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give proper care and attention to the dogs and/or puppies concerned, and who

will abide by this Code of Ethics. Breeders are encouraged to use clear, concise written contracts to document their use of stud dogs, lease arrangements and sale of puppies.

ADVISORY GUIDELINES:

In selection of breeding stock, GBKC members must follow all AKC guidelines, if applicable, regarding stud dogs, brood bitches and puppy production (ie: age of breeding, etc...)

Breeding stock should possess current examination reports (ie: for hips, eyes, hearts, thyroid, etc...) generally recognized as required or applicable for the particular breed. Correct breed temperament shall be of utmost importance in the selection of breeding stock. Members will always supply purchasers with registration documents, unless there is a written agreement signed by the breeder and purchasers noting the reason that papers are withheld, a minimum four-generation pedigree, general care information and copies of all applicable health clearances, including a health certificate from a veterinarian. Members are encouraged to use AKC Limited Registration when appropriate.

I HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GREAT BARRINGTON KENNEL CLUB INC. AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND CODE OF ETHICS.

Signed: _____

Date: _____