

Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.

c/o Kayla Hartlage, Secretary 505 Henry Street Elizabethtown, KY 42701

A Kentucky Non-Profit Corporation Licensed by the American Kennel Club

Membership Information

Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club is an active, working kennel club. The objectives of the club are:

- > To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs.
- ➤ To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, and other AKC sanctioned events and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at such events.
- > To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests and other AKC-sanctioned events under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.
- > To do all in its power to encourage and promote responsible dog ownership.

In keeping with the club's objectives, members are expected to promote the sport of dogs in a positive manner in both club-sanctioned events and personal activities. While membership is unrestricted as to residence or ownership of purebred dogs, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its designated territory of Hardin & LaRue Counties.

Membership in Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club is a privilege, not a right. Membership in MKKC is available to persons in good standing with the American Kennel Club who agree to abide by the purposes, goals, and policies of MKKC. Members are expected to support the Club by attending meetings, working on committees and participating in activities to include supporting the club with trophy donations.

As a matter of policy, the Board of Directors of MKKC reserves the right to prohibit member activity at MKKC shows and/or functions which could result in that member's monetary gain. As per Section 3 of the Code of Ethics, any use of membership to this club for personal or financial gain is reason for immediate denial of application or termination of membership.

Types of Membership & Annual Dues

(a) Regular 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 individual shall enjoy all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office. An application fee of \$10.00 will be charged to each new applicant. A second application fee will be required if the applicant does not complete membership requirements within one year of the first reading of the application at a club meeting. Membership dues shall not exceed \$25 per year for an individual and are due and payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. During the month of November each member will be sent a statement of dues for the ensuing year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. Membership may be terminated if dues remain unpaid by March 31st. Current dues (2015) are \$10 per Regular member.

- (b) Junior Membership This class of membership is open to any person who is of an age eligible to compete in AKC Junior Showmanship events, has shown an active interest in the goals and objectives of the Club, and has an adult MKKC sponsor/mentor. A Junior Membership must be linked to the current membership of an adult family member, relative, guardian, or mentor. Applicants for Junior Membership must complete a Junior Membership application packet which will include the same Sponsor Endorsement, Record of Participation, and Volunteer Opportunities as those included in Regular Membership Application packet.

 Junior Members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership in the Club except that they cannot vote, hold office, or participate in the nomination process. Junior Membership dues will be 50% of current Regular Membership dues. Current dues (2015) are \$5 per Junior member.
- (c) Lifetime Membership This class of membership may be conferred upon a member in recognition of length of membership, exemplary service, and contributions to the club. Candidates for Lifetime Membership may be nominated by the Board of Directors. In addition, any member may submit a nomination in writing to the Secretary for the Board's consideration. Candidates for Lifetime Membership must have been members of MKKC for a minimum of 15 years and be at least 65 years of age. Lifetime Members may exercise and enjoy all the privileges of membership. Lifetime members are not subject to the payment of dues.

New members will not be assessed annual membership dues until the first November after they have been accepted as new members. Said dues will be for the ensuing year and will be due and payable on or before the 1st day of January. Membership may be terminated if dues remain unpaid by March 31st.

Requirements for Membership

- ➤ Applicants must submit a completed application form along with a non-refundable application fee of \$10. Applications may be submitted in person at a meeting or via US Postal Service to the club secretary at the address indicated on Page 1. If the application and fee are received by the club secretary on the day of but prior to a meeting of the general membership being called to order, that meeting will constitute the first reading of the application.
- > Applications must include the current MKKC Code of Ethics and a statement signed by the applicant certifying that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the same.
- Applications may be submitted without the required sponsor endorsements. However, two sponsor endorsements must be obtained and attached to the application before it can be voted on for acceptance.
- > Applicants must attend and/or assist at three club functions which shall include at least one meeting of the general membership.
- > Applications will be read at no fewer than two consecutive meetings.
 - Applications will be read at the first general membership meeting after receipt of the application and fee by the club secretary. (See first requirement above.)
 - A second reading will occur at the next general meeting and if all membership requirements have been met, the application shall be voted on. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required to accept the applicant as a member.

- If all requirements have not been met by the second reading, the application will be presented at each subsequent meeting of the general membership until such time as all requirements have been completed and application is eligible to be voted on. Applications shall be voted on at the first meeting of the general membership following completion of the above membership requirements.
- ➤ The above Requirements for Membership must be completed within one year of the first reading of the application. After one year, the application must be resubmitted with a second non-refundable application fee. Any previously completed requirements will be carried over to the resubmitted application.



Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Application for Regular Membership

(Please include \$10.00 non-refundable application fee)

Name	Email address						
Address							
Phone: Home		Work		Cell			
Employer	Occ	upation		Are you over t	he age of 18?		
When did you get you	r first purebred dog?		Breed(s) and Nur	mber of dogs you no	w own		
				Are your dogs reg	gistered?		
With what registry?	Have y	ou bred any litt	ers? Ho	w many in the past 3	3 years?		
Activities you currently	y participate in with y	our dog(s). Ple	ease check all that a	pply.			
□ Conformation	□ Obedience	□ Agility	□ Earthdog	☐ Herding	☐ Coursing		
☐ Hunt/Field Trials	☐ Terrier Trials	□ Therapy	☐ Freestyle	☐ Tracking	☐ Rally		
Other activities			Titles achieved by y	our dogs			
List any dog clubs you	ı belong to or have բ	reviously belon	ged to and any club	work you have done	e		
Have you ever been d	lenied membership i	n a dog-related	club?	Have you ever been	subject to disciplinary		
action by a dog-relate	d club?	Have your AK	C privileges ever be	en suspended or rev	oked?		
Have you ever been c	ited by any SPCA, h	umane society,	or animal control a	gency?	Have you at any time		
been associated with			canine operation?	If you ar	nswered yes to any of		
the five previous ques	•	•					
Please tell us why you	ı wish to join Mid-Ke	ntucky Kennel (Club				
By my signature below have read, understand	v, I hereby certify tha	at I am in good :	standing with the An	nerican Kennel Club hereto and hereby r	. I further certify that I make application for		
membership to Mid-Ke factual to the best of n	entucky Kennel Club						
I understand that this	application will be re						
approval. I am aware been met and the end					its for membership have pplication.		
					licies, Constitution, and		
advancement of purek					nner that promotes the ership of all animals.		
Signature:				Date:			
For Club Use Only:							
Date Received	First Read	ng	Second Reading	g Vot	ed On		



Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Sponsor Endorsement

(Two Required)

Applicant Name

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REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS

- 1. Must be a current participating member in good standing with MKKC and shall have maintained that membership for at least two (2) consecutive years immediately preceding sponsorship.
- 2. Shall not sponsor more than four (4) Regular Membership applicants in any single calendar year.
- 3. Shall not be related to the applicant or live in the same household.
- 4. Shall not sign a blank endorsement form which does not specify an applicant name to which the sponsorship applies.
- 5. Should be actively involved with the applicant throughout the application process.
- 6. The two sponsors shall not be related to each other or live in the same household.
- 7. Only one (1) of the two (2) sponsors may be involved in a business relationship, either inprocess or on-going, with the applicant (client-handler, co-breeders, business partnership, etc.).
- 8. Falsification on the sponsor's part in any way makes the sponsor subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

By my endorsement below, I hereby certify that I have read the above-referenced applicant's membership application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements are true and factual. I also hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the applicant is not currently engaged in any practices inconsistent with the objectives of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club or its Code of Ethics.

I believe the applicant will, under all circumstances, consider the best interests of their breed in general and the individual welfare of any dogs he or she keeps, breeds, exhibits and/or sells, maintaining in all such activities the highest standards of ethical conduct and humane care.

In addition, I hereby certify that I personally meet all the requirements for sponsors as indicated above. I believe the applicant fully supports the objectives of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club and will be an asset to the club. I do hereby unequivocally endorse their application for membership.

Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	Phone #:
Address:	



Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Sponsor Endorsement

(Two Required)

Applicant Name

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Phone #:	
	Phone #:



For Club Use Only:

Date Received

Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Application for Regular Membership Record of Participation

(Please submit to the MKKC Secretary when complete)

Name				
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Address				
Phone: Home		Vork	Cell	
	ttend and/or assist at thre		oplicants for membership in Mid-Kentucky Kenne ons which shall include at least one meeting of t	
	ials, tracking tests, works		o assisting with conformation shows, matches, ars, and various other community outreach and	
requirement For your con	and submit it to the MKK	C Secretary ovided this fo	cord of their participation in activities which fulfill for attachment to their application when complerm for your use. Please have a club officer or a completed.	
Date	Event or Activity	# Hours Involved	Signature & Printed Name of MKKC Officer or Committee Member	
	General Membership Meeting	2		



Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Code of Ethics

Approved by the Membership August 24, 2011 (Please sign and submit with membership application)

This Code of Ethics has been established to set forth minimum standards of practice that each member of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club will adhere to as they strive to accomplish the club's goals and purposes as stated in the Constitution. In applying for or renewing membership, applicants and members agree that they will conduct their activities in accordance with this Code of Ethics as a condition of their membership in Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club.

- 1. I will become familiar with, abide by, and uphold the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club and the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club.
- 2. I will conduct myself at all times in an honest and sportsmanlike manner so as to reflect positively on all aspects of purebred dog activities and breeding, the dog fancy as a whole, and to the status of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club as a group. Whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels I will treat all present, including competitors, judges, officials and spectators, with respect and courtesy.
- 3. I will not state that I am a member of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club or use the name of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club for the purpose of promoting any personal activity or commercial enterprise in which I may be engaged.
- 4. I will consider the welfare of my breed(s) when engaged in any activities involving the exhibiting, training, and selling of dogs and will refrain from any activities which would be prejudicial to the best interest of my breed(s), purebred dogs in general, and/or this Club.
- 5. I recognize that I have a responsibility to my local community and the purebred dog community at large in the areas of education, animal welfare, and dog legislation.
- 6. I will be mindful of my responsibilities as a dog owner to my neighbors and locality and to use my best efforts to avoid or rectify any existing or potential problem that might adversely affect the future of the dog owner, exhibitor, or hobby breeder. I will abide by all local and state regulations regarding the licensing and care of animals.
- 7. I will foster friendship and help educate newcomers, novices, and the public in general on the conformation standard for and proper care of my breed(s), the positive roles of the purebred dog in our society, the responsibilities of dog ownership and in any other areas with which I may be of assistance.
- 8. I will maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness, general care, and humane treatment for all animals owned by me or in my care, always putting their welfare above the goals of competition, personal gain, or profit. I will provide my dogs with the socialization and training necessary for them to be good family companions.
- 9. I will accurately register my dogs in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the AKC (or other applicable registry in the case of breeds not recognized by the AKC).

- 10. I will not engage in false or misleading statements or unnecessary criticism regarding any judge, official, exhibitor, breeder, fellow member, dog, or breed. I will make no false or misleading statements concerning my breed or misrepresent my own dogs or breeding program through claims or advertising. I will not speak or write maliciously of another member nor will I seek to harm the reputation, for my own benefit, of another member by reference to quality or breeding stock or other kennel matters.
- 11. If I contemplate breeding a litter or allow the use of a stud dog owned by me to the same end, I will direct my efforts toward producing dogs of exceptional quality, breed type, conformation, temperament, health, and condition. Each litter shall be the result of conscientious planning, including consideration of physical and genetic health, soundness, temperament, and conformity to the official standard of the breed as established by the parent breed club and approved by the American Kennel Club. I will not knowingly violate any of the normally accepted ethical practices in breeding dogs, selling dogs, or holding dogs at public stud.
- 12. I will transfer puppies only after they have reached at least 8 weeks of age and will provide basic information vital to the care of the breed as well as a bill of sale, three-generation (or longer) pedigree, pertinent veterinary records, and appropriate registration form, unless written agreement is made that such papers will be withheld, and to offer reasonable help and guidance for the life of the dog.
- 13. I will take responsibility for any puppy I produce by breeding for the duration of their life and will include a take-back/buy-back clause in all sales contracts. I will screen prospective buyers to ensure that all dogs have a safe and loving home and, to the best of my ability, place puppies only in homes where the owners understand and are prepared to undertake their commitment to responsible dog ownership for the life of the dog. If a stud dog I own sires a litter I will, to the best of my ability, be mutually responsible for all offspring throughout their lives.
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My signature below indicates my Code of Ethics as stated above. reprimand, suspension and/or ex	I understand that violation	of this Code of Ethics is ju	,

Date

Signature



Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Code of Ethics Policy & Procedure

(Approved by the Membership August 24, 2011)

All prospective members shall be given a copy of the current Code of Ethics when applying for MKKC membership. If it is known that the intention exists to violate this Code of Ethics, it is not only permissible but within legal boundaries to refuse membership application, subject to notification of the Board of Directors that such action is being taken.

If and when the Code is revised, the Club shall provide a copy of the revised document to all current members and applicants for membership. It is then incumbent upon each member or applicant to take whatever action is necessary to achieve compliance with the revised or new Code content.

Deliberate failure to comply with the Code of Ethics is subject to report, and if substantiated, will result in reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from the Club by action of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will adopt a procedure for review of violations of the Code of Ethics and this procedure will be guided by the following policies:

- No anonymous complaints will be considered.
- No complaint will be considered unless it is reported in writing to the Board.
- The Board will turn the report over to an Ethics Committee consisting of one Board member and two impartial Club members.
- This committee will investigate the complaint and report back to the President. If the
 complaint is deemed justified, the accused and the complainant shall appear before the
 Board for a hearing.
- The decision of the Board of Directors in the review of a complaint is final.
- Sanctions imposed may include: cancellation of membership for an indefinite or specified period, cancellation or suspension of the privilege to participate in club activities and sponsored events for an indefinite or specified period, written and/or verbal reprimand
- In no case will membership dues and/or any participation fees or any portion thereof be refunded to an individual whose membership and/or participation privileges are rescinded.



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Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Application for Regular Membership Volunteer Opportunities

(Please attach to Membership Application.)

Name					
Email address					
Address					
Phone: Home	Work	Cell			
club-sponsored events. Please check attach to your membership application.	areas where . Also list an	bership to assist in planning and working at our e you might be interested in volunteering and my special skills, training, or experience you may to contact when help is needed! Thank you!			
Spring Show (March)		☐ Public Education / Public Relations			
☐ Fall Show (September)		☐ Program & Planning Committee			
☐ Show Hospitality Committee		☐ Annual Awards Dinner Committee			
☐ Show Grounds Committee		Publicity			
☐ Judge's Committee		☐ Finance / Audit Committee			
Catalog Advertising/Sales		☐ Publicity / Advertising			
☐ Trophy Committee		Website			
☐ Spring Obedience Trial (March)		☐ Breeder Referral			
Obedience Show & Go's (setup, jud	lging,	☐ CGC Tests			
stewarding)		☐ Photographer			
Conformation Match		☐Historian			
Tracking Tests (test secretary, track coordinating lunch)	k laying,				
☐ Building Monitor – 4H sessions					
☐ Building Monitor – Conformation Ruthroughs	ın-	Special skills, training, or experience			
☐ Community Outreach					
Clinic / Workshop / Seminar Plannir	ng				
☐ Club Hospitality Committee (setup/of for club meetings)	cleanup				