



Information Sheet Concerning WPKA Membership Process

Requirements for Candidate

1. Demonstrable adherence to the breeding and selling practices described in WPKA's Breeders Pledge and Responsibilities of the Breeder.
2. Exhibition of good sportsmanship in all phases of dog activities.
3. Sponsored by two current WPKA members in good standing who have known the candidate for a minimum of two years.
4. If transferred into the area, must have a letter of recommendation from previous club plus a possible telephone interview with an officer of that club, if clarification or additional information is required.

Requirements for Sponsor

1. Both must have had an ongoing interaction with the candidate for at least two years.
2. Both must be willing to share their knowledge of how the candidate meets the requirements listed above and on a written questionnaire and possibly in a telephone interview with a member of the Board of Directors, if clarification or additional information is required.
3. Sponsor must have visited the candidate's premises.
4. Neither may sponsor a candidate who is a member of his or her immediate family, nor anyone who lives in the same household.
5. Neither may sponsor more than two candidates per year.
6. Neither may sponsor a candidate with whom they or anyone in their household co-own a dog.

Membership Procedures

1. A sponsor secures an application from the WPKA Secretary for candidate to complete.
2. The completed membership application accompanied with dues are to be submitted to the Secretary.
3. Incomplete applications will be returned to sponsor.
4. The names of the applicant and their sponsors will be published in the WPKA newsletter for comments by the membership.
5. Letters for and against the candidate are to be submitted to the Secretary and then discussed at a Board of Directors meeting.
6. All applicants approved for membership will be placed on a one-year probationary period. During this time, the applicant(s) must attend at least one club meeting and work one club event, or the applicant(s) must work a minimum of two club events if they are unable to attend meetings. At the end of the one year probationary period, the Board of Directors will review the candidate's application and consider them for permanent membership.

C. Wholly-owned, co-owned or leased dogs not in your household or kennel.

<u>AKC Reg. Name</u>	<u>Reg. #</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Date Acquired</u>

2. How long have you bred purebred dogs?
3. List the purebred litters you bred (co-bred) in the past three years.

<u>Breed</u>	<u>Birth Date of Litter</u>	<u>AKC Litter Number</u>	<u># of Puppies</u>	<u>Dam's Reg. Name and Birth Date</u>

4. Do you exhibit at AKC shows? _____ How often on average?
5. If accepted into members, will you be able to attend membership meetings?
6. List the names of breed, kennel or obedience clubs in which you are a member.

7. Were you ever suspended from AKC or any of the above clubs? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, attach an explanatory letter.
8. Have you ever been cited by the SPCA or a municipal control agency? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, attach an explanatory letter.
9. Have you at any time been associated with a wholesale or retail canine operation?
Yes ____ No ____ If yes, attach an explanatory letter.

Please state your reasons for seeking WPKA membership and any individual talents you feel you might be able to offer by way of service to the club. Include any other information which may assist the Board of Directors in evaluating your individual situation.

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I/We hereby authorize the inspection of my/our premises by the Board of Directors or by a person appointed by the Board.

I/We hereby apply for membership in WPKA, and if accepted, agree to abide by its constitution, by-laws rules and regulations. I/We also agree to abide by the club's code of ethics and understand that failure to do so may result in expulsion from the club.

I/We understand that membership in WPKA is a privilege not a right and if membership should be denied, no reason will be given.

Enclosed with this application is the sum of \$20 for single membership or \$25 for joint membership.

Signature: _____

Date:

Signature: _____

Date:

Sponsor

I have reviewed this completed application form and can testify to its general accuracy.

Yes No Have you visited the applicant's premises.

Yes No Are you willing to represent this candidate and his/her past history in dogs with a member of the Board of Directors?

Signature: _____

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Return completed application along with dues to: Maurene Baum, Secretary, Western Pennsylvania Kennel Assoc., Inc., 312 Moosehead Drive, Imperial, PA 15126.