

DOUGLASVILLE KENNEL CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dues are payable at the time of submitting application: _____ (\$15 Single) or (\$20 Family (includes Junior's)

Name(s) Applying for Membership: _____

Birth date: _____ Birth date: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____ City, State and Zip +4: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business/Cell: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Kennel Name: _____

How many dogs do you own/co-own? _____ How long have you owned/co-owned purebred dogs? _____

What breeds do you own/co-own? _____

Do you currently breed dogs? _____ How many litters have you bred/co-bred in the past (2) years? _____

Please check the appropriate categories listed below:

Prof. Handler Obedience Exhibitor Jr. Showmanship Breeder Pet Owner/Fancier
 Judge Field Trials (i.e. Lure, Hunt, Herding, Earth dog, etc.) Agility Other _____

How long have you been participating in American Kennel Club events _____

If you belong (or have belonged) to other dog clubs (i.e. all breed, specialty, obedience, field trial, etc.) please list the club, office(s) held, and any committee participation. _____

Are you a current member in good standing with any of the above club(s) Yes No. If No, explain _____

Are you currently in good standing with the American Kennel Club? Yes No. If no, explain (use back of application to explain if needed) _____

Have your American Kennel Club privileges ever been suspended? Yes No. If yes, explain (use back or separate sheet of paper to explain) _____

How do you feel that Douglasville Kennel Club can be helpful to you? _____

Douglasville Kennel Club requests your active support and participation. In which of the following areas of club activity would you be willing to serve?

Match/Show Setup Show Training Advertising Other (specify): _____
 Judges Hospitality Education Publicity/PR Judges Transportation Trophy Committee

(Please read and sign the Code of Ethics attached) I, the undersigned hereby apply for membership in Douglasville Kennel Club of Georgia, Inc., and will abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club now and hereafter made. I also agree to abide by Douglasville Kennel Clubs Code of Ethics and follow the Constitution and By-Laws of the club.

Signed _____ Date: _____

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Member Sponsor: _____ Member Sponsor: _____

For DKC File Use Only (Applicant must be present at 2 meetings before final vote)

Date Received: _____ **1st Reading:** _____ **2nd Reading:** _____ **3rd Reading & Vote:** _____

Douglasville Kennel Club of Georgia, Inc.

CODE OF ETHICS

This code is established in accordance with the objectives of the Douglasville Kennel Club of Georgia, Inc. (DKC). It serves to protect and advance the interest of purebred dogs by requiring superior breeding and care standards, and by encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at all dog related events and activities.

GENERAL: ALL MEMBERS SHALL:

- 1) Abide by the Constitution and By Laws of DKC and the rules of the American Kennel Club (AKC). Any member suspended from the AKC will automatically be suspended from the DKC for a like period of time.
- 2) Maintain the best possible standard of canine health, nutrition, cleanliness, veterinary care, and mental health of your dogs.
- 3) Conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all dog-related functions.
- 4) Encourage the testing for hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, and any other breed specific health problems.

BREEDING: ALL MEMBERS SHALL:

- 1) Breed only registered purebred dogs of their breed to other registered purebred dogs of the same breed.
- 2) Breed in a healthy and responsible manner. Breed only with the intentions of improving the breed.
- 3) Learn and understand the standard of the breed and breed according to the standard.
- 4) Keep accurate records of dogs (breeding and pedigrees).
- 5) Choose only healthy parents of good temperament and physical qualities.
- 6) Breed only mature stud dogs to mature bitches and refuse stud service to those bitches that do not conform to the above standards.

SALES: ALL MEMBERS SHALL:

- 1) Evaluate dogs honestly and base prices on the quality of each individual.
- 2) Not breed, sell or consign puppies or adults to pet shops or other commercial dealers. Dogs shall not be offered as raffle prizes or in mail-order catalogs.
- 3) Screen prospective buyers to assure that all dogs have a safe, loving, and responsible home.
- 4) Not release puppies to new homes until at least the age of 8 weeks.
- 5) Urge purchasers to spay or neuter all pet quality animals.
- 6) Furnish buyers with details on feeding, general care, vaccinations, pedigrees, etc. Also, furnish registration papers at the time of sale unless written agreement is made.
- 7) Advertise honestly and conduct ethical business practices.
- 8) Follow-up on dogs after the sale to insure continued care and encourage owners to become involved in purebred dog activities.

Any violation of this Code of Ethics will be handled according to the grievance procedures as stated in the DKC Constitution and By-Laws.

I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE CODE OF ETHICS:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____