



American Lhasa Apso Club Membership Application

Annual Dues: Individual Membership \$35; Household Membership \$45 (Two people residing at same address) According to ALAC By-Laws, applicants must be at least 18 years old. Applicants from countries other than the USA, please pay in US dollars. Dues year: Sept. 1 to Aug. 31. Applicants joining in June, July, and August are considered paid for the upcoming club year.

Please print unless asked to sign.

Check all that apply: Fancier Exhibitor Breeder

First Applicant _____

Second Applicant (must reside at same address) _____

Street address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____ Website _____

Kennel Name _____ Occupation(s) of Applicant(s) _____

Name(s) of Regional Lhasa Apso Club, All Breed Club, and/or Obedience Club to which you belong: _____

→ Sponsorship is required and the sponsorship section must be filled out completely and signed by both sponsors for the application to be considered. Sponsors will be contacted to verify their sponsorship. **Sponsors cannot be members of the same household or members of ALAC for less than one year.**

Names and contact information of two ALAC Members who agree to sponsor this (these) applicant(s):

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

E-mail address and phone number _____

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

E-mail address and phone number _____

I have read the Code of Ethics. If accepted for membership, I agree to abide by the American Lhasa Apso Club By-Laws and Code of Ethics and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

→ Signed: _____ Date _____

→ Mail signed application, a **\$35 (or \$45) check or money order** payable to ALAC for dues to Joyce Johanson, Membership Chair, 126 W. Kurlene Drive, Macomb, IL 61455. Applications may take two months to process. Questions?? Contact Joyce at joyslynslhasas@outlook.com

If you wish to pay by credit card, please include the following information. (A \$5.00 processing charge will be added.)

Visa _____ MasterCard _____ CC # _____ CV2 3-digit # _____ Exp date _____

Cardholder's printed name _____ Amount to be charged _____

Cardholder's signature _____



AMERICAN LHASA APSO CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

The mission of the American Lhasa Apso Club is the preservation and welfare of the Lhasa Apso. This breed of dog is a product of centuries of Tibetan culture and as such deserves to be valued and protected for its historic and aesthetic merit as well as for its modern use as a companion. To this end, the American Lhasa Apso Club has defined a standard of excellence for the breed and sponsors competitions to improve the breeding population and educate breeders.

Dedicated breeders of the Lhasa Apso are distinguished from those who exploit the breed for profit by their adherence to a set of ethical principles. Our goal is to produce dogs in conformance with the official breed standard that are uniform in type, sound of mind and body, and well suited to their original purpose as small indoor guardians and companions. The welfare of individual Lhasa Apsos and the welfare of the breed as a whole govern our behavior in all aspects of breeding, exhibiting and marketing. The American Lhasa Apso Club endorses the following ethical standards for members and those who aspire to membership.

BREEDING

Members contemplating breeding a litter or providing stud service to a bitch should focus on producing Lhasa Apsos of exceptional quality. Each mating should have as a priority the improvement and preservation of the breed as well as the goal of achieving excellence according to the breed standard. Type, temperament, health and conformation of both sire and dam should be carefully considered in the planning of any future litter. This presupposes a careful study of the breed standard, pedigrees, canine health and genetics.

No Lhasa showing a serious inherited defect in type, structure, or temperament should be used for breeding. Lhasas used for breeding should be in good mental and physical health. To ensure the health of their breeding stock, responsible breeders may use a number of pre-breeding tests. Examples include, but are not limited to, brucellosis screening, hip and patella xrays, and complete eye exams. Testing is particularly important for individual Lhasas that are having a significant genetic impact on the breed, for example popular sires.

Bitches should be bred only when they are in prime condition and fully mature. No bitch should be bred prior to eighteen months or later than nine years old. Bitches should not produce puppies more than two out of three consecutive seasons. Owners of stud dogs should not accept for breeding any bitch lacking in merit, defined as one manifesting a serious inherited defect in type, structure or temperament, nor should they service females of unknown or uncertain background. Stud owners are responsible for ascertaining that the owner of the bitch has the knowledge and ability to provide appropriate pre and post-natal care for the mother and her offspring. Stud owners are further obligated to ensure that any litter resulting from a service they provide will not be used in a manner detrimental to the welfare of the breed. Providing a stud service to produce litters or individual dogs to be wholesaled, brokered or sold through pet shops is a violation of this code.

Stud owners should avoid providing service to bitches owned by persons who are breeding without serious intent to improve breed quality, particularly if the resulting puppies will not be sold with limited registrations or spay/neuter contracts. It is the responsibility of all members but most particularly stud owners, to educate the public and discourage casual breeding.

If a dog or a bitch produces an offspring with serious inherited defects that impact the animal's well being and subsequently produces similar results with a different mating partner, the owner should refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.

KENNEL MANAGEMENT

Members of the American Lhasa Apso Club are required to maintain the highest possible standards of sanitation and canine health, including mental health.

Members should have the means and the facilities to provide for the physical and emotional needs of all their dogs. The extra health and nutritional requirements of brood bitches and their litters should be anticipated before breeding. Responsible breeders are familiar with local market conditions and prepared to care for puppies for several months until sold to appropriate homes.

Dogs should be kept in the home with their owners or in a permanent kennel structure where they are not exposed to climate extremes. The dogs and the facilities should be kept clean and protected from fleas and other parasites. Provisions should be made so that all dogs have regular outdoor exercise.

Because Lhasa Apsos have hair that grows continuously, coat care is of the utmost importance. Members should house only the number of dogs they are able to maintain on a regular grooming schedule. Keeping dogs in an ungroomed, matted state is not considered responsible behavior for breeders or owners of Lhasa Apsos.