

THE DACHSHUND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

The objects of the Dachshund Club of America are to encourage and promote quality in the purebred breeding of the Dachshund and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection; to encourage the organization of independent local Dachshund Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club; to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as defined by the Dachshund Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Dachshunds shall be judged; to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, obedience trials, and earth dog tests; to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field trials, obedience trials, and earth dog tests under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Membership is open to serious fanciers who have demonstrated a significant on-going interest in the Dachshund, who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, subscribe to the objects of the Dachshund Club of America, and agree to abide by the Bylaws of the Dachshund Club of America, its Code of Ethics, and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Applicants should document direct involvement in AKC events with the Dachshund breed and or purebred dogs.
2. Applications should have attached the written Sponsors Questionnaire of two active members in good standing who know the applicant.
3. Applicants who buy dogs for, or sell dogs to commercial outlets will not be considered for Membership.
4. It is the responsibility of the applicant to forward the properly completed Application for Membership and Sponsorship Questionnaire to the membership Administrator of the Dachshund Club of America. Please do not write on the back of any form; attach additional pages when necessary.
5. The name and address of each applicant will be published in the first available DCA newsletter prior to Board review.

SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Sponsors shall be active members of the Dachshund Club of America in good standing, and who know the applicant.
2. Both sponsors may not be from the same household or family, and should be from the applicant's geographic area.
3. By sponsoring membership applications, Dachshund Club of America members attest to their personal knowledge of the applicant, including his or her interests in the breed, sportsmanship, and ethical conduct.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. All applicants are acknowledged by the Membership Administrator.
2. The correct membership fee must accompany each application. If an application for membership is returned, the money shall be refunded.
3. Only eligible and properly sponsored applicants for whom applications have been received by the Membership Administrator will be considered for Membership.
4. The applicant's name(s) including the names of each applicant's sponsors will be published in the next available DCA Newsletter and a deadline will be published for the submission of written communications to the Board on the qualifications and ethical conduct of individual applicants.
5. Written comments regarding applicants will be considered confidential communications the Board. However, members will be informed that copies of written comments on an individual applicant will be made available to that applicant immediately on written request by the applicant.
6. The withdrawal of endorsement by a sponsor prior to the vote of the Board on an applicant's admission to membership renders the application void, and the applicant must reapply.
7. An application which did not received an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the Board of Directors may be presented by the applicant's endorser (sponsor) at the next annual meeting of the Club and such applicant may be elected by favorable vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the members present.

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Membership Application for United States & Canada

Please do NOT abbreviate or write on back – use separate page if necessary

Date: _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ zip _____

Phone () _____ Occupation _____ Email _____

Website: _____ Have you applied to DCA previously? _____ If yes, when? _____

How long have you been involved in purebred dogs? _____ In what capacity? _____

When did you begin competing with Dachshunds at AKC events? _____

In what capacity? _____

What is the total number of dachshunds you own _____ and co-own? _____ How many live with you? _____

List ALL Dachshunds currently owned and co-owned by you. (use extra page if needed)

Registered Name (with Titles)	AKC#	Sex	DOB	Co-Owner
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Name and address from whom you obtained your last Dachshund: _____

What other breed(s) do you own or have you owned in the past? _____

How many litters have you registered in the past 3 years?(all breeds) _____ Please list: _____

Breed	AKC Litter Registration #	Date Whelped
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What are your areas of interest: Conformation: ___ Obedience: ___ Field Trials: ___ Earthdog: ___ Tracking: ___ Agility: ___ Rally: ___ Rescue: ___ Breeding: _____

List all dog club affiliations and any past and present positions held: _____

Do you exhibit or participate at AKC Events? _____ How many years have you been participating? _____

How many events do you attend in a 12 month period? _____

Why do you want to join DCA and what are your membership expectations? _____

What contributions do you feel you can make to the club? _____

I wish to become a member of The Dachshund Club of America. I agree to abide by the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, rules of DCA and rules of the American Kennel Club. I certify that I am/we are 18 years of age or older. The applicant(s) understands that checks will be cashed once the Membership Secretary has reviewed the application for completeness; however, this does not signify acceptance into membership. If the applicant(s) is rejected during the process the applicant's monies will be refunded.

Signature _____ Signature _____
Executed application to be submitted together with one year's dues, \$50.00 for a single (\$86.00 Canadian), and \$70.00 (\$88.00 Canadian) for a household membership. Make checks payable (in U.S. dollars) to the Dachshund Club of America, and mail along with application to the current Membership Administrator.

Neal Hamilton, 59 Cloverhill Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822-9801 (908) 782-4724

(2 separate completed Sponsor Questionnaires should be attached)

Sponsor (print name) _____ Sponsor (print name) _____
Sponsor Signature _____ Sponsor Signature _____

Dachshund Club of America Code of Ethics

1. To devote myself to the betterment of the breed.
2. To keep my dogs in healthy condition and in a healthy environment.
3. To ensure that my dogs are not a nuisance to my neighbors or my community.
4. To cover by written agreement, all stud service terms and keep accurate written records of matings, births, registration and so forth.
5. To accept full responsibility for every dog that I breed. To sell on a contract that ensures that I am contracted whenever the owner cannot keep a dog at any time in the dog's life. To assist in the placement of the dog or accept its return. As owner of a stud dog, to offer stud services only to those breeders who accept full responsibility for what they breed.
6. To under no circumstances, surrender a dog or puppy to a humane society or shelter. If the animal is unplaceable because it has destructive temperament, is seriously injured, terminally ill or it would be inhumane to prolong life, to take responsibility for the euthanization of the dog.
7. To refrain from any deceptive or erroneous advertising.
8. To cover, in writing, all Bills of Sale with detailed accuracy including: a) Registration/litter papers, b) A three generation pedigree, c) A complete medical history (record), d) Conditions and terms of sale, e) Details on proper feeding and care.
9. To consider issuing limited registration papers, subject to the rules of the AKC, or withholding registration papers until proof of spaying or neutering is presented on any dog sold or placed as a companion.
10. To never supply a Dachshund to pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers, raffles or similar projects.
11. To abide by and uphold the principles of the bylaws of the Dachshund Club of America, Inc. and the American Kennel Club, Inc.

Date: _____ Applicant Signature _____
Applicant Signature _____

For DCA use only:

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|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Date Application Received _____ | 4. Code of Ethics signed? Yes No |
| 2. Amount Received _____ Ck# _____ | 5. Date approved by Board _____ |
| 3. Published in Newsletter (MM/YY) _____ | 6. New member packet sent _____ |

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Sponsor Questionnaire

As a sponsor for a prospective member, please take a few minutes to review the questions below. Please remember that you should feel comfortable with the responsibility of sponsoring this applicant as it is necessary for you to vouch for this person in writing.

Please do NOT abbreviate

I would like to sponsor the following person(s) for membership in the Dachshund Club of America, Inc.:

Name of applicant (s): _____

Applicant's address: _____

Please make sure as a sponsor, you understand the membership guidelines of DCA.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ How did you become acquainted? _____

2. Have you visited the applicant's home? Yes _____ No _____ Please describe the applicants facilities for maintaining dogs and raising litters:

3. If you are unable to visit the applicant's home due to distance, is he/she willing to have another DCA member visit and report on their facilities? Yes _____ No _____

4. Why do you feel this applicant should be a member of DCA? _____

By my signature I affirm that I have reviewed the application and hereby state that the information it contains is accurate to the best of my knoweldge and complete.

Signature _____ Printed _____
Name of Sponsor Name of Sponsor

Date: _____

Sponsor Address _____ Phone# _____

Two (2) sponsors are required for each applicant

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