



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**The Dachshund Club of America, Inc.**  
Member of the America Kennel Club

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**Type of Membership – please check one:**

- US Single (1 adult with 2 sponsors)
- US Household (2 adults in the same household with 2 sponsors)
- Foreign Single (1 adult or dual – with 2 sponsors)
- Juniors: (9-17 years of age with 2 sponsors)

**Note: Foreign and Junior members cannot vote or hold office**

**Please print clearly:**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Province/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**DACHSHUND CLUB OF AMERICA CODE OF ETHICS**

This code is established with the realization that most individuals intend to do what is right. The purpose of the code is to set forth principles of practice that the DCA Board urges DCA members to observe as they strive to preserve the quality of the breed. The code represents the minimum in ethical practices as each member strives to promote and protect Dachshunds. The Board strongly supports this Code of Ethics and desires that all DCA members follow it as a minimum in good practice. Members are reminded that, according to the DCA Bylaws, charges may be preferred against a member by any other member(s) "for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the Breed."

1. To abide by and uphold the principles of the By-laws of the Dachshund Club of America, Inc. and The American Kennel Club.
2. To devote myself to the betterment of the breed.
3. To keep my dogs in healthy condition and in a healthy environment.
4. To ensure that my dogs are not a nuisance to my neighbors or my community.
5. To cover by written agreement all stud service terms and keep accurate written records of matings, births, registration, and so forth.
6. To accept full responsibility for every dog that I breed. To sell on a contract that ensures that I am contacted 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.
7. To under no circumstances, surrender a dog or a puppy to a humane society or shelter. If the animal is unplaceable because it has a destructive temperament, is seriously injured, terminally ill or it would be inhumane to prolong life, to take responsibility for the euthanizing of the dog.
8. To refrain from any deceptive or erroneous advertising.
9. To cover, in writing, all bills of sale with detailed accuracy including:
  - Registration /litter papers
  - A three-generation pedigree
  - A complete medical history (record)
  - Conditions and terms of sale
  - Details on proper feeding and care
10. 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.
11. To never supply a Dachshund to pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers, raffles or similar projects.

I/we wish to make application for membership in the Dachshund Club of America, Inc. (DCA). I/we agree to abide by the bylaws, Code of Ethics, rules of DCA and rules if the American Kennel Club. The applicant(s) understands that checks will be cashed once the Membership Chair has reviewed the application for completeness, however this does not signify acceptance into membership. If the applicant(s) is rejected during the vetting process, the applicant's monies will be refunded.

Applicant Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

1. Have you or your co-applicant (if any) previously applied for DCA membership?

Applicant:     Yes     No

Co-Applicant:     Yes     No

2. How long have you owned Dachshunds?

< 1 yr.     1 – 3 yrs.     3 – 5 yrs.     5 – 10 yrs.     More than 10 yrs.

3. What other breeds do you currently own or have owned in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where did you acquire your last Dachshund? Please provide name and address:

5. How many Dachshunds do you own? \_\_\_\_\_ co-own? \_\_\_\_\_ How many live with you? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please list all Dachshunds currently owed by you. Use Comments Box on page 3 if more space is needed.

Registered Name (w/titles)	AKC#	Sex	Age	Co-Owner
1.				
2.				
3.				

7. Please list all litters you have registered (Dachshunds as well as other breeds) in the past three years. Use Comments Box on page 3 if more space is needed.

Enter AKC Litter Registration # for each litter		
Litter 1:	Litter 2:	Litter 3:
Litter 4:	Litter 5:	Litter 6:

8. Please list any all-breed kennel clubs to which you belong, and offices you have held with these clubs.

Club Name	Current Member Y/N	Position Held
1.		
2.		

9. What are your primary reasons for applying for DCA membership?

10. DCA is sustained by dedicated volunteer members. Please check your areas of interest and will volunteer to support. Please check a minimum of two.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeder Ed         | <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Events   | <input type="checkbox"/> DCA Awards  | <input type="checkbox"/> DCA Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Sportsmanship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health             | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedigree Database  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Ed          | <input type="checkbox"/> Triathlon   | <input type="checkbox"/> Versatility      | <input type="checkbox"/> Website            |

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM, COMMENTS BOX**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for entering comments.

# DCA MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AND APPLICATION FEES

## Required Actions:

- Are you applying for Single/Dual U.S. Membership, Junior Membership or Foreign Membership? If yes, you must have **two sponsors** who are current voting members of DCA in good standing. These sponsors must each complete a Sponsorship Form which you will return with your application.
  - Regular Single or Dual U.S. Membership: Open to one or two persons eighteen (18) years of age who are citizens and residents of the United States. Single or Dual U.S. Members enjoy all the privileges of the club including the right to vote and hold office. Dual members must reside in the same household. Each Dual member is entitled to one vote.
  - Junior Membership: Open to persons 9-17 years of age. Junior members cannot vote or hold office and do not count in the determination of a quorum. Upon reaching the 18th birthday, a junior member may apply to convert to the appropriate membership. Junior members do not pay dues.
  - Foreign Membership, Single or Dual: Open to one or two persons eighteen (18) years of age and older who are not citizens and residents of the United States. Foreign members enjoy all the privileges of the Club, except that they cannot vote or hold office and do not count in the determination of a quorum. Dues are set to include the cost of printing the Newsletter and postal expenses.

## Have You:

- Attached check or money order in U.S. funds only, for one year dues assessment. Annual membership dues include receipt of the DCA Newsletter. Make check or money orders payable to the Dachshund Club of America, Inc.
  - Application Fees:
    - Regular Single or Dual U.S. Membership: \$ 50 - Single, \$ 70 - Dual
    - Junior Membership: Free
    - Foreign Membership – Canada: \$ 68 - Single, \$ 88 – Dual
    - Foreign Membership – All Other Countries \$ 88 - Single, \$ 108 – Dual
- I have also enclosed an additional contribution by separate check payable to the DCA Health and Welfare Trust Fund in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Process Timeline:

- Once your application and check is received:
  - Within 30 days, notice of the application will be posted to the DCA Dachshund Dispatch.
  - Members have 60 days after publication to comment on your application.
  - The DCA Board of Directors will review and vote on the application at their next meeting.
  - If your application is approved, new members receive a welcome packet
- Sign page 1 of the application, mail all three (3) page of the application along with two completed Sponsorship Forms and appropriate application fee payable to the Dachshund Club of America, Inc. to:

Georjan Bridger, DCA Membership Chair  
P.O. Box 21352, Salem, OR 97307  
Phone: 503-364-9695  
Email: [dcamembershipchairman@gmail.com](mailto:dcamembershipchairman@gmail.com)

## For DCA Use Only:

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Date Application Received	Amount Received/Ch #	Code of Ethics Signed?
Published Date	Board Approved Date	Welcome Packet Sent