



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

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Type of Membership – please check one:

Note: Foreign, Junior and Associate members cannot vote or hold office

- ☐ US Single (1 adult with 2 sponsors)
- ☐ US Household (2 adults in the same household with 2 sponsors)
- ☐ Foreign (1 adult or dual – with 2 sponsors)
- ☐ Juniors: (9-17 years of age with 2 sponsors)
- ☐ US Associate (1 or 2 adults - sponsors not required)

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? _____
3. How many Dachshunds do you own? _____ co-own? _____ How many live with you? _____
4. Have you attended a Dachshund Club of America National event (specialty, field trial, earth dog, obedience/rally). Please list event type and year. _____
5. What AKC events do you participate in with your Dachshund, and for how many years? _____
6. What other breeds do you currently own or have owned in the past? _____
7. Where did you acquire your last Dachshund? Please provide name and address:

8. Please list all Dachshunds currently owned 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.				

9. 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 by breed		
Litter 1:	Litter 2:	Litter 3:
Litter 4:	Litter 5:	Litter 6:

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

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

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

12. 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

DCA MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AND APPLICATION FEES

Required Actions:

- ☐ Please review the requirements for the membership type you are applying for. If you are applying for Single/Dual U.S. Membership, Junior Membership or Foreign Membership, 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. Applicants must have three years participation with Dachshunds in AKC conformation, performance, or companion events. Applicants must also have one or more Dachshunds reside in their household for three or more years at the time of the submission of Single or Dual U.S. application. 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.
 - **Associate Membership:** Open to one or two persons eighteen (18) years of age and older who are residents of the United States. Applicants have less than three years participation in AKC conformation, performance or companion events and have one or more Dachshunds residing in the applicant's household for less than three years at the time of submission of Associate Member application. Associate Members are not entitled to vote or hold office and do not count in the determination of a quorum. Associate Members may not be listed as or considered a Member Judge and may not serve on any committee of the Club. Associate Individual Members are not entitled to be listed as a breeder in any of the Club's printed or digital publications.

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:
 - U.S. Regular Single or Dual Membership: \$ 50 - Single, \$ 70 - Dual
 - Junior Membership: Free
 - Foreign Membership – Canada: \$ 68 - Single, \$ 88 – Dual
 - Foreign Membership – All Other Countries \$ 88 - Single, \$ 108 – Dual
 - US Associate Membership \$ 30

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 30 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 (if applicable) and appropriate application fee payable to the Dachshund Club of America, Inc. to:

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