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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual dues are \$35.00 per year, per person over 18 years of age. Junior membership is \$15.00 per year (for ages 10-17). The first year's dues must be submitted to the club's secretary, along with a completed application and signed Code of Ethics. In order for an application to be considered, each applicant must attend at least two general meetings and be sponsored by two members in good standing of the Gig Harbor Kennel Club, Inc. (These sponsors may not be related to the applicant.) Applications will be read at the first general meeting after receipt of the application. Applicants will be voted upon at the first general meeting following their two required meetings by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. If the applicant is not in attendance at that meeting, he/she will be notified of the results by phone or letter.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____ SPOUSE NAME _____

BREED(S) OF DOGS CURRENTLY OWNED _____

BREED(S) OF DOGS OWNED IN THE PAST _____

DO YOU MAINTAIN A KENNEL? YES NO IF SO, BUSINESS HOBBY

DO YOU PLAN TO, OR ARE CURRENTLY BREEDING? YES NO CURRENTLY FUTURE

HOW MANY LITTERS HAVE BRED OR CO-BRED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS _____

IS YOUR MAIN INTEREST IN: CONFORMATION OBEDIENCE RALLY AGILITY OTHER

DO YOU BELONG TO ANY OTHER DOG CLUBS? YES NO

IF SO, WHICH ONES _____

WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR JOINING THE GIG HARBOR KENNEL CLUB? _____

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP THE CLUB BY WORKING ON COMMITTEES? YES NO

IF SO, WHICH COMMITTEES DO YOU PREFER? _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL SKILLS YOU POSSESS (i.e. WEBSITE, ETC.) _____

I do hereby affirm that I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club and that I agree **to abide by the** rules and regulations of the Gig Harbor Kennel Club, and do also agree to conduct my activities regarding dogs as suggested by the breeders Code of Ethics on the reverse side of this application.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SPONSOR _____ SPONSOR _____

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETE APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OR MAIL TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE

RECEIVER _____ READ _____ APPROVED _____ NOTIFIED _____



CODE OF ETHICS

A Guide For Breeders and Owners Of Purebred Dogs

This Code of Ethics is presented as an informative guide for breeders and potential breeders of purebred dogs, whose foremost aims are the welfare and improvement of their breed. The Bylaws of the Gig Harbor Kennel Club state that the Club "... shall do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of purebred dogs...." In applying for membership, applicants agree to further the club's objectives and to conduct all their activities as follows:

An ethical breeder conducts his activities as follows:

BREEDING: He conscientiously plans each litter based on the parents' appropriate temperament and qualities in relation to the breed's AKC approved official Breed Standard and, before deciding to produce a litter, considers the possibilities of properly placing puppies he cannot keep himself.

He only uses for breeding adults which are of sound temperament, are free from congenital defects such as hereditary orchidism (i.e., males whose testicles are not both normally descended) blindness, deafness, etc., and those whose hips have been x-rayed with proper positioning and pronounced normal by a veterinarian personally qualified in the field of hip dysplasia.

He only breeds healthy, fully mature (for its breed) bitches; allows proper spacing between litters, urges purchasers to spay or neuter those animals which for any reason will not or should not be used for breeding, and to properly safeguard unspayed bitches from unplanned matings.

HEALTH: All of his stock is kept under sanitary conditions and is given maximum health protection through worming and inoculations and he seeks veterinary care when necessary.

REGISTRATION: He registers his breeding stock with the American Kennel Club and keeps accurate records of matings and pedigrees.

SALES: He does not sell or consign puppies or adults to pet shops or other commercial dealers.

He sells his purebred dogs, permits stud service, and leases studs and bitches **ONLY** to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give them proper care and attention, and are in accord with this **CODE OF ETHICS**. He makes available to the novice the benefits of this advice and experience.

All stock leaving his possession is at least seven weeks old. He provides buyers with written details on feeding, general care, data on worming and inoculations against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus, etc., and the purebred dog's four generation pedigree. He provides and requires written agreements signed by all parties to all sales and other transactions, and accordingly completes and delivers the forms necessary for registration.

NOTES: UNDER AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES APPLYING TO REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE (CHAPTER 3, SECTION 6) – All such forms MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUPPLIED by all parties to transactions, unless they have agreed otherwise in written, signed agreements.

All of his advertising is factual. It does not offer purebred dogs at less than the minimum price, nor is it so worded so as to attract undesirable buyers, or to encourage raising purebred dogs merely as a money-making scheme.

He does not supply purebred dogs for raffles, "give-away" prizes or other such projects.

PRICE: By setting a minimum price for his young puppies he upholds the value of the breed and of his own stock. He gives his adults and puppies first-class care and cannot afford to sell at a low price. When confronted by a situation covered by this **CODE OF ETHICS**, he conducts himself as he would like to be treated under similar circumstances.

Signature _____

Date _____

Gig Harbor Kennel Club
Procedures for Club Members Showing Dogs at the Clusters

Last revised: 7 June 2016

Purpose: To establish procedures to assure we do not create any actual or perceived conflicts of interest if GHKC club members are showing or have dogs they own or co-own showing at the Tacoma and Puyallup Kennel club shows being held in conjunction with the Spring and Summer Clusters.

Overview: We are an active club with members both breeding and showing dogs in competition. The clusters provide an opportunity to exhibit under knowledgeable judges and often attract majors in many of the breeds. Thus, it is an unfair burden on our members to bar them from showing in the other club shows that are part of the clusters we participate in. To that end, we must make sure that in performing tasks for the GHKC show that we do not put our club members in direct contact with judges that they expect to be showing under at other shows in the cluster.

Generally, that would mean that our concern would be for shows following the GHKC show in the cluster. For example, in a given year if our show is on Saturday, then our concern would be for the shows on Sunday and Monday. Similarly, if the GHKC show is the Monday show, then we are generally not concerned about contact with the judges during our show.

Exceptions are those tasks that require a club member to be in contact with a judge prior to the cluster shows or the GHKC show specifically (eg, cluster meal events). Even then, care can be taken to avoid conflicts of interest with specific judges if the club is aware of them ahead of time.

Specific Procedures:

1. Each club member will inform the Chief Ring Steward and the Show Chair if they intend to show dogs or have dogs they own or co-own shown at shows (regardless of the handler) other than the GHKC at a cluster weekend.
2. A list of judges a club member expects to show under must be provided to the Chief Ring Steward and the Show Chair as soon as possible once a club member has decided to show or have dogs they own or co-own shown at the cluster.
3. The Chief Ring Steward will assign GHKC members who are stewarding the GHKC show such that they will not be in contact with judges they expect to show under on other days of the cluster
4. The Show Chair will work with the President to make task assignments as needed to avoid placing club members who are showing at the other cluster shows in direct contact with the judges a member expects to be exhibiting under during the cluster.
5. It is the responsibility of each club member who wishes to exhibit at the other clusters to inform the GHKC Chief Ring Steward and Show Chair as soon as possible and to work with them to assure conflicts are avoided.
6. Each club member shall be provided a copy of this document and must, as part of our general code of ethics, sign and return a copy of this document to the GHKC corresponding secretary.

Signature: _____ Date: _____