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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual dues are \$25.00 per year for individuals over 18 years of age, \$40 for a household with two adults, and \$50 for a family membership. 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 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S 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 YOU 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 COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY, OR MAIL TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_