

THE CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CCA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Please read and answer all questions; Each applicant must fill out a separate application

(Type Or Print Clearly) If illegible or incomplete, your application will be rejected and returned In order to receive up to date information from the CCA, would you like to be added to the:

Private CCA member roster? _____ CCA yahoo members group? _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ KENNEL NAME _____

Are you a member of a local/regional Chihuahua Club? Yes No

Club Name _____

List all dog club affiliations (All-Breed, Specialty, Obedience) and any positions you have held: _____

Have you attended CCA Specialties or Member Club Specialties? Yes No . If yes, list specialties attended in the last year.

Have you or any member of your household ever been suspended by AKC, comparable foreign organizations or other dog clubs?

Yes No

If "yes" please attach a separate sheet with an explanation.

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

What are your areas of interest?

Companionship _____ Breeding _____ Conformation _____ Obedience _____ Rescue _____

Other (e.g., Agility, Therapy dogs, etc) _____

What particular interests and/or abilities can you contribute to the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc. _____

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

How many dogs currently live on your property? How many dogs do you co-own (whether or not on premise)

How many Chihuahuas do you own at this time _____ Co-own? _____

Please provide the name and address of the person from whom you obtained your last Chihuahua (other than your own breeding). _____

How many litters of Chihuahuas have you bred in the last five (5) years? _____

How many litters are whelped by or for you per year? _____

Have you earned AKC Championship or Obedience Titles on dog (s) owned by you?

Other Breeds _____ Chihuahuas _____

Do you plan to exhibit your dogs in AKC events in the future? _____

Do you have a USDA license? Yes No If so, what is the USDA # _____

Why do you want to join CCA? _____

Are you willing to have a home visit by a CCA appointed representative? If no, please explain in detail, why not? Yes
No (required)

Do you belong to PETA? Yes No Do you belong to HSUS? Yes No

Do you think it could be in the future? Yes No

Have you or any member of your household ever bred two different breeds of purebred dogs together? Yes No

Please attach a complete and separate explanation if you answer "yes" to either of the next two questions:

Have you or any member of your immediate family or household associated with a professional kennel, pet shop or grooming shop that sells dogs? Yes No


Do you or any member of your immediate family or household buy, sell or distribute litters or individual dogs for resale? Yes No

Have you ever transferred a puppy or dog to a retail outlet for placement? Yes No

IF YOUR APPLICATION CONTAINS FALSE INFORMATION YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP

Application fees are non-refundable

_____, I, the undersigned, being 18 years or older, apply for membership in the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc. I enclose a check for \$45.00. (Individual dues of \$35.00 for one year and a one-time processing fee of \$10.00). If accepted for membership, I will follow the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chihuahua Club of America, comply with the Code of Ethics and abide by all decisions of the Board of Directors or its agents, in disciplinary matters. I understand that the objectives of the Chihuahua Club of America are: to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred Chihuahuas and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection; to encourage the organization of independent local Chihuahua Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of e American Kennel Club; to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Chihuahuas 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 and obedience trials; to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, and obedience trials under the rules of The American Kennel Club; to promote the qualities of the Chihuahua breed to the members and general public through publications, educational seminars, library data bank, etc. I further agree to receive electronic communication for dues notices, minutes and newsletters.

 _____, I, the undersigned am UNDER 18 years of age and applying for JUNIOR membership. Processing fee of \$10 enclosed.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicants must be sponsored by two members in good standing of the Chihuahua Club of America.

Fill in sponsors' names below: *** Sponsors cannot be from the same household***

Sponsor #1:(Please print) _____

Sponsor #2: (please print) _____

Submit application, signed sponsors' questionnaire and signed Code of Ethics to the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc., Membership Committee Chairman. Please make your check payable to the C.C.A. and understand that your application may take 4 to 6 months to complete.

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Date Rec'd: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Check No _____ Completed: App Sponsors: Code of Ethics

Published in Chi-Chatter: _____ Membership Committee Recommendation: Yes No

Board Vote: Yes No Date Accepted: _____

THE CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA CODE OF ETHICS

The new Code of Ethics was adopted at the CCA General Meeting on October 8, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois.

As a member of The Chihuahua Club of America,

- I pledge to uphold the goals of the Club as set forth in the club's Constitution and By-Laws.
- I pledge to uphold the American Kennel Club rules applying to Dog Shows and Registration and the Chihuahua Club of America's Rules applying to its Dog Shows.
- I pledge to accept and uphold the Standard of the Chihuahua as developed by the Chihuahua Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club.
- I pledge to breed only AKC registered Chihuahuas, or Chihuahuas from registries which are acceptable to The American Kennel Club.
- I pledge to keep myself informed in the areas of dog health and genetics and to carefully evaluate all breeding stock for hereditary faults or disqualifying defects.
- I pledge to be responsible for all Chihuahuas that I have produced for their entire life-time by:
 - a. never buying, selling or trading my Chihuahuas to research laboratories, pet stores, or to auctions nor placing them in rescue groups.
 - b. taking back my Chihuahuas, either sold or given, but unwanted by the current owners or helping the current owners find them new homes. I pledge to abide by the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.
- I pledge to conduct all my Chihuahua related business practices in a clear and concise manner, recognizing that no business dispute will be resolved by the CCA.

The Chihuahua Club of America would like to encourage all breeders to health test their dogs (*Cardiac * Patella * Eyes) and submit the results to CHIC – the health database that is jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF - <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA - <http://www.o.a.org/>). It will help benefit the Chihuahua as a breed and help us learn more about better breeding practices for the future.

CHIC provides a reliable source of information to breeders regarding dogs that may be used in their breeding programs. In the future, breeders can begin to analyze the pedigrees of a proposed breeding for health strengths and weaknesses as well the traditional analysis of conformation, type, and performance strengths and weaknesses.

Signed

Date

**CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA INC.
SPONSOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE - SPONSOR #1**

I have reviewed the enclosed application and would like to sponsor _____ for membership in the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.

1. How long have you known the applicant? **(ONE YEAR MINIMUM REQUIRED)** _____
2. Briefly, how did you become acquainted? _____

3. Have you ever visited the applicant's home? Yes No Kennel Yes No
Comments _____

4. Do you believe the applicant will follow the Constitution and By-Laws and abide by the Code of Ethics and will uphold the objectives of the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.? Yes No
5. Do you consider the applicant to have exhibited honesty, good sportsmanship and ethical behavior in all aspects of his/her dog activities? Yes No
6. Please provide comments and additions you feel will help us make a decision regarding prospective membership for the applicant. _____

By accepting the responsibility of sponsoring the applicant, I assert, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the applicant is qualified for membership in the Chihuahua Club of America and would be an asset to the club.

Signature _____ Sponsor #1 (PRINT) _____

TWO SPONSORS ARE REQUIRED. SECOND SPONSOR PLEASE COMPLETE SECOND SPONSORS' QUESTIONNAIRE.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF ONE YEAR UPON ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICANT MEMBERSHIP BEFORE FULL CCA MEMBERSHIP IS GRANTED.

The CCA Membership Committee should review this probationary member before the year-end with recommendations on whether to approve full membership or not.

CCA MEMBERS CAN ONLY SPONSOR TWO APPLICANTS PER YEAR. SPONSORS MUST BE FULL MEMBERS OF CCA FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

**CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA INC.
SPONSOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE - SPONSOR #2**

I have reviewed the enclosed application and would like to sponsor _____ for membership in the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.

1. How long have you known the applicant? **(ONE YEAR MINIMUM REQUIRED)** _____
2. Briefly, how did you become acquainted? _____

3. Have you ever visited the applicant's home? Yes No Kennel Yes No
Comments _____

4. Do you believe the applicant will follow the Constitution and By-Laws and abide by the Code of Ethics and will uphold the objectives of the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.? Yes No
5. Do you consider the applicant to have exhibited honesty, good sportsmanship and ethical behavior in all aspects of his/her dog activities? Yes No
6. Please provide comments and additions you feel will help us make a decision regarding prospective membership for the applicant. _____

By accepting the responsibility of sponsoring the applicant, I assert, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the applicant is qualified for membership in the Chihuahua Club of America and would be an asset to the club.

Signature _____ Sponsor #2 (PRINT) _____

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