

## **THE CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

CCA Membership Committee: Belinda McCormick, Chair  
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Please read and answer all questions. Type or print clearly. Your application will be returned if incomplete. If you need more room to answer, please attach a separate sheet.

Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	Kennel Name:
Are you a member of a local or regional Chihuahua Club? Please circle or "X": Yes      No		
List all dog club affiliations (all breed, specialty, obedience clubs and positions you have held)		
Have you attended CCA Specialties or Member Club Specialties: Yes      No If yes, list those 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 explain:		
How long have you been involved in purebred dogs, and in what capacity?		
What are your areas of interest? Please circle: Companionship      Breeding      Conformation      Obedience Rescue      Other (agility, therapy, etc.)		
What particular interests and/or abilities can you contribute to the Chihuahua Club of America:		
What other breed(s) do you own now or have owned in the past?		
How many dogs currently live on your property? How many dogs do you co-own? 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 years?		
How many litters have been whelped by you in the last five years?		
How many litters have been whelped by, or for you, per year?		
Have you earned an AKC championship or obedience title on dogs owned by you? Chihuahuas:                      Other Breeds:		

Do you plan to exhibit your dogs in AKC events in the future?
Do you have a USDA license?    Yes    No If yes, 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 not, please explain why, in detail?
Do you belong to PETA, please circle or "X"    Yes    No
Do you belong to HSUS?    Yes    No
Do you think you might join in the future?    Yes    No
Have you, or anyone in your home, bred two different breeds together?    Yes    No Explain:
Are you, or any member of your immediate family, associated with a professional kennel, pet shop, or grooming shop that sells dogs?    Yes    No If yes, explain:
Do you, or any member of your family, buy, sell, or distribute litters or individual dogs for resale?    Yes No If yes, explain?
Have you ever transferred a puppy or dog to a retail outlet for placement?    Yes    No If yes, explain:

**If your application contains false information, you will be removed from membership**

Application fees are non-refundable

I, _____, am 18 years or older.
I, _____, am under 18 years.

<p>I am enclosing a check for \$45, which includes dues of \$35 per year, and a one-time application fee of \$10. If accepted, 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 in disciplinary matters. I understand that the objectives of CCA are: to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Chihuahuas; to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection; to encourage the organization of independent local Chihuahua specialty clubs; to meet the requirements of AKC; to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed, as approved by AKC, as the only standard of excellence by which Chihuahuas shall be judged; to do all to protect and advance the interests of the breed and encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials; to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows and obedience trials under AKC rules; and, to promote the qualities of the Chihuahua breed to the members and general public through publications, educational seminars, library data banks, etc. I further agree to receive electronic communication for dues notices, minutes, and newsletters.</p>
Applicant Signature:
Date:

Applicants must be sponsored by two members of CCA. Sponsors must have been members of CCA for at least one year, and must be members in good standing. Sponsors cannot be from the same household. Sponsors cannot be from the same household. Sponsors are as follows:

Sponsor #1 Please print:	
Sponsor #2 Please print:	

Submit application, signed sponsors' questionnaire, and signed Code of Ethics to the Membership Committee Chair of the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc. Please make your check payable to the CCA, and understand that your application may take four to six months to complete the process.

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Date received:	Amount \$	Check No:
Completed App:	Two sponsors:	Code of Ethics:
Date published in Chi Chatter:		
Date membership committee recommendation completed:		
Affirmative Board Vote:		
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's 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 lifetime, by:
  - never buying, selling, or trading my Chihuahuas to research laboratories, pet stores, or to auctions, nor placing them in rescue groups.
  - taking back my Chihuahuas, either sold or given, but unwanted by the current owners, or helping the current owners to 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.
- I pledge – whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels – that I will treat all present – including competitors, judges, officials, and spectators – with respect and courtesy. This includes respect for show sites, national convention and overflow facilities, internet forums, lists, and other social media, as well as all other aspects of responsible dog ownership.

The Chihuahua Club of America would like to encourage all breeders to health test their dogs (Cardiac, Patella, Eyes), and to 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.ofa.org/>). This will help benefit the Chihuahua as a breed, and it will help us to 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 as the traditional analysis of conformation, type, and performance strengths and weaknesses.

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Signature

Printed Name

Date

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Mailing Address

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Email Address

Phone Number

<p align="center"><b>CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Sponsor's Questionnaire – Sponsor #1</b></p>
<p>I have reviewed the attached application, and would like to sponsor:</p>
<p><b>Please answer each question “yes” or “no”, with explanation when needed. Be detailed in your response.</b></p>
<p>How long have you been acquainted with the applicant?</p>
<p>Do you belong to the same dog club?</p>
<p>Did you meet at a dog show event?</p>
<p>Are you Facebook friends?</p>
<p>If none of the above apply, briefly explain how you know the applicant?</p>
<p>Do you believe the applicant will follow the constitution and by-laws, abide by the Code of Ethics, and uphold the objectives of CCA?</p>
<p>Do you consider the applicant to have exhibited honesty, good sportsmanship, and ethical behavior in all aspects of his/her dog activities?</p>
<p>Please provide comments and additions that you feel will help us make a decision regarding this applicant's prospective membership:</p>
<p><b>By accepting the responsibility of sponsoring this applicant, I assert, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that this applicant is qualified for membership in the CCA, and that this applicant would be an asset to the club.</b></p>
<p><b>Sponsor signature:</b></p>
<p><b>Printed Name:</b></p>
<p><b>Date:</b></p>
<p><b>Two sponsors are required. CCA members can only sponsor two applicants per year, and must have been a member of CCA for at least one year.</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. Sponsor's Questionnaire – Sponsor #2</p>
I have reviewed the attached application, and would like to sponsor:
Please answer each question “yes” or “no”, with explanation when needed. Be detailed in your response.
How long have you been acquainted with the applicant?
Do you belong to the same dog club?
Did you meet at a dog show event?
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