



## Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.

c/o Carol Vandegriff, Secretary  
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Radcliff, KY 40159

A Kentucky Non-Profit Corporation  
Licensed by the American Kennel Club

### Membership Information

Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club is an active, working kennel club. The objectives of the club are:

- To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs.
- To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, and other AKC sanctioned events and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at such events.
- To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests and other AKC-sanctioned events under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.
- To do all in its power to encourage and promote responsible dog ownership.

In keeping with the club's objectives, members are expected to promote the sport of dogs in a positive manner in both club-sanctioned events and personal activities. While membership is unrestricted as to residence or ownership of purebred dogs, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its designated territory of Hardin & LaRue Counties.

Membership in Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club is a privilege, not a right. Membership in MKKC is available to persons in good standing with the American Kennel Club who agree to abide by the purposes, goals, and policies of MKKC. Members are expected to support the Club by attending meetings, working on committees and participating in activities to include supporting the club with trophy donations.

As a matter of policy, the Board of Directors of MKKC reserves the right to prohibit member activity at MKKC shows and/or functions which could result in that member's monetary gain. As per Section 3 of the Code of Ethics, any use of membership to this club for personal or financial gain is reason for immediate denial of application or termination of membership.

#### Types of Membership & Annual Dues

There are three types of memberships:

- Regular – Typical membership for those 18 years of age or older in good standing with the American Kennel Club. This membership comes with all club privileges and responsibilities.
- Lifetime – This class of membership may be conferred upon a member in recognition of exemplary service and contributions to the club. Lifetime Members may exercise and enjoy all the privileges of membership. Lifetime members are not subject to the payment of dues.
- Junior Membership – This class of membership is open to any person who is of an age eligible to compete in AKC Junior Showmanship events, has shown an active interest in the goals and objectives of the Club, and has an adult MKKC sponsor/mentor. A Junior Membership must be linked to the current membership of an adult family member, relative, guardian, or mentor. Junior Members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership in the Club except that they cannot vote, hold office, or participate in the nomination process.

- New members will not be assessed annual membership dues until the first November after they have been accepted as new members. Said dues will be for the ensuing year and will be due and payable on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January. Membership may be terminated if dues remain unpaid by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Current annual dues are as follows:

Regular Membership -- \$10

Junior Membership -- \$5

### Requirements for Membership

- Applicants must submit a completed application form along with a non-refundable \$10 application fee. Applications may be submitted in person at a meeting or via US Postal Service to the club Secretary at the address indicated on Page 1. If the application and fee are received by on the day of but prior to a meeting of the general membership being called to order, that meeting will constitute the first reading of the application.
- Applications must include the current MKKC Code of Ethics and a statement signed by the applicant certifying that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the same.
- Applications may be submitted without the required sponsor endorsements. However, two sponsor endorsements must be obtained and attached to the application before it can be voted on for acceptance.
- Applicants must attend and/or assist at three club functions which shall include at least one meeting of the general membership.
- Applications will be read at no fewer than two consecutive meetings.
  - Applications will be read at the first general membership meeting after receipt of the application and fee. (See first requirement above.)
  - A second reading will occur at the next general meeting and if all membership requirements have been met, the application shall be voted on. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required to accept the applicant as a member.
  - If all requirements have not been met by the second reading, the application will be presented at each subsequent meeting of the general membership until such time as all requirements have been completed and application is eligible to be voted on. Applications shall be voted on at the first meeting of the general membership following completion of the above membership requirements.
- The above Requirements for Membership must be completed within one year of the first reading of the application. After one year, the application must be resubmitted with a second non-refundable application fee. Any previously completed requirements will be carried over to the resubmitted application.



# Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Application for Regular Membership

(Please include \$10.00 non-refundable application fee)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Are you over the age of 18? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you get your first purebred dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Breed(s) and Number of dogs you now own \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Are your dogs registered? \_\_\_\_\_

With what registry? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you bred any litters? \_\_\_\_\_ How many in the past 3 years? \_\_\_\_\_

Activities you currently participate in with your dog(s). Please check all that apply.

Conformation     Obedience     Agility     Earthdog     Herding     Coursing

Hunt/Field Trials     Terrier Trials     Therapy     Freestyle     Tracking     Rally

Other activities \_\_\_\_\_ Titles achieved by your dogs \_\_\_\_\_

List any dog clubs you belong to or have previously belonged to and any club work you have done \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been denied membership in a dog-related club? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by a dog-related club? \_\_\_\_\_ Have your AKC privileges ever been suspended or revoked? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been cited by any SPCA, humane society, or animal control agency? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you at any time been associated with or sold dogs to a wholesale or retail canine operation? \_\_\_\_\_ If you answered yes to any of the five previous questions, please attach explanation.

Please tell us why you wish to join Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature below, I hereby certify that I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club. I further certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics as attached hereto and hereby make application for membership to Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. All statements made on this application for membership are true and factual to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that this application will be read to the general membership of the Club prior to the membership vote for approval. I am aware that this application for membership cannot be voted on until all requirements for membership have been met and the endorsements of two Club members have been received and attached to this application.

If accepted, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club and the Policies, Constitution, and Bylaws of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. I agree, at all times, to conduct myself in an ethical manner that promotes the advancement of purebred dogs and the general welfare, humane treatment, and responsible ownership of all animals.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Club Use Only:

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Voted On \_\_\_\_\_



**Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.**  
**Sponsor Endorsement**  
(Two Required)

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS**

1. Must be a current participating member in good standing with MKKC and shall have maintained that membership for at least two (2) consecutive years immediately preceding sponsorship.
2. Shall not sponsor more than four (4) Regular Membership applicants in any single calendar year.
3. Shall not be related to the applicant or live in the same household.
4. Shall not sign a blank endorsement form which does not specify an applicant name to which the sponsorship applies.
5. Should be actively involved with the applicant throughout the application process.
6. The two sponsors shall not be related to each other or live in the same household.
7. Only one (1) of the two (2) sponsors may be involved in a business relationship, either in-process or on-going, with the applicant (client-handler, co-breeders, business partnership, etc.).
8. Falsification on the sponsor's part in any way makes the sponsor subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

**STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT**

By my endorsement below, I hereby certify that I have read the above-referenced applicant's membership application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements are true and factual. I also hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the applicant is not currently engaged in any practices inconsistent with the objectives of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club or its Code of Ethics.

I believe the applicant will, under all circumstances, consider the best interests of their breed in general and the individual welfare of any dogs he or she keeps, breeds, exhibits and/or sells, maintaining in all such activities the highest standards of ethical conduct and humane care.

In addition, I hereby certify that I personally meet all the requirements for sponsors as indicated above. I believe the applicant fully supports the objectives of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club and will be an asset to the club. I do hereby unequivocally endorse their application for membership.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Application for Regular Membership Record of Participation

(Please submit to the MKKC Secretary when complete)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

As stated in the Requirements for Membership, applicants for membership in Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club must attend and/or assist at three club functions which shall include at least one meeting of the general membership.

Activities which qualify include but are not limited to assisting with conformation shows, matches, obedience trials, tracking tests, workshops, seminars, and various other community outreach and educational events.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to keep a record of their participation in activities which fulfill this requirement and submit it to the MKKC Secretary for attachment to their application when complete. For your convenience, MKKC has provided this form for your use. Please have a club officer or committee member sign off on each activity as it is completed.

Date	Event or Activity	# Hours Involved	Signature & Printed Name of MKKC Officer or Committee Member
	General Membership Meeting	2	

For Club Use Only: Date Received _____
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## Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Code of Ethics

Approved by the Membership August 24, 2011  
(Please sign and submit with membership application)

This Code of Ethics has been established to set forth minimum standards of practice that each member of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club will adhere to as they strive to accomplish the club's goals and purposes as stated in the Constitution. In applying for or renewing membership, applicants and members agree that they will conduct their activities in accordance with this Code of Ethics as a condition of their membership in Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club.

1. I will become familiar with, abide by, and uphold the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club and the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club.
2. I will conduct myself at all times in an honest and sportsmanlike manner so as to reflect positively on all aspects of purebred dog activities and breeding, the dog fancy as a whole, and to the status of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club as a group. Whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels I will treat all present, including competitors, judges, officials and spectators, with respect and courtesy.
3. I will not state that I am a member of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club or use the name of Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club for the purpose of promoting any personal activity or commercial enterprise in which I may be engaged.
4. I will consider the welfare of my breed(s) when engaged in any activities involving the exhibiting, training, and selling of dogs and will refrain from any activities which would be prejudicial to the best interest of my breed(s), purebred dogs in general, and/or this Club.
5. I recognize that I have a responsibility to my local community and the purebred dog community at large in the areas of education, animal welfare, and dog legislation.
6. I will be mindful of my responsibilities as a dog owner to my neighbors and locality and to use my best efforts to avoid or rectify any existing or potential problem that might adversely affect the future of the dog owner, exhibitor, or hobby breeder. I will abide by all local and state regulations regarding the licensing and care of animals.
7. I will foster friendship and help educate newcomers, novices, and the public in general on the conformation standard for and proper care of my breed(s), the positive roles of the purebred dog in our society, the responsibilities of dog ownership and in any other areas with which I may be of assistance.
8. I will maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness, general care, and humane treatment for all animals owned by me or in my care, always putting their welfare above the goals of competition, personal gain, or profit. I will provide my dogs with the socialization and training necessary for them to be good family companions.
9. I will accurately register my dogs in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the AKC (or other applicable registry in the case of breeds not recognized by the AKC).

10. I will not engage in false or misleading statements or unnecessary criticism regarding any judge, official, exhibitor, breeder, fellow member, dog, or breed. I will make no false or misleading statements concerning my breed or misrepresent my own dogs or breeding program through claims or advertising. I will not speak or write maliciously of another member nor will I seek to harm the reputation, for my own benefit, of another member by reference to quality or breeding stock or other kennel matters.
11. If I contemplate breeding a litter or allow the use of a stud dog owned by me to the same end, I will direct my efforts toward producing dogs of exceptional quality, breed type, conformation, temperament, health, and condition. Each litter shall be the result of conscientious planning, including consideration of physical and genetic health, soundness, temperament, and conformity to the official standard of the breed as established by the parent breed club and approved by the American Kennel Club. I will not knowingly violate any of the normally accepted ethical practices in breeding dogs, selling dogs, or holding dogs at public stud.
12. I will transfer puppies only after they have reached at least 8 weeks of age and will provide basic information vital to the care of the breed as well as a bill of sale, three-generation (or longer) pedigree, pertinent veterinary records, and appropriate registration form, unless written agreement is made that such papers will be withheld, and to offer reasonable help and guidance for the life of the dog.
13. I will take responsibility for any puppy I produce by breeding for the duration of their life and will include a take-back/buy-back clause in all sales contracts. I will screen prospective buyers to ensure that all dogs have a safe and loving home and, to the best of my ability, place puppies only in homes where the owners understand and are prepared to undertake their commitment to responsible dog ownership for the life of the dog. If a stud dog I own sires a litter I will, to the best of my ability, be mutually responsible for all offspring throughout their lives.
14. I will never knowingly breed for, consign, sell, or give dogs to commercial wholesalers or dealers, pet shops, brokers, retailers, catalog houses, contest sponsors, or research facilities or deal with any person(s) known or suspected to sell to such establishments nor allow my dogs to be bred to a dog owned by any person(s) known or suspected to have an association with any of these types, nor will I purchase puppies from brokers for resale or breeding purposes. I will not dispose of any dogs or puppies owned or bred by me by giving them to the local animal shelter, pound, humane society or any organization of that type.

My signature below indicates my understanding of and commitment to abide by the Mid-Kentucky Code of Ethics as stated above. I understand that violation of this Code of Ethics is just cause for reprimand, suspension and/or expulsion from Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club.

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Signature

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Date





## Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc. Code of Ethics Policy & Procedure

(Approved by the Membership August 24, 2011)

All prospective members shall be given a copy of the current Code of Ethics when applying for MKKC membership. If it is known that the intention exists to violate this Code of Ethics, it is not only permissible but within legal boundaries to refuse membership application, subject to notification of the Board of Directors that such action is being taken.

If and when the Code is revised, the Club shall provide a copy of the revised document to all current members and applicants for membership. It is then incumbent upon each member or applicant to take whatever action is necessary to achieve compliance with the revised or new Code content.

Deliberate failure to comply with the Code of Ethics is subject to report, and if substantiated, will result in reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from the Club by action of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will adopt a procedure for review of violations of the Code of Ethics and this procedure will be guided by the following policies:

- No anonymous complaints will be considered.
- No complaint will be considered unless it is reported in writing to the Board.
- The Board will turn the report over to an Ethics Committee consisting of one Board member and two impartial Club members.
- This committee will investigate the complaint and report back to the President. If the complaint is deemed justified, the accused and the complainant shall appear before the Board for a hearing.
- The decision of the Board of Directors in the review of a complaint is final.
- Sanctions imposed may include: cancellation of membership for an indefinite or specified period, cancellation or suspension of the privilege to participate in club activities and sponsored events for an indefinite or specified period, written and/or verbal reprimand
- In no case will membership dues and/or any participation fees or any portion thereof be refunded to an individual whose membership and/or participation privileges are rescinded.



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