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## CATOCTIN KENNEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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The Catoctin Kennel Club (CKC) is an American Kennel Club (AKC) member club. We offer a wide range of activities to promote education, knowledge of and appreciation for the sport of dogs. Opportunities to get involved in your club abound! We look forward to getting to know you!

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been training and/or showing dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

Other dog clubs to which you belong and positions held (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Breeds: \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Titles Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

CKC Mentor/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and bring it to the next CKC general membership meeting. Annual dues are \$25.00 per person (or prorated to \$15.00 per person after July 1<sup>st</sup>) and must be submitted to the Membership Chair with this application. Dues are not tax-deductible.

**Membership involvement is essential for club success:**

The CKC needs its membership to volunteer to help with the numerous activities it provides each year. Please indicate in which of the following activities you have an interest (check *all* that apply). See reverse for activity descriptions.

- Training (Conformation, Obedience/Rally, Puppy Classes)
- CKC Conformation Shows or Obedience/Rally Trials
- Obedience Show 'n Go Events or Conformation Matches
- Junior Showmanship
- Club Newsletter
- Public Education
- Canine Legislation

If accepted as a member of CKC, I/We agree to abide by its Constitution and By-Laws and by AKC rules and regulations. I/We understand the policy of CKC prohibiting members from entering or handling dogs at all CKC Conformation Shows and/or Obedience/Rally Trials.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are submitted herewith. Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ held pending acceptance.

First Reading Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Reading Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Members must be in good standing with the AKC and comply with all AKC rules and regulations. Members, as representatives of CKC, shall at all times, act solely in the best interests of the club in a manner consistent with high standards of conduct and ethics.

Members shall refrain from unnecessary criticism of another person, their dog, and/or breed. Dogs owned by, or in the care of, members shall be provided a proper, safe and healthy environment.

## DESCRIPTION OF CLUB ACTIVITIES:

**CONFORMATION:** CKC offers classes in conformation to assist students in developing or improving their handling skills, to give a new dog experience in the ring, and provide "run throughs" for practical experience. You can get involved as an Instructor/Assistant Instructor, or practice "Judge".

**OBEDIENCE:** To further proper socialization of puppies and dogs, CKC offers general obedience classes for Puppies (3-6 months), Basic and Advanced Basic levels. We also offer Novice, Open, and Utility levels for individuals interested in obedience competitions.

**RALLY:** Classes prepare students for AKC Rally competitions by developing an understanding of AKC Rally rules and regulations, proper sign performance, and ring etiquette.

**AKC LICENSED SHOWS:** We provide two AKC licensed conformation shows, three obedience/rally shows, and one "B" conformation match. Volunteers are needed to support these events in every imaginable capacity - e.g. ring stewards, parking attendants, judges' hospitality/transportation, show site preparation, clean-up, etc.

**NEWSLETTER:** The "Woofers" Newsletter is a primary communication vehicle along with our monthly club meetings. Club members serve as editors and contributors.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Public education to promote the proper care, treatment, and training of dogs is an important community service that CKC provides. You can get involved in many local events.

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** Training classes for Junior Showmanship are conducted throughout the year, teaching proper show techniques and providing motivation for the development of junior handlers. You can get involved as Instructors and/or Assistant Instructors.

**CANINE LEGISLATION:** On occasion, we are called upon to represent the club and dog fanciers in the review and revision of regulations for local government. Representing the club on issues such as regulations for kennel licenses and animal control are key interests for the club.