

NOR-CAL KEESHOND CLUB, INC.

Membership Application

- + Applicant(s) must be 18 years of age or older, except for Junior members who can only be Associate members.
- + Associate members will receive the newsletter, but will not enjoy voting privileges.
- + Two sponsors are required to sign the form. The sponsors must be Nor-Cal members and cannot be the spouse or significant other of the applicant.
- + Application forms not filled out completely, or not signed by the applicant(s) and sponsors will be returned. If application is for family membership, then both applicants must sign the form.
- + Application must be reviewed by the Nor-Cal membership committee, and it will be read at two Club Meetings. The applicant must attend one Club meeting and one Club event (or two meetings) before the Club will vote on the application. Membership fees are due when the applicant is voted in.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP BEING APPLIED FOR (check one):

- FAMILY** (husband & wife, parent & child, etc.) *Application Fee* \$10.00 *Annual Dues* \$30.00 **Total \$40.00**
- INDIVIDUAL** (1 Adult) *Application Fee* \$10.00 *Annual Dues* \$25.00 **Total \$35.00**
- ASSOCIATE** (1 person – adult or junior) *Application Fee* \$10.00 *Annual Dues* \$15.00 **Total \$25.00**

Name(s):			
Street:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone: ()	Email:	Kennel Name:	
Number of Keeshonden Owned		Dogs: ____	Bitches: ____
Do you participate with your dogs in:			
Conformation	NO	YES	Since ____
Performance events such as obedience, agility, rally, etc.	NO	YES	Since ____
Other areas such as therapy work, crisis response, etc.	NO	YES	Since ____
How many litters have you bred and/or how many stud services have your dogs provided (all breeds) in the last 5 years?		Litters:	Stud services:
Are you actively interested in other breeds?		NO	YES (Please list)
Do you maintain a kennel?		NO	YES (Please describe)
Do you belong to any other dog clubs?		NO	YES (Please list)
Have you ever applied for membership in Nor-Cal Keeshond Club?		NO	YES Year ____
Have you ever been suspended by the AKC?		NO	YES
List applicant(s) occupation(s):			

Please list any abilities or interests you have which may be helpful to the Club:

THE KEESHOND CLUB OF AMERICA -- CODE OF ETHICS

A Guide for Breeders and Owners of Keeshonden

The Code Of Ethics has as its primary goal the welfare of the breed and the manner in which those people involved conduct themselves.

AN ETHICAL BREEDER CONDUCTS HIS OR HER ACTIVITIES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The breeder conscientiously plans each litter based on the parents' appropriate temperament, freedom from congenital and hereditary defects, and qualities in relation to the Breed's AKC-approved official Standard. Before deciding to produce a litter, the breeder considers the obligations of properly placing or providing for all the puppies.
2. **VOLUME BREEDING** is not in the best interest of the breed. The breeder takes care to plan the SPACING OF LITTERS so that puppies, under the age of six months, bred by him or her are not consistently available. The breeder and stud dog owner verify in writing that the parents' patella's have been pronounced normal and that hip x-rays have been cleared by a veterinarian specializing in the field of orthopedics or radiology, or through a national registry such as the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.
3. The breeder breeds only healthy, mature Keeshonden over one and one-half years of age and after preliminary or certified x-rays. Bitches should have no more than two litters in any 18 month period and no bitch should be bred after the age of eight years. No male should be used for breeding before one and one-half years of age. **ALL** Keeshonden purchased as pets are required to be spayed or neutered. All unneutered bitches and dogs are safeguarded from unplanned matings. All the breeder's stock is kept under sanitary conditions and given maximum health protection through worming, inoculation, and proper veterinary care at all times. Whenever a person is entrusted with the care of another person's dog, utmost effort must be made for the care, protection, and well-being of that dog.
4. The breeder registers all breeding stock and keeps accurate records of matings and pedigrees in accordance with American Kennel Club requirements.
5. The breeder does **NOT** sell, consign, or lease puppies or adults to pet shops or any commercial establishment, broker, distributor or wholesaler and words any contract so that purchasers or lessees will not do so either. The breeder does not supply Keeshonden for raffles, "giveaway" prizes or other such projects or consignments even in non-commercial instances. By setting a reasonable price for young puppies, the breeder upholds the value of the breed. Adults and puppies are given first class care and therefore cannot be sold at a low price.
6. The breeder sells Keeshonden, permits stud service, and leases studs or bitches **ONLY** to individuals who have demonstrated that they will give them proper care and attention, and who are in written agreement with this Code of Ethics. The breeder makes available to the novice the benefit of his or her advice and experience. The breeder requires adherence to this Code of Ethics and to the Keeshond Club of America's Recommended Practices for Breeders, Exhibitors, and Owners in all transactions.
7. All puppies leaving his possession are at least seven weeks of age. All new owners are provided with written details on feeding, general care, dates of worming and inoculations, and a four generation pedigree.
8. Written contracts are provided and signed by all parties to all sales and other transactions prior to the physical transfer of the animal. These contracts specify how the breeder will honor a refund or replacement which may be necessary because of unforeseen health problems or other circumstances. Contracts that require puppies back as part of the purchase price of the bitch, whether the arrangements are an outright purchase or co-ownership of the bitch to satisfy the purchase price, should not require puppies back after the bitch's first normal litter, the size of which is to be defined in the contract. At the completion of the transfer of these above-mentioned puppies, the dam's breeder will deliver to the purchaser all forms necessary for completion of the transaction. NOTE: Under American Kennel Club rules (Chapter 3, Section 6) all such forms **MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUPPLIED** by all parties to transactions, unless they have agreed otherwise in writing. Terms for co-ownership for either dogs or bitches between **KNOWLEDGEABLE** breeders must be clearly stated in the contract and must be mutually favorable to both parties. Breeding arrangements **NEVER** involve the breeding of a pet quality dog or bitch.
9. **All the breeder's advertising is factual.** It neither offers Keeshonden at cheap prices, nor is it worded so as to attract undesirable buyers, or to encourage producing Keeshonden as a money-making enterprise. Advertising relating to show wins or producing accomplishments must be precise and factual and should not imply achievements that are not accurate.
10. The breeder or owner at all times behaves in a sportsmanlike manner such as to reflect positively on the sport of showing dogs and the Keeshond breed in particular.
11. When confronted by a situation not covered by this Code of Ethics, the breeder's conduct reflects how he or she would like to be treated under similar circumstances.

Keeshonden are outstanding in temperament - outgoing, and uncommonly loyal and devoted. Those involved with this breed should reflect these qualities in return and be known as uncommonly good to their dogs and considerate of each other.

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in the Nor-Cal Keeshond Club, Inc.

I (we) agree to be governed by the By-Laws of the Club; to further its objectives as laid down therein, and to conduct all activities in connection with the breed in accordance with the Keeshond Club Of America **Code of Ethics** printed above.

Print name of applicant _____

Signature of applicant _____

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Signature of applicant _____

Print name of Sponsor _____

Signature of sponsor _____

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Signature of sponsor _____

Please submit to membership chairperson:

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Sponsors comments:

Date received: _____

Chairperson signature: _____

First reading: _____

Second reading: _____

Date approved: _____

Date rejected: _____