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**MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

The purpose and objectives of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California (MSCNC) are to promote knowledge and better understanding of the breed among owners—whether in conformation, obedience, agility or simply pet guardianship.

MSCNC offers four (4) types of membership: Regular, Non-Resident, Honorary and Junior. Regular membership is available to those persons living within the boundaries of Northern California. These members have full Club privileges. Non-Resident membership is available to persons residing outside of Northern California. Non-Resident members' privileges are limited to receipt of the newsletter, membership to the Club's Google Group, and service on committees. Honorary memberships are bestowed, on an extremely limited basis, to individuals who have demonstrated distinct commitment and service to the Club. Junior membership is a non-voting, non-office holding membership for persons under the age of 18 years old.

All members agree to abide by the Club's Code of Ethics. In addition, MSCNC is a working club and, as such, members are called upon, from time to time, to help and participate in Club activities.

**Type of membership:**  Resident  Non-Resident  Honorary  Junior

**Are you renewing your membership or a new member?**  Renewal  New Member

MEMBER / APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Name	_____
Street Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
Email	_____
Cell Phone	_____ Day Phone

**What are you interested in at the present?**

Breeding  Showing  Obedience  Agility  Pet Ownership  Fostering

Membership dues are \$25 per calendar year. Send this form and payment to Sandy Bonifield, MSCNC Treasurer & Past President, 776 Lathrop Street, Napa, CA 94558.

With my signature, I agree to abide by the MSCNC's Code of Ethics.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## CODE OF ETHICS

**PREAMBLE.** The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California (MSCNC) is dedicated to the preservation, protection and advancement of purebred Miniature Schnauzers. Each member, therefore, is morally obligated to and agrees to abide by the following ethical principles and behavior.

**SECTION 1.** All members agree to follow the rules and regulations as set forth by the American Kennel Club as they pertain to the member's purebred dog operations.

**SECTION 2.** No member shall engage in the sale of dogs or litters of puppies to any retail establishment, pet dealer, or other dubious source of distribution. Direct contact should be made between the seller and the new permanent owners whenever possible. No stud dog shall be directly affiliated with any of the aforementioned establishments. Any member who sells one or more dog(s) to any such pet shop, retail or wholesale commercial establishment shall automatically be removed from MSCNC membership.

**SECTION 3.** Each member will maintain the best possible standard of healthy care in all dogs and see that all are immunized and checked for parasites. All puppies or grown stock offered for sale shall be in a clean and healthy condition and sold with a reasonable health guarantee. All puppies should be sold with adequate protection against communicable diseases and, if the ears are cropped, they should be healed and standing. Except for unusual situations, puppies should not be transferred to the new permanent owners at less than seven (7) weeks of age.

**SECTION 4.** Prices of puppies should be based on individual quality. Each member is enjoined to represent puppies and grown stock as honestly as possible to prospective buyers, and try to assist the serious novice in his/her understanding of the breed. Members should uphold prices so as not to be injurious to the breed; however, dogs should not be sold as show dogs without having a significant show record or sold as show prospects without promise to merit the term.

**SECTION 5.** All purebred Miniature Schnauzers sold by a member of this Club shall be registered with the American Kennel Club on a limited registration and/or spay-neuter contract unless deemed of such quality as to be considered for show and/or breeding purposes. Valid and accurate papers shall be supplied at no additional cost at the time of transfer unless a written contract stipulates they will be retained by the seller until all terms of the contract have been met as is permitted by the American Kennel Club. Members are reminded that, as breeders, they can change the limited registration to unlimited at any time in the event the puppies develop into show or breeding quality animals. Penalty for violators is, but not limited to, membership removal and suspension of referral rights from the Club.

**SECTION 6.** Each member, when breeding, will keep alert for and work to control and or eradicate adverse inherited problems and conditions which are particular to and have adverse effects on the breed.

**SECTION 7.** No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising.

**SECTION 8.** All members shall exercise rules of good sportsmanship when exhibiting in dog shows and conform to the high standards befitting exhibitors, handlers and judges. Each member will keep in mind that the good of the breed comes before any personal benefits.

**SECTION 9.** No member shall consistently engage in the practice of leasing out bitches on breeder terms.

**SECTION 10.** Members understand that posts to the Club's social forums are not reviewed prior to going live. Posts that are not in alignment with MSCNC ethics and values can be deleted at the discretion of the Board.

**SECTION 11.** All members shall make a sincere effort to educate and instruct the general public in preserving the best interests of the breed as herein stated.

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