

Working Australian Shepherd Club of Upstate New York, Inc.
Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Are you a member of ASCA? _____ ASCA Membership # _____

Areas of interest (please circle)

Conformation Obedience Rally Herding Agility Tracking Flyball Dock Jumping

How many Aussies do you own? _____ (Aussie ownership is not a requirement of membership)

Please give a brief description of your Aussies (name, age, color, sex, breeder, etc. below:

What do you expect to get from WASCUNY membership? _____

What are you able to do to help WASCUNY? (Help at shows, make phone calls. etc)

Please circle category for which you are applying

Types of Membership

All active categories include internet on-line discussion list

Active initial single – 1 vote \$20.0

Active initial family – 2 votes - \$25.0

Active Junior – (non-voting) \$5.00

I (we) herby apply for membership in the Working Australian Shepherd Club of Upstate New York. Members and non-members participating in club activities agree to abide by and uphold the Constitution, Bylaws, Registry Rules, Policies, Procedures, Code of Ethics and Dispute Rules of both ASCA and WASCUNY. I am (we are) in good standing with the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.

Signature(s) _____

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2 Sponsor Signatures _____
 Sponsors must be WASCUNY active members in good standing

Make checks payable to WASCUNY Inc. and mail with application to:

Dianne Barrett
 P.O. Box 503
 Putnam, CT 06260

Definition of Membership classifications:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP gives you who meet eligibility requirements a vote in club activities and implies you will be available to contribute in some way to our events. You may be able to help with paperwork, call judges, make travel or hotel arrangements for judges, help set up or take down show rings at our shows, be a conformation or obedience steward, transport judges to and from the airport, etc. There are many jobs that help to create a successful club event and you don't need to know how – we will schedule you with an experienced person who will teach you. All the show jobs are easily learned and will expand your knowledge of the Australian Shepherd and ASCA events. Active membership allows you access to the internet discussion list WASCUNY-L, and show workers are guests of WASCUNY at our annual holiday party in January.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP is open to anyone under age 18 and not living with a club member.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any person and the resident members of their immediate family household who meet eligibility requirements. Voting memberships will be vested in members of the family who are 18 years of age or older and junior non-voting memberships shall be vested in members of the family who are younger than the age of 18.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any person or organization in good standing with ASCA desiring membership for the sole purpose of receiving e-mails from the Club. This membership has no voting privileges.

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WASCUNY was organized about 33 years ago by a handful of people who all owned a breed considered “rare” at the time – the Australian Shepherd. These women got together to train their dogs in obedience and to socialize with each other.

They soon found enough interest in the breed to affiliate themselves with the parent club of Aussies, the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA). At the time, the American Kennel Club (AKC) did not recognize the breed and would not allow Aussies to participate in any AKC activities. With sanctioning by ASCA, the club was able to put on dog shows and trials in which the Aussies participated with great talent. Some of our members do not show their dogs, but have joined for the friendship and camaraderie that a group with similar interests can offer.

The primary objective of WASCUNY and ASCA is to protect and advance the Australian Shepherd breed. In service of this goal we:

Encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Australian Shepherds in such a manner as to bring their natural qualities to the highest degree attainable:

Strive to promote, educate and assist all owners of the breed to improve their knowledge of the breed and its history;

Protect and advance the interest of the Australian Shepherd breed and to encourage ethical breeding practices and sportsmanlike competition at all dog shows and trials;

Conduct conformation shows, obedience and rally trials, stock dog trials, agility trials, tracking tests, and other events in conformity with ASCA rules and regulations;

Encourage all breeders to accept the ASCA breed standard as the only standard of excellence by which the breed shall be judged.

At present, we have about 35 members, most of whom help at the shows and trials that we sponsor each year. Our July Sparkler Show, held at the Washington County Fairgrounds each year, is our biggest and most extensive ASCA show and trial. Our various agility trials are open to all breeds, including mixed breeds. Our tracking test also welcomes all-breed entries, offering opportunities to all dog/handler teams to add to their accomplishments with ASCA titles.

We support ethical and humane breeding practices which include not allowing “backyard breeding”, and insisting on hip, eye and congenital disease clearances before planned breeding. We support responsible ownership and kind and loving treatment of our animals. We wish to educate those owners who desire more information on their Aussies and support our national rescue effort called Aussie Rescue and Placement Helpline (ARPH).