



The Northern Neck Kennel Club of Virginia Inc. Membership Application Forms

Information about the Club

The Northern Neck Kennel Club Of Virginia, Inc. was founded on January 3, 1989 by a local group of dog lovers in Lancaster & Northumberland counties. While the Club is accredited by the AKC to hold AKC All Breed Conformation Dog Shows, membership and activities are open to owners of ALL dogs.

Purpose as stated in the Constitution:

- A. To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of registered purebred dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities to perfection;
- B. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which registered purebred dogs shall be judged;
- C. To protect and advance the interests of registered purebred dogs by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and licensed hunt tests;
- D. To conduct sanction and licensed purebred shows and obedience trials and matches under the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club;
- E. To do all in its power to encourage and promote responsible dog ownership through obedience classes, educational seminars, and community-based programs designed to expand public awareness of proper dog care and responsible dog ownership.

Programs and Community Involvement: The Club offers community-based programs designed to expand public awareness and knowledge, and to support responsible dog ownership. A wide range of training classes is offered, along with educational seminars and workshops. Club members and their dogs participate in many local activities. The Club supports the Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck and sends monetary donations for their Dog Food Program. Two AKC conformation shows are held each year. The Club sponsors the Northern Neck Kennel Club Veterinary Scholarship at Virginia Tech & the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Membership: Membership is open to lovers of ALL & ANY dogs who are committed to the goals and objectives of the Club. There is no requirement for dog ownership or for residence in the Northern Neck area. Associate membership is available for those who are unable to participate, but who support our efforts.

There are four classes of membership:

- Individual Memberships are \$20 (2016)
- Family Memberships are \$30 (2016)
- Associate Memberships (non-voting) are \$15 (2016)
- Junior Memberships - under age 18 (non-voting), are \$10

Meetings: Unless otherwise announced, regular member meetings are held the second Tuesday of every other month, starting in February, usually at a local restaurant. Details of meetings are announced on the Club website www.northernneckkennelclub.com by email to members and posted on the Club's Facebook page.



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Instructions for completing the Membership Application Forms

1. Complete the Forms on pages 3 & 4 and the Release on page 5 and bring them to your first club event. Note that most of the information can be filled out online and then print the forms.
2. When you come to your FIRST EVENT:
 - Introduce yourself and members attending will arrange a sponsor for you.
 - Have the sponsor sign your application on page 4.
 - Have the person responsible for the event (or a member of the BOD) sign the record of attendance portion of the application on page 4.
3. Send the completed forms on pages 3, 4 & 5 along with your membership dues to the current membership Chair.

Following this, your application will be put forward at the next Membership meeting for a vote.

However, if your first event is a Membership meeting, you could be voted on at that meeting.

Club events include:

- Member meetings, including annual dinner & picnic
- Classes and seminars
- Canine Good Citizen classes and testing
- Club demonstrations etc. at local farmers' markets
- AKC conformation shows, including a 4 – 6 months old puppy competition.
- Pet education visits & events supporting responsible dog ownership
- Special events (e.g. meet the breed, public library programs)



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Personal Information

Names(s)		
Names & Ages of Children (if included in Family membership)		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Cell:	email:
Kennel name (if applicable):		Website:
Occupation:		

Dog Related Information

Breed(s) and number of dogs:
Experience with breeding, training or showing dogs

Areas of Interest

Conformation	Junior Show	Obedience	Agility	Freestyle
Field	Pet Education	Rally Obedience	Rescue	

Ways You Could Help the Club

Newsletter	Social Media	Show	Classes	Membership	Communications
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Information required by the AKC

Have you bred and registered litters within the last three years? Yes		No
Do you presently own Registerable purebred dog(s)? (That is, dogs who are already registered with AKC, or who could be so registered) Yes		No
Have you exhibited at AKC approved events within the last two years? Yes		No
If yes, please check which type(s):		
Conformation	Field Trial	Earth Dog
Obedience	Hunt Test	Tracking
Agility	Lure Coursing	Herding Tests & Trials
Are you an AKC approved judge? Yes		No
If yes, indicate which group(s) as above.		



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Membership Application

When you go to your first event, please record your attendance in the spaces below by having the person responsible for the event (or a member of the BOD) sign it.

Prospective member name(s)	
First Club event	
Date	
Club member responsible for event	
Signature of Club member responsible for event	

By submitting this application I certify that I/(we) am in good standing with the AKC (if applicable), have never been convicted of a crime against animals, and agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules and Code of Ethics of the Northern Neck Kennel Club Of Virginia, Inc., and the rules of the American Kennel Club I agree, at all times, to conduct myself in an ethical manner that promotes the advancement of purebred dogs and the general welfare and responsible ownership of all dogs.

Signature: Family member 1.	Date:
Signature: Family member 2.	Date:
Name of Sponsoring Club Member	Signature of Sponsoring Club Member

I enclose membership dues in the amount of \$ _____ for the year.

(Individual \$20, Family \$30, Junior (under 18) \$10, Associate \$15)

Make check payable to NNKC, and mail with this form and the information form to: Northern Neck Kennel Club - Membership Chair, PO Box 751, Heathsville, VA 22473

If you are coming to a Membership meeting for your first event, please let Membership Chair know, preferably in advance of the meeting. You can contact the Club by using the website “contact us” facility.

For Club use only: Check received; date, Date voted in	amount \$
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RELEASE AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that Northern Neck Kennel Club (hereinafter NNKC) has the right to refuse any dog(s), owners, or handlers from participation in any event for cause which the Club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the opportunity to participate in any NNKC activity, I (we) agree to hold the NNKC, its members, directors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of their dog(s) while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I(we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to their dog(s). _____(Initial(s))

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence to my (our) participation in this event, however such injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. _____(Initial(s))

I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE NNKC AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES AND OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE NNKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURE MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE NNKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES. _____ (Initial(s))

Name (printed) : _____

Address: _____

Name (printed) : _____

Address: _____

Signature of owner or his/her agent duly authorized to make this entry:

Date: _____