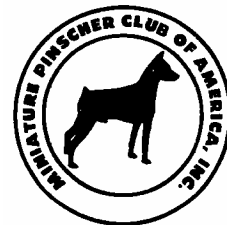


Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Please read and answer all questions, both sides (type or print clearly)



NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ BUS. (____) _____

FAX (____) _____ EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____ KENNEL NAME _____

Are you in good standing with the American Kennel Club (AKC)? YES _____ NO _____

Are you a member of a local Miniature Pinscher Club? _____ Name _____

List all dog club affiliations (All-Breed, Specialty, Obedience) and any positions you have held:

Have you ever been suspended by AKC or any of the above named clubs? _____
(If "yes", please attach a separate sheet with an explanation.)

How long, and in what capacity, have you been involved in purebred dogs? _____

What are your areas of interest? Pet _____ Breeding _____ Conformation _____

Obedience _____ Agility _____ Other (e.g., therapy dogs, etc.) _____

What particular interests and abilities can you contribute to Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc., work?

What other breed(s) do you own now or have you owned in the past? _____

How many Miniature Pinschers do you own at this time? _____

A \$10.00 non-refundable application fee will be assessed each application submitted.

I (We), the undersigned, 18 years or older, apply for membership in the Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc. (MPCA). I enclose _____ \$45.00 (\$35.00 dues, \$10.00 non-refundable application fee) for individual dues or _____ \$60.00 (\$50.00 dues, \$10.00 non-refundable application fee) for family membership (two members residing in the same household) until January 1st, for residents of the U.S. and _____ \$65.00 (\$55.00 dues, \$10.00 non-refundable application fee) for all other individuals.

Annual dues include a subscription to the Pinscher Patter, the official publication of the Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc., published quarterly. Of the dues received, \$11.96 is considered payment for the subscription to the publication, the balance is applied to support other areas of club administration.

If accepted for membership, I will comply with the Code of Ethics of the MPCA, and abide by all decisions of the Board of Directors or its agents, in disciplinary matters.

I understand that the objects of the MPCA are: to preserve and protect the Miniature Pinscher and to do all possible to bring its natural qualities to perfection; to encourage and promote *quality* in the breeding of Miniature Pinschers, to discourage breeding for reasons other than improvement of the breed; to urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the Breed, as approved by AKC, as the only standard of excellence by which Miniature Pinschers shall be judged; to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and all dog-related events.

False statements on this application will result in nullifying the application and subsequent membership.

Applicant Signature

Date: _____

Applicant Signature

Date: _____

Applicants must be sponsored by *two* members in good standing of the MPCA. Fill in sponsors' names below:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Submit completed membership application, signed sponsors' questionnaire and signed Code of Ethics to the Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc. Secretary: Joanne Wilds-Snell, 1800 Coral Ivy Ct., Chesapeake, VA 23323
Make check payable to MPCA.

FOR MPCA USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

Date Rec'd: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Check No.: _____ Completed: App ____ Spon ____ COE ____

Published in *Pinscher Patter*: _____ Board Vote: Yes ____ No ____ Date Accepted: _____

MINIATURE PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

SPONSOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE

A sponsor is a person that assumes responsibility for another person or group, as during a period of apprenticeship. *The Tormont Webster's Illustrated Encyclopedic Dictionary.*

Any correspondence received regarding an application may be shared with the applicant's sponsor(s) and applicant.

SPONSOR #1

I have reviewed the enclosed application and would like to sponsor:

for membership in the Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.

How long have you know the applicant(s)? _____

Briefly, how did you become acquainted? _____

Have you ever visited the home of the applicant (s)? _____

Do you believe the applicant(s) will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws and will uphold the objectives of the Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.? _____

Do you consider the applicant(s) to have exhibited honesty, good sportsmanship and ethical behavior in all aspects of his/her dog activities? _____

The Board would appreciate any comments or additions you feel would help us make a decision regarding prospective membership for the applicant(s). _____

By accepting the responsibility of sponsoring the applicant(s), I assert, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the applicant(s) are qualified for membership in MPCA and would be an asset to the club. False statements on this application will result in nullifying the application and subsequent membership.

SPONSOR #1: _____ DATE: _____

Signature

**TWO SPONSORS ARE REQUIRED
SECOND SPONSOR, PLEASE USE NEXT PAGE**

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SPONSOR #2

I have reviewed the enclosed application and would like to sponsor:

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How long have you know the applicant(s)? _____

Briefly, how did you become acquainted? _____

Have you ever visited the home of the applicant (s)? _____

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SPONSOR #2: _____ DATE: _____

Signature

MINIATURE PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

CODE OF ETHICS

(Approved 12/99)

This code is established in accordance with the objectives of the Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc. (MPCA). It is presented for the use of MPCA members when buying, breeding, selling and exhibiting Miniature Pinschers. Violations of the MPCA Code of Ethics will be subject to prompt action under MPCA grievance and charge procedures, and *may* be grounds for expulsion.

1. Abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the MPCA and the rules and decisions of the American Kennel Club (AKC).
2. Maintain accurate breeding records, registrations and pedigrees, never knowingly falsify such records. At the time of sale, furnish a pedigree and AKC registration or transfer documents to each buyer, unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that the papers are being withheld.
3. All services and sales arrangements shall be mutually agreed upon and should be stated in writing, signed by all parties involved, including all adjustments, replacement conditions etc.
4. Maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care, and see that puppies are immunized and checked for parasites. Not place puppies under eight weeks of age in a new home. Furnish a complete written health record and care and feeding instructions with each puppy or adult sold. Prospective buyers will be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their intent, as well as their ability and interest in providing safe, adequate, loving environment and long-term relationship with a puppy or adult dog.
5. Be familiar with the Miniature Pinscher Breed Standard and honestly evaluate the structural and mental qualities of each Miniature Pinscher sold. No dog will be sold as a "show dog" or "show prospect" with any known disqualifying faults at the time of sale. Maintain prices as not to be injurious to the breed or other members. It is strongly recommended that all puppies and adults sold as pets be spayed/neutered by the seller and/or purchaser. This should be specified in the written sales contract, and seller will promptly release registration forms upon receipt of a veterinarian's certification of such spaying or neutering.
6. No Miniature Pinscher shall be sold to commercial facilities; research laboratories; pet shops; brokers who purchase litter lots or individuals for re-sale to pet shops or other commercial facilities, puppy mills or their agents. Miniature Pinschers will not be offered for raffles, auctions or as prizes in any "give away" schemes.
7. Breed only mature animals in good health, (bitches should be a year of age), free from communicable diseases and major genetic faults. Stud service will not be offered to bitches not meeting these criteria, or to unregistered bitches. No bitch may be bred for commercial reasons, and no stud dog may be bred to a bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with puppy mills; brokers who purchase litter lots or individuals for re-sale to pet shops or other commercial facilities; pet shops; research laboratories; or other commercial enterprises involved in like activities.
8. Members should not undertake the breeding of a bitch unless they are prepared to keep the resultant puppies until they are suitably placed. Breeders should understand and acknowledge that they may need to take back, or assist in finding a home, for any dog they produce at any time in its life, should someone become unable or unwilling to keep a dog sold or placed by them originally.
9. Encourage and support the MPCA Health and Research Committee, with specific attention to testing for health disorders directly relating to Miniature Pinschers.
10. All advertising shall be honest and factual as possible, and not be misrepresentative, exaggerated, fraudulent or misleading. Deceptive or untrue statements about the dogs or practices of others will not be made.
11. Conduct all affairs in a fair, honest and ethical manner. Act at all times in a manner which reflects favorably on the Club, its membership, the sport of purebred dog showing and the Miniature Pinscher in particular. This includes respect for show sites, hotels and all other aspects of dog ownership.

I have read and understand the above stated Code of Ethics and agree to abide by it.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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