



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.
Member of the American Kennel Club

Type of Membership: ___ Single ___ Household ___ Associate ___ Junior must indicate Date of Birth _____

Please type or print clearly:

Applicant Name _____ Co-Applicant Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip+4/Postal Code _____

Phone Number & type _____ Email _____

Please print clearly; include all country and area codes. Indicate if home, mobile, work, etc. Optional: You may list addition phone numbers, email addresses, web sites on the reverse side of this form.

 Occupation of Applicant (required per BHCA By-Laws)

 Occupation of Co-Applicant

Please list any skills or expertise (including professional) which you possess and are willing to make available to the club:

I (we) hereby make application for membership in The Basset Hound Club of America, Inc. (BHCA) according to Article II of BHCA's By-Laws, and I (we) agree to abide by the By-laws and Guidelines for Ethical Conduct of BHCA.

 Signature of Applicant / Date

 Signature of Co-Applicant / Date

Additional Required Information & Actions:

1. **COMPLETE** the questionnaire below and the **Guidelines of Ethical Conduct** on the next page; **Guidelines must be signed** by all applicants.
2. **ATTACH** cash, check or money order in U.S. funds for one year dues assessment; see dues schedule on back of this form.
3. All single and household applicants to BHCA must have signatures and statements of **two sponsors**, each of whom must be current voting members of BHCA in good standing. **ATTACH** two (2) **sponsor forms**.
4. **Associate Members** do not require sponsors at the time of application. However, they cannot vote in elections or hold office.

Questionnaire

1. Have you or co-applicant ever been a member of BHCA? Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____
2. Indicate your primary interests in Basset Hounds: (indicate all that apply)
 () Companion () Rescue () Conformation () Obedience () Field Trial/Hunting () Tracking () Agility () Breeding
3. When did you obtain your first Basset? _____ Number of Bassets owned in the past: _____
4. Number of Bassets currently owned by you and your immediate household: _____
Attach a separate sheet listing information on dogs presently owned including Registered Name, Registration #, Sire, Dam, birth date, sex, names of co-owners and AKC titles
5. From whom did you acquire your Basset Hound(s): _____
 () Private breeder () Commercial kennel () Pet shop () Mail Order Did you visit the Kennel? _____
6. If you have bred Basset Hounds, please indicate the following: Number of litters per year: _____ Total # of Puppies per year: _____
7. List total # of AKC registered dogs _____ (use additional sheet if necessary) Have you sold stud services? () yes () no
8. Do you consign or sell, or have you ever consigned or sold, dogs to pet stores or to other persons for resale through pet stores or any other commercial outlets? _____ If yes, please explain _____
9. What other breeds do you currently own, or have you owned in the past? _____
10. Have you ever bred other breeds? () yes () no Number of litters: _____ Number of titled dogs: _____
11. Do you consider your own breeding of dogs a hobby or a commercial venture? _____
12. Please list any all-breed kennel clubs or other breed clubs to which you belong, and list offices you have held within these clubs:

13. Please indicate your primary reasons for applying for membership in the BHCA: _____

14. Are you an AKC or foreign approved judge? _____ Please give details of your judging eligibility: Organizations, Breed(s), Discipline(s), etc.

GUIDELINES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Each member of the Basset Hound Club of America will consider the welfare of the breed when engaging in any activities involving the breeding, selling or competition of Basset Hounds. BHCA members, both individuals and member clubs, are urged to comply with the following guidelines:

1. Members of the Basset Hound Club of America will abide by the constitution and by-laws of BHCA and of the American Kennel Club.
2. Members will ensure that all dogs in their care are provided adequate food, water and shelter, opportunity for exercises, veterinary care, and personal attention to monitor their needs.
3. Breeding will be directed toward producing Basset Hounds of exceptional quality in breed temperament, Basset Hound type and ability to hunt game. Only healthy and mature dogs and bitches free of congenital defects and of characteristic breed type, sound structure and temperament shall be bred.
4. Members should not undertake the breeding of a bitch unless they are prepared to act responsibly regarding the disposition of the resultant puppies. Members shall be discriminating in the placing of puppies and adult hounds, choosing environments in which the Basset Hound will receive suitable care and affection and will not be misused.
5. Basset Hounds offered for sale or males offered at stud must be presented honestly regarding their pedigrees, their potential as bred and their faults or the fault possibilities that may develop in maturity.
6. Members of the Basset Hound Club of America will follow good business practices and ethics in breeding and sales contracts and will honor all agreements. Written agreements in all dealings regarding Basset Hounds are strongly encouraged.
7. No member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters or the selling of breeding stock to commercial sales operations ("puppy mills"). No member will offer or supply Basset Hounds for prizes, raffles or lotteries.
8. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or misrepresentation of his/her Basset Hounds or those of competitors.
9. Members will practice the principles of good sportsmanship, considering competition to be a challenge, not a threat.
10. All members of the Basset Hound Club of America shall conduct themselves in all aspects of the sport of dogs in a manner designed to reflect credit upon our breed and our club.

I/We have read the Guidelines of Ethical Conduct and agree to abide by them.

Applicant Signature and date: _____

Co-Applicant Signature and date: _____

Membership dues: Annual membership dues include receipt of the *Tally Ho* newsletter. Additional postage is due for non-U.S. addresses. Remit in U.S. funds only. Make all checks payable to Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.

- Single and household memberships: \$45.00
- Junior memberships: \$18.00
- Local clubs: \$55.00
- *Tally-Ho* Postage:
 - U.S. Residents: periodical rate, add \$0.00
 - U.S. Residents: priority mail, add \$30.00
 - Canada & Mexico: add \$20.00
 - All other countries: add \$50.00

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants residing outside the U.S. are eligible to vote but cannot hold office in BHCA. Associate members and Junior members cannot vote or hold office.

PLEASE NOTE: The application process may take up to 6 months due to Tally Ho deadlines and BHCA By-Laws requirements.

Mail completed application, two (2) sponsor forms, signed Guidelines of Ethical Conduct and dues to:

Sandra Wittenberg, Corresponding Secretary, 2458 W Sterns Road, Temperance, MI 48182-1567 USA

Phone: 1-734-847-7919 • email: bhca.cs@gmail.com

Incomplete applications will be returned to sender.

Optional Contributions: (tax deductible)

() I have also enclosed an additional contribution by separate check to the AKC's Basset Hound Donor Advised Fund/Canine Health Foundation in the amount of \$_____

() I have also enclosed a contribution by separate check to the BHCA Foundation in the amount of \$_____

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Published: _____ Accepted _____ Rejected _____ Date Approved _____ Motion # _____

Dues Received: Yes _____ No _____ Total Amount Received \$ _____

Dues Received: \$ _____ Basset Donor Advised Fund Contribution: \$ _____ BHCA Foundation: \$ _____

BHCA Membership

Types of Individual Membership

- **Single Membership.** Open to all persons 18 years of age and older. These members enjoy the privileges of the Club, including the right to vote, if eligible, and hold office.
- **Household Membership.** Open to two persons 18 years of age and older who reside in the same household. Both persons enjoy the privileges of the Club including the right to hold office, if eligible, but will share one vote and will receive one Club Newsletter (presently *Tally-Ho*).
- **Junior Membership.** Open to any boy or girl who is at least 9 years old and under 18 years of age. Junior members are not entitled to vote or hold office, but are entitled to certain other privileges of the Club, as determined by the Board of Directors. At 18th birthday, Junior member will transition to Single membership. Status change will take place immediately with no additional dues until next dues billing.
- **Associate Individual Membership.** Open to individuals or households, as defined above, who meet the criteria for full voting membership in the Club but are unable to obtain the sponsorship and endorsement of two separate voting unit members. Associate Individual Members shall not have voting privileges.

Membership Application Process

1. **Application is initiated by prospective member(s)**
 - Complete the membership application and obtain sponsors (if required by membership type).
 - Mail the application to the Club Corresponding Secretary at address shown on the form.
 - Include payment in US Funds to cover dues and optional payments for mailing or donations.
2. **Application published in Club Newsletter (*Tally-Ho*)**
 - Corresponding Secretary processes the application and payment and provides information to the Newsletter editor for publication.
 - Depending upon the timing of your application this step can take 1-3 months. The Newsletter is published every-other-month: January, March, May, July, September, November.
 - Prospective members will begin receiving the Newsletter starting with their application publication issue.
3. **Current members can submit comments**
 - Deadline for comments to be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary is up to eight weeks after publication.
4. **Board of Directors votes on membership application**
 - The full application is reviewed along with any comments from members.
 - 2/3 affirmative vote is required
5. **New member(s) welcomed to the club**
 - Within a few weeks of voting the Corresponding Secretary will send a welcome packet to the new member(s).

Application Timing

- Applications received immediately prior to the publication deadline for the Newsletter can take as little as 3 months to be approved.
- Applications received immediately after the publication deadline must wait for the next issue and can take up to 6 months to be approved. Applications will continue to receive the Newsletter during this period.
- Questions on the process or status of an application should be directed to the Corresponding Secretary: