

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.

- Individual and family 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:

Anne Testoni, Corresponding Secretary, 8 Mount Wachusett Lane, Bolton, MA 01740-2014 USA

Phone: 1-508-981-5910 • email: bhca.corresponding@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 \$_____

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For Club Use Only - (Leave Blank)

Published: _____ Accepted _____ Rejected _____ Date Approved _____

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

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