

Manhattan Kansas Kennel Club

Application for Membership

PLEASE NOTE: All membership applicants must fill out the membership application and submit it to the club secretary either before or at the applicant's first meeting. It is also important that the applicant have complete understanding of Club Policies, Constitution and By-Laws. A copy of Club Policies is attached to this application form. A copy of the MKKC Constitution and By-Laws will be prominently displayed in the Club Training Building and a copy can be obtained from the Recording Secretary.

I am/we are, hereby making application for active membership in the Manhattan Kansas Kennel Club (MKKC). I/We understand that I/we must attend a minimum of four (4) monthly meetings in a six (6) month period before my/our application will be considered by the Board.

Annual dues are \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a household membership. Household memberships include two adult members residing in the same household. Dues are payable on the date Application for Membership is approved by the Board and by December 31st of each year thereafter. If a member or prospective member wishes to use the MKKC Training Building or equipment, payment of a one-time training fee is required. This is based on the current fees for training classes. This fee is in addition to annual dues. The training fee is not a requirement for membership and is not due until/unless the member or prospective member wishes to use the MKKC Training Building or equipment for personal purposes.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Have you or anyone in your household ever been suspended from AKC or expelled from a Dog Club? If so, please explain:

Please include a statement on the back of this form concerning your background and experience with dogs.

I/We agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies of the Manhattan Kansas Kennel Club.

Prospective Member: _____

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(Signature of each person applying for membership.)

FOR CLUB USE ONLY:

Application Submitted: _____

Training Fees paid:

Meetings Attended: _____

(Class, amount, etc.)

Application Approved: _____

Background and Experience with Dogs

Include mention of the other Dog Clubs or Associations in which you hold or have held membership, and involvement in those Clubs and/or Associations; training and exhibiting experience; breeds of dogs owned; and other pertinent information concerned with activities.

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POLICIES

POLICY concerned with aggressive behavior in dogs and the training of dogs to develop aggressive behaviors.

This policy was approved by vote of the membership on July 9, 1992 to be implemented immediately.

The policy consists of the following points.

1. All dogs belonging to Club Members and non-Members must be kept under physical restraint at all times during any Club function. The only exception to this would be when those dogs are being handled in training or demonstration activities. (For example: Dogs may not be allowed to run off-lead to exercise on the grounds where Club activities are in process.)
2. Any dog that has received training at any time to develop aggressive behaviors will be barred from attending or participating in any Club Function. Training to develop aggressive behavior is described as any training or work that involves the dog being agitated and/or encouraged to show aggression towards a person or object held by or simulating a person. This statement is directed only at dogs that have received training as described, not handlers/owners who may be involved in such training. Any Club Member becoming aware of this involvement of any dog in training to develop aggressive behaviors and that is participating in any Club function such as training classes, demonstration or social activities is obligated by virtue of his/her membership to inform the Club Board. The Board will meet and question the owner of the dog directly.
3. Any dog that is known to have bitten a person, at any time, will be barred from attending any training, social or other Club functions. The occurrence of aggressive behaviors between dogs, such as snarling, growling, barking, fighting, and biting will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Board.
4. Revised application forms for Club membership will contain this statement. The form must be signed before the Board will vote on the acceptance of an applicant. All present MKKC Members in good standing also will be asked to sign the revised application form.
5. This policy will be enforced at all training, social, public, or other Club sponsored events except when superseded by AKC Rules and Regulations.

POLICY, concerning activities that may be construed as detrimental to MKKC:

MKKC Members covered under the Club household membership may not engage in training activities that would be in direct competition with similar activities to MKKC. Questionable activities should be brought before the Board for determination.

POLICY, concerning the betterment of purebred dogs:

The members of this Club do not only own purebred dogs, nor do they advocate that only purebred dogs should be owned. As mentors to the community, MKKC promotes AKC's "Responsible Dog Ownership Day." It is observed on September 17th of each year, the day that AKC was founded in 1884.

POLICY for use of the Training Building and Participation in Training Classes:

The MKKC Training Building was purchased for the following purposes:

- a. General Club activities such as Club Meetings, Board Meetings, special events, seminars, etc.
- b. Individual dog training by members in good standing. This could include several persons wishing to practice together. The building may be used at any time there are no previously scheduled events.
- c. Organized training classes, open to the public that have been approved by the Training Director (TD). The class instructors must be appointed by the TD and the class format must be approved by the TD before a class can be offered.
- d. Breed and Obedience matches, performance trials, etc.

Training Classes:

- a. Normally, two 7-week Puppy classes and two 7-week Adult classes are offered each spring and fall. Summer classes may or may not be offered.
- b. Conformation classes may be offered when requested. Non-Club members wishing to participate in these classes may enroll for a minimum of four (4) sessions for \$25.00. An enrollment form must be filled out and the \$25.00 fee paid the first session. The four class sessions need not be attended in succession. Dates of attendance must be recorded on the enrollment form at the beginning of each session attended. Prospective Club Members who have already paid the current training fee may enroll without further payment of fees.
- c. Agility classes may only be offered to the public (non-members) during the spring, summer and fall. The class format will follow that of the Puppy and Adult classes of 7 weeks. Agility practice sessions will be inside during inclement weather and the winter months.

Fees:

- a. Active Club Members in good standing wishing to participate in any Club training activities must pay a one-time current training fee equivalent to that for a 7-week Puppy or Adult training class. This fee might have been paid prior to becoming a Club member by enrolling in a training class. No other fees are required as long as the member stays in good standing.
- b. Prospective members who have submitted a completed Club Application for Membership, are actively pursuing Club Membership, and have paid the required training fee as indicated above, may participate in any organized Club Training activities without further payment of fees. They may not obtain a key to the Training Building or use the building for individual training.
- c. Non-Members enrolled in their first 7-week training class must pay the full required fee. When the full fee for the first dog has been paid, subsequent dogs will be given a \$10 discount. The full \$25.00 fee must be paid for all four-week conformation classes. These fees are required as long as the individual remains in non-member status.
- d. Payment of the on-time "Payment Fee" is not required for membership into the club. It is only required if the Member or Prospective Member wishes to participate in training classes or use the Training Building to train dogs.

Responsibilities:

All MKKC members are expected to contribute their share in maintaining the building and grounds. Those using the building for training must contribute to the maintenance of the building and grounds in an appropriate manner.

Guests:

A guest may be invited to use the building subject to the restrictions discussed in Policies Regarding Membership Status.

Approved by the membership of the MKKC on April 8, 1999