



Membership Application

Enclosed, please find the membership application for Heart of Texas Akita Club of Greater Dallas/Ft. Worth (HOT). Please complete it and turn it in to the Membership Coordinator along with a check for the appropriate membership. Remember no application can be processed without a signed Code of Ethics. You may submit your application/fee in person at the next club meeting or by mail. Mailing address is:

Carol Sjoberg, HOT Membership Coordinator
8296 NW CR 0090
Corsicana, TX 75110

Membership is open to all who are interested in Akitas and you do not have to own one to join HOT. Members are not required to live in the immediate area to have voting privileges. Potential members living in the local area are required to attend a minimum of two club activities (meetings, Fun Match and/or social events) before final consideration for membership can be given.

Questions regarding membership requirements and/or privileges can be directed to Carol Sjoberg at 972/345-2351.

HEART OF TEXAS AKITA CLUB OF GREATER DFW



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Individual (\$25.00) Family (\$35.00)

Name: _____ Occupation: _____
(Please print)

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For Family memberships, please list children's names/ages: _____

Kennel Name: (if applicable) _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Alternate Phone: _____ Alternate E-mail: _____

Activities Interest

Please (√) as many as applicable

- Dog Companionship Breeding Conformation Obedience/Rally/Agility
- Rescue CGC/Temperament Testing Health/Wellness Issues
- Therapy Weight pulling Working Dog Certification
- Public Education Fund Raising Events Planning Social Activities
- Other _____

Number of Akitas owned/co-owned: _____ Males _____ Females

Currently living with you: _____

Number of registered Akita litters you have bred in the last five (5) years: _____

Number of unregistered Akita litters you have bred in the last five(5) years: _____

Have you ever been suspended by AKC, ACA or any dog club? Yes No

(If you answered "yes" to the above question, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet)

Please list any other dog clubs and/or activities that you have participated in and/or currently support: _____

Briefly state why you want to join HOT: _____

My signature(s) below indicates I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and request membership in HOT.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Sponsor: _____ Sponsor: _____

1st Reading: __/__/__ 2nd Reading: __/__/__ Approved: Yes No Date: __/__/__

Heart of Texas Akita Club of Greater Dallas/Ft. Worth (HOT)

Code of Ethics

As a HOT member, I will strive to promote the highest values among Akita owners and breeders and ensure the continuous improvement of Akitas within the framework of approved breed standards. I agree to uphold this Code of Ethics and do what is possible to protect and preserve the purity, health, welfare and well being of Akitas.

I will:

- 1) Observe the highest standards of sportsmanship and good will at shows, obedience trials, and at any other event involving Akitas.
- 2) Attempt to help and befriend novice exhibitors and owners and assist all newcomers to the breed so they may be guided in the ways that can best preserve and continuously improve the Akita.
- 3) Encourage all Akita owners to socialize their dogs with other people and pets.
- 4) Encourage all Akita owners to participate in basic obedience training for their Akitas.
- 5) Keep accurate registration, health and breeding records on all my dogs and provide this information whenever one is sold or placed in a new home.
- 6) Refuse to deal with dog wholesalers or to sell puppies to pet shops. Include in all stud contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies resulting from the mating be wholesaled, sold, or given to pet shops or wholesale dog breeders or dealers.
- 7) Refuse to wholesale, buy or sell any registered breed of dog, singly or in litter lots, realizing that we as dog fanciers are responsible for not only our own breed but for others as well.
- 8) Shall not give Akitas as prizes, offered in raffles or sold at auctions, nor shall Akitas be exploited in any detrimental manner.
- 9) Recognize that Breeders have a lifetime responsibility for puppies produced by their brood bitch.
- 10) Encourage owners to permanently identify all dogs and register them with an organization that will help return the lost dog. (Such as the AKC Companion Animal Program)
- 11) Contain my dogs within safe areas when not able to personally supervise their safety.
- 12) Keep my Akita dog healthy by:
 - a) Regular vet examinations and keeping up-to-date with shots and on heartworm prevention.
 - b) Providing proper housing, care, food, grooming, exercise and safety.
- 13) Attempt to help Akitas found in a rescue type situation by assisting the owners when possible or reporting it to the proper authorities if required.
- 14) Include consideration of my Akitas dogs in any wills drawn up. I will notify and discuss these plans with other individuals asked to take possession of my dogs beforehand. I will ensure that health, registration, breeding and identification records for all dogs will be readily available.

15) Before planning to breed my Akita, I will:

- a) Keep well informed in the field of genetics and work to eliminate hereditary defects from the breed.
- b) Participate in recommended health examinations per the national breed club Akita Club of America
- c) Follow the breeding guidelines and Code of Ethics for breeding established by the national breed club Akita Club of America.
- d) Breed only mature, healthy, and registered Akita dogs and bitches that have passed all their required health exams and are of stable temperament.
- e) Carefully analyze the conformation and pedigrees of prospective sires and dams with an eye to improving the sire and dam and will refuse any breeding that will not be in the best interest of the breed. If stud service is denied, fully explain the reasons to the owner of the bitch.
- f) Sell all puppies and adult dogs (if their breeder) with a written health guarantee.
- g) Companion or pet dogs should be sold with a spay/neuter contract requiring altering by the age of six (6) months if they are not altered before being sold.
- h) Not release puppies under the age of eight (8) weeks to new homes and fully explain Akita ownership to all buyers
- i) Be available to all buyers at any time for help during the life of their Akita.

I have received, read, understand and agree to abide by the above Code of Ethics.

Signature: _____ Date _____

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