

The American Bullmastiff Association
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AGREEMENT

If you have questions, please contact the ABA Membership Chair:

Donna Pendleton
740-942-2624
tallyp2001@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT: Please read guidelines on the next pages of the application.

I herewith apply for membership in the American Bullmastiff Association. I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club. I agree to abide by the ABA Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules, and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

I further agree that I will not sell, consign, or donate dogs to commercial wholesalers or retailers, or to auction/raffle of any type, and will not aid and/or abet in the sale of dogs from such persons or establishments.

I shall endeavor to protect and advance the interests of the Breed, and to act in a sportsmanlike manner at dog shows and other sanctioned events.

I agree to breed responsibly, and to make immediate accommodations to retrieve or make fiscal arrangements for the care and housing of any dog that is a result of my breeding program that is in need of assistance for any reason, whether the dog in need is the get of a bitch I own(ed) or co-own(ed) and bred, or of a stud dog I own(ed) or co-own(ed) and allowed to be used in a breeding program.

I will not allow any dog under my/our control to be used or sold for the purpose of cross breeding or dog fighting.

Conduct considered prejudicial to the best interest of the Association, the breed, or violation of the terms and conditions of this application can or will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Association's Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Roberts Rules of Order.

The American Bullmastiff Association, Inc. is a private club and has the right to accept or reject a membership at its discretion for what it considers cause.

I agree to hold the American Bullmastiff Association and its officers and directors harmless from any and all claims resulting from such disciplinary actions providing that their actions are in accordance with the Association's Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Roberts Rules of Order.

If this application is for a joint membership, each applicant must fill out a separate application. Please mail applications and dues together and note here if this will be a joint application.

Joint application to be included with: _____ (name of other party included in joint application)

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Occupation: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

*Email Address: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Website: _____

***The ABA does not share our membership list or allow it to be used by anyone, except for the express purpose of communicating ABA events and ABA information with the membership.**

***The ABA Newsletter is delivered 6 times a year via email. If you are not able to receive an emailed newsletter, please contact the ABA Corresponding Secretary to make other arrangements.**

Please answer all of the following that apply:

When did you get your first Bullmastiff? _____

How many Bullmastiffs do you own? _____ Co-Own? _____

Name of Breeder (s) of your Bullmastiff(s): _____

Other breeds (Please list breeds and numbers of dogs in household): _____

Do you participate in any of the following? (check all that apply)

Conformation ___ Obedience ___ Rally___ Rescue___ Therapy Dog ___ Agility___ Tracking___

Do you breed? _____ If yes, approximately how many litters per year? _____

How many litters have you bred or co-bred of other breeds? _____

Do you use the AKC's Limited Registration? _____

Do you require spay/neuter of pet quality puppies/adults? _____

Do you microchip puppies you breed? _____ If "yes" please specify which microchip you use. _____

Have you ever been denied membership to a dog related club? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been suspended by the AKC? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you or is any one in your household involved in any dog or animal related business?

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you interested in serving the ABA in any voluntary capacity? _____

My strengths and/or interests are in the following areas: _____

Date of application: _____ *Please make fees payable to: The American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.

I enclose my check or money order in the amount of \$ _____. My signature on this document verifies that the information provided herein is complete and truthful to the best of my-knowledge. Any falsehood may be grounds for expulsion.

Signature: _____

Applicant sponsorship

Proposing member and seconding member must have been members in good standing with the American Bullmastiff Association for one year. Applications can not be processed until these signatures are secured. If you have any questions on how you may obtain these signatures, please contact the Membership Chairperson

Name of Member Proposing: _____
(please print)

Number of years that you have known the applicant? _____

Have you ever visited the applicant's home? _____

Do you own or co-own dogs with the applicant? _____

Please provide any information you feel would be useful to the ABA in considering this applicant: _____

By signing for this applicant, I attest that the above information is true and I hereby endorse this applicant for membership.

Signature: _____

Name of Member Seconding: _____
(please print)

Number of years that you have known the applicant? _____

Have you ever visited the applicant's home? _____

Do you own or Co-own dogs with the applicant? _____

Please provide any information you feel would be useful to the ABA in considering this applicant. _____

By signing for this applicant, I attest that the above information is true and I hereby endorse this applicant for membership.

Signature: _____

DUES/FEES SCHEDULE

Mail completed agreement and your check to the ABA Treasurer:

Karen Burke
18 Doral Drive
Shalimar, FL 32579
850-651-2579
philburk@cox.net

Checks should be made payable to the ABA, Inc. The ABA is able to accept payments in US funds drawn on US banks only. **Checks will be deposited upon receipt. If your membership application is not approved – the ABA will refund your application fee and dues within 30 days of notification of same.**

The process of joining the American Bullmastiff Club may take as long as 4 months, depending on when your application is received. The ABA Newsletter is published every other month starting with February. In order to become a member of

the ABA, you must be published as an applicant in the Newsletter. If there are no objections to your application, you will receive notification of your status 30 days after publication and will start to receive publications thereafter. Your name will be published in the following Newsletter as a new member.

Your application will not be included if it is incomplete or the payment is incorrect. You will be notified by the Membership Chair to make the necessary corrections.

Members being proposed in the October, December, and February Newsletters must pay a full year dues. Members being proposed in the April, June, and August Newsletter should pay only one-half years dues.

PLEASE NOTE: You will receive your membership renewals yearly, due by November 1. Those members who have paid half years dues up to and including August will be responsible for a full year's payment due on November 1.

While new members are always welcome, it is suggested that you apply for membership no later than the June Newsletter, given the time frame for publication and notification.

INITIAL DUES

Single Membership \$45.00
*Joint Membership \$65.00
Junior Membership \$30.00
Senior Membership (65+) \$30.00

HALF-YEARS DUES

Single Membership \$27.50
Joint Membership \$42.50
Junior Membership \$20.00
Senior Membership \$20.00

(single or joint)

*Joint members must live in the same household. Please fill out a separate application but mail check and applications in same envelope.

All prices include the one time initiation fee.

No additional postage within the 50 United States.

\$10.00 additional postage for Canada.

\$25.00 additional postage for all other countries.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for Junior Membership status, the applicant must be over 9 years of age and less than 18 years of age at the time of the application. Junior Membership carries no voting privileges and is not considered when determining a quorum. Should a Junior Member turn 18 during a fiscal year (November – October), he/she will automatically become a regular member without additional fees or dues. The Junior Member should inform the Membership Chair upon reaching 18 years of age.

Birth Date of Junior Applicant: _____ Age at time of Application: _____

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for Senior Membership status the applicant must be over 65 years of age.

In the case of joint applications, one member must be 65 or over.

(For use by ABA only)

Date Received by Membership Chairperson: _____

Fees Paid: _____

Check Number: _____

Date action taken on application: _____

Favorable: YES NO