



MISSISSIPPI STATE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

Promoting the advancement of purebred dogs in the Great Jackson area since 1939. Visit us on the web (www.msstatekc.org or on facebook) to learn about the club, projects, annual AKC all-breed conformation dog shows, obedience & rally trials, training classes, membership and much more. Mississippi State Kennel Club, Inc., 115 Sunrise Drive, Clinton, MS 39056 (601) 573-8133 msstatekc@yahoo.com

In 1939, the Mississippi State Kennel Club, Inc. (MSKC) was established as a non-profit organization by a group of dedicated dog owners. On March 13, 1941, MSKC was incorporated by the State of Mississippi with the purpose of furthering the advancement of all purebred dogs and encouraging responsible pet ownership in the greater Jackson, MS area. MSKC is licensed by the American Kennel Club, Inc. (www.akc.org) to offer conformation point shows as well as obedience and rally trials.

MSKC was further accepted into the American Kennel Club as a member club in June of 2009.

The general membership of MSKC meets on the third Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 PM. Place varies so contact the secretary for specifics or visit our website at www.msstatekc.org, e-mail msstatekc@yahoo.com or contact Donna Webb at (601) 573-8133.

OBJECTIVES OF MSKC

The objectives of the Mississippi State Kennel Club as stated in the Club's By-Laws are:

- To encourage ethical conduct and to promote interest in the responsible breeding of purebred dogs and to do all things possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of their breed approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which their breed shall be judged.
- To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and performance events.
- To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials, rally trials, and performance events under the rules of the AKC.
- To educate the public in the above objectives and promote the general welfare of dogs.

MSKC's CODE OF ETHICS

MSKC members pledge to uphold the goals of the club as set forth in the club's constitution and bylaws, to encourage good sportsmanship in the sports of dogs, and to set an example of honorable kennel business practices when dealing with any person. Specifically, MSKC members further pledge:

- To uphold the AKC rules applying to Dog Shows, Performance Events, and Registration, particularly as it regards the maintenance of complete and accurate breeding records;

- To accept and uphold the Standard of the breed of my choice as developed by the parent club and approved by AKC;
- To breed only with the aim of maintaining or improving the qualities of the AKC breed of my choice as set forth in the standard approved by the parent club of said breed, and not for personal gain. I will never knowingly sell puppies to wholesalers, laboratories or pet stores, and will encourage all puppy buyers to behave similarly;
- To serve as an example of good sportsmanship in any aspect of the sport of dogs, and to assist and mentor newcomers and novices to the best of my ability;
- To keep myself informed in the fields of dog health and genetics and to carefully screen all breeding stock for hereditary faults, disqualifying defects, or unacceptable temperament, removing any questionable canines from my breeding program.
- To conduct all my kennel practices in a clear, honorable and open fashion, and to use a written agreement or contract whenever possible.

GUIDE TO MEMBERSHIP

To become a member, an applicant shall submit an application, signed copy of MSKC Code of Ethics along with a completed membership questionnaire with the endorsement of two MSKC members who have known him/her for a year along with membership dues: \$15.00 for individual or associate and \$20.00 for household (no dues are required for Junior membership). An applicant may petition the Board for an exception of the endorsement requirement by presenting letters of references on his/her behalf.

The club offers four types of membership: Individual, Household (2 individuals living in the same household), Junior (between ages of 10 - 17 years) and Associate (persons who live outside the club's area and cannot attend meetings, local members who are inactive, or people who are new to the area).

All applicants must attend three meetings. At the first meeting, the applicant may apply for membership. At the second meeting which the applicant attends, the application shall be read. At the third meeting attended by the applicant, the application shall be voted on by secret ballot.

Associate membership application may be submitted at the first meeting along with the Associate questionnaire and may be voted on at the second meeting which the applicant attends. (Changes are being made.)



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MISSISSIPPI STATE KENNEL CLUB, INC. (MSKC)

(all questions must be answered or marked N/A in order to be considered for membership)

Name _____ Joint Member's Name: _____

Occupation _____ Occupation _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Joint Member's Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dogs owned: Breed(s) & #: _____

Titles, If Any: _____

Other Interests or Hobbies: _____

Reasons for Wanting to Join: _____

Are You Willing to Work? _____ Hold Office? _____

In order to have a successful show, we need new members to work at least 4 hours each day or assist in other ways.

Do You Have Any Special Skills? _____

Have You Been Suspended by AKC or a Local Breed Club? _____ If Yes, what year? _____ How Long? _____

Reason for Suspension: _____

If you're new to the area, haven't known any of the club members for a year, or if you are unable to attend club meetings on a regular basis, consider becoming an associate member. Associate members are entitled to all the benefits of full membership with the exception of voting and holding office. You may apply for full membership after a year of being voted into the club. (adopted January 2014)

The Undersigned hereby applies for (Check One) Individual __, Household __, Junior __, or Associate __ membership in the Mississippi State Kennel Club, Inc., and represents that he or she is 18 years of age or older if applying for individual/household/associate membership or 12-18 years of age if applying for junior membership; is in good standing with American Kennel Club; and, if accepted for membership, agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club, the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Code of Ethics of the Mississippi State Kennel Club, Inc.

This application is for the calendar year ending December 31, 20____. Attached to this application is remittance for membership dues (Remittance not required for junior membership), completed membership questionnaire and a signed copy of the MSKC Code of Ethics.

_____ \$15.00 for Individual or Individual Associate _____ \$20.00 for Household or Household Associate

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Joint Member Signature: _____

How do you wish to receive meeting notices? Hard copy __ or e-mail __

How do you wish to receive monthly MSKC newsletter? Hard copy __ or e-mail __

Applicant must be recommended by two club members who have been members in good standing with MSKC for two years and who have known the applicant for one year. (Does not apply for associate membership.)

1) _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Reasons for recommendation: _____

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For Secretary's Use Only.

Meetings Attended: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ Date Voted in _____



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signature of member

date

signature of joint member

date

(A signed copy must be submitted with membership application.)

MSKC MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

(all questions must be answered or marked N/A in order to be considered for membership)

Name: _____ Date: _____

What are your reasons for wanting to join the Mississippi State Kennel Club? _____

How can we help you to meet these goals? _____

In order to have a successful show as noted on the membership application, we need members to work at least 4 hours each day or assist in other ways. What can you offer to help make our show a success?

Are you interested in competing in AKC Dog Events: Conformation, Companion Dog, Performance, Family Dogs, etc? _____ If so, which event or events? _____

MSKC members agree with the following statements of responsible dog ownership:

- I take responsibility for my dog's health needs. These needs include routine veterinary care, adequate nutrition, exercise, and grooming.
- I take responsibility for my dog's safety.
- I will not allow my dog to infringe on the rights of others.
- I will be responsible for my dog's quality of life through basic training, attention, and playtime.

Do you consider yourself a responsible dog owner? _____

We as MSKC members abide by a Code of Ethics as approved by the Club. Look closely at the enclosed Code of Ethics. Can you abide by these ethics as it relates to breeding, showing, sportsmanship, and dealing with the public? _____

If you are a breeder, are you a responsible dog breeder? _____

What breed of dog(s) do you breed? _____

How many dogs and bitches do you have in your breeding program?

1st breed: Dogs _____ Bitches _____ 2nd breed: Dogs _____ Bitches _____

How many litters do you breed in a year's time? _____

Do you register your litters with AKC? _____

If not, what are your reasons for not doing so? _____

Are you aware of the genetic "red flags" for your chosen breed? _____

Do you follow the recommended health clearances (tests) that the parent club for your breed recommends? _____

(A completed copy of this Questionnaire must be submitted with MSKC Application.) (Adopted January 2014)