



American Maltese Association

Individual Application for Membership

Check List

Completed and signed Individual Application Membership Form

Completed and signed Sponsorship Endorsement Forms

A signed copy of the Code of Ethics by the applicant
(form may be obtained by contacting the AMA Corresponding
Secretary)

Check made out to the American Maltese Association with the correct
amount

Mail application packet with fees to:

AMA Corresponding Secretary



AMERICAN MALTESE ASSOCIATION

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership is open to fanciers who have a sincere interest in the American Maltese Association (AMA) and the Maltese breed in general. Applicants must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and in any financial dealings with AMA members. Applicants must endorse the objectives of the AMA and agree to abide by our Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Ethics. Applicants must be sponsored by two (2) members of the AMA who have been members in good standing for at least two (2) years and have known the applicant for at least one (1) year. Sponsors must meet the additional requirements on the Sponsor Endorsement Sheet.

Membership in the AMA is a privilege so it is important that you understand your commitment to participate and support the organization. Be advised that all AMA members are expected to make every effort to attend the Annual Membership Meeting, which is held at the National Specialty Show. All AMA members **are expected to exercise their PRIVILEGE to vote** on all club elections/issues, serve the club and the welfare of the breed in whatever capacity they feel best suited. Members may elect to serve as a volunteer on a committee, contribute to fund-raising activities, volunteer to help at an AMA sponsored event, or support the club by placing ads in AMA publications. Your support is needed and appreciated. Members are kept informed through the Club newsletter via email. The membership process is lengthy. Your patience is appreciated. The Corresponding Secretary will notify you once a decision has been made.

Type of membership: Adult (18 years of age or older) ____ Junior (under 18 years of age) ____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Kennel Name _____

Occupation _____

Are you a:

Breeder _____ Exhibitor _____ Junior Handler _____ Fancier _____ Judge _____

Companion/Performance (Obedience/Field Trials, etc.) _____ Rescue _____

Number of years you have owned Maltese? _____

How many Maltese do you currently own? Males _____ Neutered _____ Females _____ Spayed _____

If you are an exhibitor, list the number and type of titles you have completed on your Maltese (CH, CD, CDX, UD, Tracking, Agility, etc.) _____

If you are a breeder, how many litters do you produce per year? _____

Have you ever sold to pet shops, brokers or retail establishments? _____

Are you willing to screen for genetic or hereditary defects before breeding? _____

Do you breed and/or exhibit any other breeds or types of animals other than Maltese? _____

State breeds _____

How many of each breed do you currently own? _____

Are you a member of other dog clubs? _____ If so, list the clubs and what offices, if any, you have held: _____

Have you ever been under suspension or expelled by the AKC or any other dog club? Yes ____ No ____ If yes to either action, please list the reason. If suspended, please list the length of your suspension and date of reinstatement: _____

Please give a brief statement of your association with Maltese and your future interest in the breed: _____

Please state your reason(s) for joining the American Maltese Association: _____

How will membership in the American Maltese Association benefit you? _____

Please indicate the activities of interest to you and the areas you are willing to contribute to the American Maltese Association:

Health Issues _____

Committee work (shows, seminars, etc.): _____

Specialty Show _____

Writing articles and/or art work for newsletter, publicity, etc. _____

Fund raising _____

Maltese Rescue (caring for and placing lost or unwanted Maltese) _____

Companion/Performance (Obedience/Field Trials, etc.) _____

Other _____

By signing below, each applicant certifies the following:

I agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the American Maltese Association, and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. At all times, I will consider the welfare and best interest of the Maltese breed and of the dogs I keep, breed, exhibit or sell, and maintain in such activities the highest standards of ethical conduct.

All statements contained in this application are true and correct. Any falsification of information may be cause for denial of membership.

I understand the members of the American Maltese Association have the right of fair comment on my application. I also understand the cashing of my check does not constitute acceptance of membership. Upon voting, if not accepted, my money will be refunded promptly.

Signature: _____ Date _____

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The appropriate membership fee must be included with your application. Only eligible and properly sponsored applicants will be considered for membership. A signed copy of the Code of Ethics must be returned with your application. Keep a copy of the Code of Ethics for your records.

Make checks payable to the **American Maltese Association.**

Membership Dues:	Adult	\$ 35.00 per year	Junior	\$ 20.00 per year
Initiation Fee:		<u>15.00</u>		<u>15.00</u>
Total:		\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00

Mail application with fees to: _____ Extra postage may be required
AMA Corresponding Secretary

I have read this application and the statement of endorsement.

First sponsor print name: _____

First sponsor signature: _____

Second sponsor print name: _____

Second sponsor signature: _____



AMERICAN MALTESE ASSOCIATION

SPONSORSHIP ENDORSEMENT

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORSHIP

1. **MUST** be a member in good standing with the AMA for at least two (2) years.
2. Shall not be related to the applicant or live in the same household.
3. The sponsors shall not be related to each other or live in the same household.
4. Shall not sponsor more than five (5) applicants per calendar year.
5. **MUST** have known the applicant for a period of not less than one (1) year.
6. Only one (1) of the two (2) sponsors may be involved in an on-going (in process and continuously moving forward) business relationship with the applicant (client-handler, co-breeders, business partnership, etc.).
7. Prior to sponsoring an applicant, at least one (1) sponsor is required to have made a kennel visit. If a sponsor visit is not possible, another AMA member in good standing (meeting requirements #1 and #2 for sponsorship) may be appointed by the sponsor. If extenuating circumstances exist and another AMA member in good standing cannot make a kennel visit, the sponsor can petition the Board for a variance allowing the kennel visit to be made by a National or Companion/Performance dog club member in good standing, Veterinarian, Judge, etc.
8. Falsification on the sponsor's part in any way makes the sponsor subject to disciplinary action by the Board
9. **MUST** be in good standing with the AMA, and in good standing (financially) with other AMA members.
10. **MUST** sign the membership application.

IMPORTANT:

Before endorsing an application for membership, **read** the applicant's statements and the following:

STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

By my endorsement, I certify that to the best of my knowledge the applicant's statements are correct and that the applicant is not currently engaged in practices inconsistent with the objectives of the American Maltese Association and its Code of Ethics. I believe the applicant will, under all circumstances, consider the best interest of the breed and of the dogs they keep, breed, exhibit and sell, maintaining in such activities the highest standards of ethical conduct. I believe the applicant fully supports the objectives of the American Maltese Association and do hereby unequivocally endorse this applicant.

FIRST SPONSOR ENDORSEMENT

1. I have been acquainted with the applicant since _____ (Year).
I have personally visited the quarters in which the applicant maintains his dogs within the past six (6) months:
Yes ____ No ____
3. I appointed _____ (AMA member in good standing meeting requirements #1 and #2 for sponsorship) to conduct the kennel visit. The premises were visited on _____
(Please attach a signed statement from the member chosen to make the kennel visit.)
4. I have been a member of the AMA since _____ (Year).

State other information as to why you feel this applicant would make a good AMA member. This section **must** be completed.

SPONSOR:

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

SECOND SPONSOR ENDORSEMENT

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SPONSOR:

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

AMA Member Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics (COE) is intended to guide members of the American Maltese Association (AMA) as protectors, breeders and representatives of our Maltese and in dealing with each other and with the public. It is our expectation that AMA members will comply with this Code of Ethics willingly and with pride because of their love for our breed. The American Maltese Association recognizes that it is impossible to police our membership in adhering completely to our Code of Ethics, however, blatant disregard of this Code may be addressed by disciplinary action.

1. As a member of the American Maltese Association, I will breed to the ideals of the Maltese standard and will act in accordance to the objectives and purposes of the AMA. I will abide by and uphold the principles of the Club's Constitution, By-laws, this Code of Ethics and the American Kennel Club (AKC) Code of Sportsmanship and will consider the best interest of the breed when engaged in any activities involving Maltese.
2. I will keep alert for and endeavor to control or eradicate inherited problems that are particular to my breed. I will strive to screen my breeding stock for hereditary problems using the current available and generally accepted techniques.
3. If any of my Maltese need to be euthanized, it will be done in a humane manner by a veterinarian. It will not be done at a dog pound, humane society or experimental lab, nor will they be left alive at any of these facilities.
4. I will provide adequate diet, exercise and veterinary care for all of my dogs, as well as proper supervision and facilities for pre-natal, whelping and post-natal care of the dam and puppies and supervision during gestation, whelping and lactation.
5. I will not knowingly deal with dog wholesalers, commercial retailers, brokers or unethical dog breeders, nor supply dogs for raffles, "give away" prizes or other such projects.
6. I will keep accurate breeding and stud records as required by AKC.
7. My puppies will receive quality health care and nutrition. They will be handled regularly, properly socialized and accustomed to human contact.
8. I will not sell a puppy before it has been given a veterinarian health examination and has received at least one inoculation against distemper, hepatitis and parvo. A puppy will remain in my possession until at least 12 weeks of age.
9. I will provide pet buyers with written details on feeding, general care and nutrition and a health record with data on veterinary attention.
10. I will provide limited registration on puppies sold as pets or have signed spay-neuter agreements. If AKC papers are not received at the time of the sale, I will provide written information on the puppy's sire, dam and date of birth.
11. I will refrain from publicly making or publishing any false or malicious statements about another member and will refrain from seeking to impair the reputation of another member. I will be courteous and helpful to people who contact me regarding dog information, offer assistance to serious novices and serve as an example of good sportsmanship in every aspect of the sport of dogs.
12. While staying in a hotel/motel during specialty shows and all-breed shows, I will obey the rules, regulations and policies pertaining to dogs. Upon proof of violations of the rules, regulations and/or policies, I assume the risk of suspension from the AMA with a letter of grievance filed with the AKC recommending disciplinary action.
13. I will conduct myself in such a manner as to reflect credit on myself, the Maltese breed and the AMA.

Signature _____ Date _____