



# AMERICAN MALTESE ASSOCIATION

## APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN MEMBERSHIP

Foreign 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.

Foreign members do not vote on Club business or hold office in the American Maltese Association. Participation and support of the organization would be welcomed (i.e. attend and/or volunteer at a National Specialty, contribute to fund-raising activities, or support the club by placing ads in AMA publications). Members are kept informed through the Club newsletter. The membership process is lengthy. Your patience is appreciated. The Corresponding Secretary will notify you once a decision has been made.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a:

Breeder \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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How will membership in the American Maltese Association benefit you? \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

#### FOREIGN 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.

Remittance to the **American Maltese Association** must be in U.S. Funds.

Foreign Membership Dues: Adult	\$ 70.00 per year
Initiation Fee:	<u>15.00</u>
Total:	\$ 85.00

Mail application with fees to: AMA Corresponding Secretary  
(see website for current address)

Extra postage may be required

I have read this application and the statement of endorsement.

First sponsor print name: \_\_\_\_\_

First sponsor signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Second sponsor print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Second sponsor signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## SPONSORSHIP ENDORSEMENT

### FOREIGN 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. Falsification on the sponsor's part in any way makes the sponsor subject to disciplinary action by the Board
8. **MUST** be in good standing with the AMA, and in good standing (financially) with other AMA members.
9. **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).
2. 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

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.

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- 2. 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.

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SPONSOR:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_