

PATRIOT PUG DOG CLUB, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership in the Patriot Pug Dog Club. If elected to membership, I agree to abide by its Constitution, By-Laws, and Code of Ethics.

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ over 18 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED/RAISED PUGS? \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTS: Showing \_\_\_\_\_ Breeding \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now or have you ever been a member of another Dog Club? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, please state the name of the Club and any offices you held? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ever been suspended by AKC? \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstated? \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Volunteer activity is the life of the Club. Please check the activities with which you are willing to help.

Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Advertising \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Trophies \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_  
Stewarding \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Raffles \_\_\_\_\_ Match Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Show Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

What areas of expertise can you bring to the PPDC (videotaping, speaking, handling, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood the code of Ethics of the Patriot Pug Dog Club and agree to abide by this Code as well as the Constitution and BY-Laws, if elected to membership.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(SPONSORS MUST BE MEMBERS)

**NOTE:** If you do not know any members who can sponsor you, you may provide 2 letters of reference from suitable sources (vet, trainer, etc.).

Application must be completely filled out, signed and returned with check for one year's dues (\$10.00) to: >> Shirley Tosh, 282 Wallace Road, Bedford, NH 03110-4943 <<

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FOR CLUB USE ONLY: Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

### **Name and Objects**

**SECTION 1.** The name of the Club shall be Patriot Pug Dog Club.

**SECTION 2.** The objects of the Club shall be:

1. to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Pugs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection:
2. to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Pug Dogs shall be judged:
3. to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials:
4. to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

**SECTION 3.** The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

**SECTION 4.** The members of the Club shall adopt, and may from time to time revise, such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

# BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I

### Membership

**SECTION 1. Eligibility.** Membership shall be open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. Junior membership shall be open to all persons under eighteen years of age who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the owners, breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

**SECTION 2. Dues.** All membership dues shall be \$10.00 per year, payable on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

**SECTION 3. Election to Membership.** Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws and the Code of Ethics of this Club as well as the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. All applications are to be filed with the Membership Chairman and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt, and the applicant's name and address are to be published in the next issue of the newsletter. At the next Club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 3/4 of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not reapply within 12 months after rejection.

**SECTION 4. Termination of Membership.** Membership may be terminated:

- 1. by resignation.** Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary: but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
- 2. by lapsing.** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 60 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- 3. by expulsion.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these by-laws.

# ARTICLE II

## Meetings and Voting

**SECTION 1. *Club Meeting.*** Meetings of the Club shall be held within the greater Framingham area in such month and at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. with no less than six meetings to be held annually, in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

**SECTION 2. *Special Club Meeting.*** Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held within the greater Framingham area at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

**SECTION 3. *Board Meetings.*** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held just prior to the General Membership meetings within the greater Framingham area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

**SECTION 4. *Special Board Meetings.*** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held within the greater Framingham area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, or telegraphic or facsimile notice shall be filed at least 3 days and not more than 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

**SECTION 5. *Voting.*** Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

# ARTICLE III

## Directors and Officers

**SECTION 1. *Board of Directors.*** The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and six other persons all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 2. *Officers.*** The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws.
2. The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
3. The Corresponding Secretary shall be in charge of the correspondence of the club but shall not correspond within the club.
4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. He shall notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws.
5. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. He shall deposit the same in a bank in the name of the Club. His books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and he shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting he shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**SECTION 3. *Vacancies.*** Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

# ARTICLE IV

## The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

**SECTION 1. *Club Year.*** The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December.

The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

**SECTION 2. *Annual Meeting.*** The annual meeting shall be held in the month of April at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

**SECTION 3. *Elections.*** The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The six nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

**SECTION 4. *Nominations.*** No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of February the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeepersons and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held within two weeks after the Committee is notified of its selection. No person shall be allowed to accept the nomination for more than one office.

1. The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and six candidates for the six other positions on the Board, and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
2. Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall before March 1 notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
3. Additional nominations may be made in writing by March 15 by any member; his proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before March 15, the Secretary shall mail on or before March 25, to each member in good standing, a notice listing all the candidates for each position. The additional nominations which are provided from herein may be only from those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee.
4. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

# ARTICLE V

## Committees

**SECTION 1.** The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

**SECTION 2.** Any committee appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

# ARTICLE VI

## Discipline

**SECTION 1. *American Kennel Club Suspension.*** Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

**SECTION 2. *Charges.*** Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board Meeting, **and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction.** If the board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

**SECTION 3. *Board Hearing.*** The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow-members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

**SECTION 4. *Expulsion.*** Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceeding may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

# ARTICLE VII

## Amendments

**SECTION 1.** Amendments to the constitution and by-laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

**SECTION 2.** The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

# ARTICLE VIII

## Dissolution

**SECTION 1.** *Dissolution.* The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than  $2/3$  of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any member of the Club but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE IX

## Order of Business

**SECTION 1.** At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Good and Welfare
- Adjournment

**SECTION 2.** At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

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**rev. 1a, 3/92**

**rev. 1b, 4/92**

**rev. 1c, 4/92**

# CODE OF ETHICS

## A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Code of Ethics shall be to maintain at all times a standard of excellence in ownership, exhibiting, breeding and sale of Pugs. It is mandatory that a code of ethics be subscribed to by those who are concerned with the propagation of sound Pugs of proper breed type.

## B. SPORTSMANSHIP

I shall conduct myself at all times in a manner which will reflect credit on me, the club, and the breed regardless of location or circumstance, but especially when attending dog shows and matches, whether as an exhibitor or spectator. I will not engage in malicious, misleading or exaggerated statements or innuendos about other breeders, their dogs or their breeding practices.

## C. HEALTH

I agree to maintain good standards of health care for Pugs, including proper veterinary care. I agree to provide for my Pugs at all ages, regular contact with people and exposure to the outside world for proper socialization.

## D. RECORDS

If I breed my bitch, or use my stud in service, I agree to keep accurate records of stock, matings, and pedigrees, and to register my breeding stock with the American Kennel Club, Inc.

## E. BREEDING

I agree to use for breeding only those Pugs which are breed type, sound, and only AKC registered dogs and bitches. Emphasis shall be placed upon maintaining the soundness, temperament and other outstanding qualities of character of this breed, as well as upon appearance. I understand that to breed inadvisedly may lead to overpopulation and contribute materially to the deterioration of the Pug breed, and I will strongly encourage the spaying/neutering of any Pug sold by me as a pet that is not to be used for showing or breeding. As owner of a bitch, I will breed only normal, healthy (disease-free) mature bitches which are of breed type.

Except under rare circumstances (i.e., yearly estrus, single puppy or other exceptional conditions) I will not permit my bitch to produce litters in three consecutive seasons. I will cull seriously deformed puppies.

As owner of the stud, I will breed only normal, healthy (disease-free) dogs which are both breed type and physically sound. I will refuse stud service to any bitch which has disqualifying and major faults, or which I consider to be in poor health.

I will discourage owners of bitches from breeding them unless they have the facilities, time and resources to adequately care for a litter. I will refuse stud service to any bitches of whose owners I have knowledge that they wholesale their litters. I will not offer stud service as a prize in any raffle.

## F. SALES

I will refuse to sell to, or recommend breeders who do not comply with this Code of Ethics, or to dog wholesalers or retailers. I will not donate a dog for raffle purposes or sell to any home if I have reason to believe that the puppy or dog will not receive proper care.

I will use a sales contract, or written agreement with any sale or purchase involving a dog. I will not release puppies before they are at least 8 weeks old, and then only with full knowledge that they are healthy and have had the required medical inoculations.

I will give buyers of puppies and dogs accurate health, breeding and AKC registration papers, and at least a four-generation pedigree. I will adhere to the terms of my sales agreement or written contract with the buyer. Following the general practice of breeders, any puppy sold that is subsequently found not to be in sound health must be returned uninjured within 48 hours for a full refund.

### **G. ADVERTISING**

I agree that my advertising, oral or written, shall be factual and not worded so as to attract wholesale buyers, or to encourage others to raise purebred dogs as an easy money-maker.

### **H. ENFORCEMENT**

The Club's Board of Directors shall appoint a three-member Ethics Committee and one alternate member for one-year terms. Written charges of violations of the Code should be sent to the Club Secretary and the allegations forwarded to the Committee. In addition, verbal charges can be made to the Board. The Committee will investigate and report its findings to the Board. The Board may then recommend any or all of the following levels of discipline.

1. A member may not receive more than one warning in a one-year period without incurring further disciplinary action.
2. A monetary fine, not to exceed \$50.00.
3. The Board of Directors may rescind the person's membership or ask the person involved to resign from the Club.
4. Action as described in the Patriot Pug Dog Club's By-Laws may be taken.

If a member has a special problem or circumstance, or through no fault of his own, is in violation of this Code, he may have the Committee review the matter and make recommendations.