The Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: To Be Completed By Applicant

Name (please print):_____ Phone:_____

E-mail:_____ Occupation: _____

Address:_____

City:_____State:_____Zip(+4)_____Country_____

Number of dogs presently owned:_____ How many are Belgian Sheepdogs?_____
Number of AKC titles earned:_____
Number of litters bred in the past three years._____

Areas of interest (check all that apply): Companion___ Conformation____ Agility__
Obedience___ Herding___ Service Dog___ Tracking___ Other_____

How did you become interested in the breed?_____
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Are you aware of the genetic and hereditary conditions present in the breed? Yes__No__

I have read, signed and will abide by the BSCA's Code of Ethics. Yes____ No____

Please check the areas in which you are willing to volunteer:
Health___ Education___ National Shows____ Awards___ Constitution____ Rescue___ Finance____
Membership____ Merit Achievement____ Judges Selection___ BSCA Store___ Website___ Junior
Showmanship___ Newsletter____ Other_____

Fees and Payments
All application fees are inclusive of a $5.00 initiation fee. Please remit $60.00 for an individual membership. Family Membership $80.00 Junior (12-17) $40. Foreign Applicants $80.00 individual, $100.00 family

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date:_____

Continuing membership fees (membership renewal is due January 1st of each year): U.S. Resident Membership - $55.00; U.S. Resident Junior Membership (12-17 years, non-voting) - $35.00; U.S. Family Membership - $75.00,; Foreign Resident Membership - $55.00 + $20.00 postage, $75.00. (Payable in U.S. funds)
Optional 1st Class Mail postage for U.S. Residents only $12.00 (If you want the newsletter delivered as quickly as possible after publication).
The $30.00 newsletter fee may be deducted if someone else in your household receives the newsletter.

Section 2: To Be Completed By Sponsors

Applications require the endorsement of **TWO** current BSCA members who are not members of the applicant's household or immediate family.

Sponsor 1: In what ways do you think the applicant will be an asset to the BSCA and the sport of purebred dogs? (Optional)

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Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor 2: In what ways do you think the applicant will be an asset to the BSCA and the sport of purebred dogs? (Optional)

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Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send completed application and signed Code of Ethics, with sponsors' statements and signatures, including check or money order in U.S. funds payable to BSCA to:

Julia Fiechter
Corresponding Secretary
7805 Shreve Road
Falls Church, VA 22043-3313
U.S.A

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CODE OF ETHICS

This code is established in accordance with the objectives of the BSCA and is expected to be upheld by all BSCA members.

MEMBERS OF THE BSCA SHALL:

1. Abide by the Constitution and by-laws of the BSCA and the American Kennel Club (AKC)
2. Conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentations of Belgian Sheepdogs, breeding practices or persons.
3. When breeding, conscientiously plan each litter based on the parents' appropriate temperament, freedom from congenital and hereditary defects and qualities in relation to the breed's AKC approved official standard. Before deciding to produce a litter, the breeder considers the obligations of properly placing or providing for all the puppies. The breeder should be prepared to keep the resultant puppies until they are suitably placed. Members offering a dog at stud should request similar assurances from the owners of outside bitches.
4. Not knowingly breed any dog or bitch before eighteen (18) months of age, nor for bitches, more often than two (2) out of three (3) consecutive heat seasons, and then only if in robust health.
5. X-ray all breeding stock (dogs and bitches) with certification by Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or a certified radiologist, in order to determine that the dogs used for breeding purposes are free from hip dysplasia. All breeding stock should have annual eye exams by a certified ophthalmologist or have a current Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF) number. It is strongly recommended to also x-ray the dog's elbows and to check thyroid levels. An animal that has had seizures must not be used for breeding. Unilateral cryptorchids should not be used for breeding.
6. Keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.
7. Maintain all puppies and adults in a clean, healthy condition and insure that they are given maximum health protection through worming, inoculations and proper veterinary care at all times. All unneutered bitches and dogs are safeguarded from unplanned mating. Puppies shall be at least eight (8) weeks old before going to a new home. Seven (7) week old puppies may be sold provided that such sale is in compliance with Local, State and Federal Laws. No adult or puppy shall be sold without appropriate inoculations.
8. Not breed and strongly enforce spaying/neutering Belgian Sheepdogs which produce any offspring with serious inherited defects detrimental to the animal's well being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness or the impairment of vital functions, as a result of breeding with two different mating partners. Offspring should be sold with limited registration papers.
9. By mutual written consent of breeder and purchaser, withhold the AKC registration papers on adults and utilize the AKC limited registration papers on puppies with known disqualifying faults, until such time as the animal is spayed/neutered. Purchasers should be supplied with accurate and valid papers, to include a minimum of three (3) generation pedigree, Registration Certificate, written contract of sale, written guarantee, instructions for care, upbringing and training and a written co-owner agreement, if applicable.
10. Not engage in wholesaling or distribution of Belgian Sheepdogs or the sale of any dog to such places as puppy mills, pet dealers, catalog houses or other commercial sources of distribution, nor supply Belgian Sheepdogs to raffles, lotteries or for laboratory experiments, etcetera.
11. When confronted by a situation not covered by this Code of Ethics, the breeder's conduct should reflect how he or she would like to be treated under similar circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AKC PRACTICES FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE BSCA CODE OF ETHICS

1. First offense: Letter of Reprimand.
2. Second offense: Two-year suspension of membership privileges.
3. Third offense: Five-year suspension of membership privileges.
4. Fourth offense: Permanent suspension from the BSCA
5. If for any reason the AKC suspends a BSCA member, the BSCA will adhere to the same disciplinary action as the AKC.

(Adopted May 3, 1997; Referenced in the BSCA Constitution, Revised 1998.)

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Signed Date