

# AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB, INC.

Founded 1881

I wish to apply for membership in the American Spaniel Club, Inc. (ASC). It is understood that any application for membership is subject to an approval process in accordance with the by-laws and policies of ASC.

Please Print or type the following information

(Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

NINE DIGIT Zip Code For U.S. and/or Foreign Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

May we list your phone # in the Club's Membership directory? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Fax# \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under 18 years of age state birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a breed or all-breed Club? If yes, name club(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an owner of a spaniel(s)? Yes ( ) No ( ) If Yes, name breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to join ASC? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your involvement in dogs (breeder, exhibitor, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing or able to donate time and skills on behalf of ASC? YES ( ) NO ( ). If YES, what skills/talents might be of service to ASC? \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge receipt of the articles of incorporation, by-laws, code of ethics and code of ethics signature card to sign and return with application material. By signing this application, I agree that, if accepted into membership, I will abide by all rules and regulations of the American Spaniel Club, Inc. as covered by its articles of incorporation, by-laws and code of ethics, as well as all decisions of the Club's Board of Directors. I also agree to abide by all rules of the American Kennel Club.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print names/addresses/phone numbers of your 2 sponsors below

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note to Applicant: Please refer to the application process and dues schedule included with the application "packet.". If you have any questions please write, call, fax or e-mail the Club Secretary.

Forward Application Form, Required Fees (check or money order), 2 Sponsor Forms, Signed Code of Ethics Card and a stamped envelope (addressed to the Membership Chair ) to the appropriate Zone Director.

Kevin Carter  
ASC Asst. Treasurer  
6973 Davis-Boone Road  
Boones Mill VA 24065-2133  
(540) 772-1272

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Date Published \_\_\_\_\_

Date Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Zone Director (President on Foreign Applicants) \_\_\_\_\_

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## SPONSOR ENDORSEMENT OF APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP

### Instructions

- Membership in the American Spaniel Club requires two (2) sponsors. Sponsors must be members in good standing of ASC and cannot be members of the same household or members of the applicant's household.
- A sponsor must know the applicant for not less than six (6) months.
- Husband and wife applicants applying together may be endorsed on one (1) form.
- The applicant's name as well as the sponsors' names will appear once in a mailing to the membership. Members will be given the opportunity within 30 days of the mailing to express in writing their concerns or objections about proposed new members. This precedes final review and approval by the Board of Directors.
- Return this form to the applicant.

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I am pleased to sponsor the following applicant(s) for membership in the American Spaniel Club, Inc. (Mr., Mrs., Miss)?

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(PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE LEGIBLY)

In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you know about the applicant(s) that leads you to believe that he/she/they is/are a responsible dog owner and/or breeder? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you believe the above named applicant(s) should be considered for membership? \_\_\_\_\_

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

(PLEASE PRINT)

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# **CODE OF ETHICS**

## **I. CANNON OF ETHICS**

A. Members of the American Spaniel Club have an obligation to protect the interests of their breeds by conducting themselves in a manner designed to reflect credit on themselves, their breeds, and on the American Spaniel Club.

B. Members are expected to observe the highest standards of sportsmanship; conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect positively on the sport of showing dogs; and exhibit good will at all breed shows, obedience and field trials.

C. Members who contemplate breeding a litter, or who allow the use of their stud dog to the same end, shall direct their efforts toward producing dogs of exceptional quality, temperament and condition. Members are not to use their stud dogs on pet quality bitches, totally lacking in breed type.

D. Members shall not engage in false or misleading advertising or misrepresentation of their breeds, nor shall they malign their competition by making false or misleading statements regarding their competitors' dogs, breeding practice or person.

## **II. RESPONSIBILITIES AS A BREEDER**

Breeders shall:

A. Be familiar with their breeds and standards, and breed only those specimens which conform to it.

B. Be familiar with A.K.C. rules concerning record keeping, registration, sale and transfer of dogs, and abide by these rules.

C. Use for breeding only those dogs which are healthy and free from serious congenital and hereditary defects characteristic of their breed or breeds.

D. Produce puppies only when they have the time and facilities to provide adequate attention to physical and emotional development; retain or house only the number of dogs for which they have adequate facilities.

E. Refrain from further use of a bitch or stud that has become affected with or has produced any serious inherited defects detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness, or impairment of the vital functions, and who consistently produces like results with different mating partners.

F. Maintain the best possible standards of health for their animals and care of their kennels.

G. Breeders shall not breed bitches every season. (It is recommended a bitch not be bred more than four times during a lifetime).

H. Refrain from selling puppies to pet shops either outright or on consignment; refrain from supplying puppies for auctions, raffles, or other such enterprises; refrain from selling to persons whose intention to resell is known or suspected; refrain from breeding litters primarily for the pet market.

I. Limit the number of litters they breed, or co-breed, to average no more than four litters a year. (This, due to the extreme number of litters being produced and the large number of dogs ending up in animal shelters).

J. Refrain from selling puppies in litter lots and shall sell only quality dogs to foreign countries (not their cast-offs that they don't want to be seen in the U.S.A.).

## **III. RESPONSIBILITIES AS A JUDGE**

ASC Member

A. Judges shall be familiar with and abide by the A.K.C.'s published "Guidelines for Dog Show Judges", the A.S.C.'s By-Laws and Code of Ethics.

B. The A.K.C.'s published "Guidelines for Dog Show Judges", covers a wealth of material, but the three keys to excellence in judging are of vital importance.

These are:

1. Breed Knowledge
2. Impartiality
3. Procedure

C. Judges must avoid any appearance of wrong doing and not merely wrong doing itself. They should be highly circumspect in their conduct outside, as well as inside the show ring. A perfectly innocent action or discussion can be misconstrued even by experienced exhibitors.

D. Judges should approach all assignments with a positive attitude and be courteous and polite to the exhibitors.

#### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN EXHIBITOR AND/OR HANDLER

Exhibitors/Handlers shall:

- A. Act professionally at all times in caring for and exhibiting any dog in their charge.
- B. Not engage in any questionable contact with judges prior to exhibiting under them.
- C. Be familiar with and abide by the A.K.C.'s Rules and Regulations for Dog Shows, Obedience Trials, Field Trials and The Guidelines for Dog Show Judges.
- D. Exhibit/handle only those dogs that conform as closely as possible to their respective breed standards.

#### V. ENFORCEMENT

A. The American Spaniel Club shall enforce Article VI of its By-Laws entitled "Discipline", should violations of its Code of Ethics be brought before its Board or Committee.

B. Article VI entitled "Discipline" addresses the areas of Suspension, Charges, Board Hearings and Expulsion. Each member is expected to be familiar with this very important By — law.

#### VI. ACCEPTANCE

Upon acceptance as a member of the American Spaniel Club I will adhere to the best of my ability to the rules and guidelines set forth in the A.S.C. Code of Ethics.

***This copy of the American Spaniel Club, Inc. Code of Ethics has been printed from the ASC Web Site, [www.asc-cockerspaniel.org](http://www.asc-cockerspaniel.org)***

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Please cut out card before mailing

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>To: The American Spaniel Club, Inc.</b>
<p>As a member of the American Spaniel Club, I will adhere to the best of my ability to the rules and guidelines set forth in the A.S.C. Code of Ethics</p>	
<hr/> <p>Signature of Applicant</p>	
<hr/> <p>Print Name</p>	

**Please make copies of the card above, if you need multiple A.S.C. Code of Ethics.**