



# The Bulldog Club of Northern California, Inc. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Membership:** The Bulldog Club of Northern California, Inc. (BCNC) has one type of membership that is open to persons eighteen years of age or older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and subscribe to the purposes of BCNC. **Membership Application:** Each applicant for membership will agree to abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club, Inc., and the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the BCNC. prospects for membership are invited to attend a general meeting, as guests, prior to presenting their application for membership.

All membership applications must be endorsed by a BCNC member in good standing. Prospective members shall submit their application and payment for the calendar year's dues to the Membership Committee Chairperson. Applications submitted and approved in the months of October and November will be valid through the following calendar year. **Election to Membership:** Membership applicant's and sponsor's name will be printed in the club bulletin, *The California Bulldogge*, the month following receipt. At the next general meeting following this printing, each application will be read and voted on. Affirmative votes of three-fourths of the members present and voting at that meeting are required to elect the applicant. The Membership Chairperson will notify applicants of the results of the vote. Applicants for membership, if approved, will be sent a membership packet consisting of Club's Constitution and By-Laws. Applicants who are rejected by

Please Print or Type

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	
eMail		
Date Presented		
Occupation		
Breeds Owned		
Active in:	Obedience <input type="checkbox"/>	Conformation <input type="checkbox"/>
Kennel Name		
Other All-Breed Club Memberships		

In a short paragraph, please tell us a little about yourself, including your interest in Bulldogs, hobbies, etc. All or part of this information may be published in the club bulletin:

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**Agreement:**

I agree to abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club, Inc., and the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the Bulldog Club of Northern California. I have received and read the Code of Ethics.

**Release of Liability:**

By signing and submitting this application for membership consideration in the Bulldog Club of Northern California, Inc. (BCNC), applicant authorizes and agrees to hold harmless and without liability the BCNC, its officers, and its members to investigate, solicit, obtain and discuss any and all information pertaining to an applicant's moral and ethical character as it relates to the standards and guidelines set forth by the BCNC and which is believed by the BCNC, its officers and its members to have a bearing upon the applicant's moral and ethical character. Applicant acknowledges that all information gathered shall be open for review and discussion among the BCNC, its officers, and its members as a part of the BCNC membership application process.

I understand that I will be able to participate in BCNC shows, matches, and other activities. My expertise and abilities best suit me for the following activities:

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**Suggestions for Active Members:**

- Attend general membership meetings
- Assist with show set-up or work at an assigned job during the day of a show (one show per year)
- Participate in other club events and activities or in breed rescue
- Members residing outside the Club's immediate area are encouraged to participate in assigned duties at annual matches or shows and/or to serve on a standing committee(s)

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Proposed by (print)

Signature of Sponsor

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Date Presented	Date Accepted
Date Deferred	Date Rejected

## **The Bulldog Club of Northern California, Inc. Member Code of Ethics**

The Bulldog Club of Northern California, Inc. (BCNC) in keeping with its aims of encouraging the development of finer Bulldogs has adopted the following Member Code of Ethics to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders and owners and to encourage cooperation in the improvement, advancement and protection of our breed. All members shall abide by this Member Code of Ethics.

### **MEMBER CONDUCT**

- Members shall maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness, safety and care of their dogs.
- Members shall assist in the goal that no Bulldog ever be surrendered to a humane society or shelter. Members will take all appropriate measures to assist a Bulldog in distress.
- Members will at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct, whether at home, at shows, or in hotels, in such a manner as to reflect credit upon themselves and the BCNC.
- Members should assist newcomers to the breed, so that they may become educated in ways to best preserve and improve the Bulldog.
- Members will ensure the the truth and accuracy of any written or oral information and advertisements, as well as photographs, of their dogs and puppies. No advertising will be slanted to attract undesirable buyers or encourage the raising of Bulldogs as a money-making business.
- In all questions of ethics, covered or not covered by this Code, the individual Member shall act solely in the best interests of the breed, and the membership as a whole shall willingly aid any fellow Member in upholding these interests.
- Members will make every attempt to refer prospective buyers to breeders listed on the BCNC Breeders Referral directory.
- In the case of co-ownership, it is incumbent on the Member to see that the owner/co-owner of the bitch, stud, or litter, follow this Code of Ethics in all practices.
- Members will not use/display the BCNC logo on websites where puppies are listed for sale unless the website belongs to a Breeder Referral Member in good standing.
- Any Member who intends to breed Bulldogs (stud or bitch), or engage in puppy raising, is required to sign and submit the BCNC Breeders Code of Ethics prior to such an undertaking.

Agree: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_