



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PUG CLUB

GENERAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Associate Membership is open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of the Northern California Pug Club.

“Associate” members’ privileges are limited to receipt of the Club’s correspondence and attendance at Club sponsored activities, and expressly exclude the right to vote, hold office, eligibility for or receipt of Club awards and all other rights and privileges of legal members of a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation. An associate member may at any time apply for regular membership as outlined in the Northern California Pug Club By-Laws.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the Pug breeders, owners, and exhibitors in Northern California.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

- * Each person applying for “Associate” membership in the Northern California Pug Club must be at least 18 years old and must fill-out their own application. Single applications submitted for multiple individuals (such as a husband and wife), will not be accepted.
- * Applications should be filled out by either typing or printing clearly using a dark pen.
- * All entries on the application form must be completed. Mark “NA” for those entries that are not applicable.
- * Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for correction.
- * First year membership dues must accompany the application. Club dues are twenty dollars (\$20) per person per year for “associate” membership. Do not send cash. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Northern California Pug Club (NCPC).
- * Properly completed applications and accompanying payment should be mailed to the NCPC Membership Chairperson as indicated on the application form for processing.
- * The application will be presented to the Club membership for approval in accordance with the NCPC By-Laws Article II, Section 3(b).



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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Applicants must be at least 18 years old, and each member of a household must complete their own application

****PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE****

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone _____

Pug Information:

Owner _____ Number of Pugs currently owned? _____ Number of years in Pugs? _____

Exhibitor _____ Conformation _____ Obedience _____ Agility _____ Rally _____

Breeder _____ Breeding experience: (I have / have not) had a litter.

How many litters have you registered? _____

Do you have a kennel name? Yes No If yes, what is it? _____

Is it registered? Yes No

General Information:

• Are you now, or have you ever been suspended from the privileges of the AKC? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, When and Why? _____

• Have you been a NCPC Member before? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, what year (s)? _____

• Have you ever been suspended from NCPC Membership? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, When and Why? _____

• Have you ever applied to this or any Pug Club for membership and been denied? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, When and Why? _____

• Are you now, or have you ever been a member of any Dog Club? Yes ___ No ___

If so, please state names of clubs, dates of membership, offices held:

• Are you an AKC approved Judge of any Breed? Yes ___ No ___ if yes, please list dates and breeds:

- Please provide the names of several people identified with our Breed with whom you are acquainted:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- How do you plan to help the Breed and the Club? Briefly describe your interest in Pugs and your reasons for seeking NCPC Membership: _____

- I hereby apply for “Associate” membership in the Northern California Pug Club, certify that I am at least 18 years old; and if accepted, I agree to abide by the Club’s By-Laws, Code of Ethics, and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

- I have read, signed and enclosed a copy of the NCPC Code of Ethics.

- I have enclosed my first year’s membership dues of *twenty dollars (\$20)*.

Your first year’s dues payment must accompany this application.

NOTE: *New members who have paid dues during the last quarter of the year will be credited for a paid membership for that quarter and the next year. Otherwise, annual dues are payable on January 1st of each year.*

Applicant’s Signature _____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to “NCPC”

Mail your payment and application to:

**Jim Williams – NCPC Membership Chairman
6216 Radiant Drive
San Jose, CA 95123-4852**

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Date Rec’d _____	_____
Amount of Check _____	_____
Check # _____	_____
Date to Treasurer _____	_____
Date Approved _____	_____

Code of Ethics

Purpose

This Code of Ethics is established for the members for the Northern California Pug Club to promote ideals and principles necessary to maintain and protect the Pug breed. Members who violate this code may be subject to the provisions of Article VII of the Northern California Pug Club Bylaws.

Member Sportsmanship and Conduct

- Members shall refrain from making derogatory or disparaging remarks on social media regarding the Club's Bylaws, conduct of the Club Officers and Board of Directors, individual Club members and dogs they bred or own, Club activities, or any other member of the dog fancy community. Social media examples include, but are not limited to, any Facebook posts, Twitter, or Community Blogs in the dog fancy.
- It is expected that any comments made on social media referring to the Northern California Pug Club or its individual members and dogs bred or owned by them will be made in a sensible, responsible and respectful manner.
- Resolving disputes between individual Club members or the Northern California Pug Club itself should be conducted privately amongst the concerned parties and not on social media.
- NCPC Officers and members are expected to conduct themselves and any disputes or grievances they may have in a manner that reflects the AKC Code of Sportsmanship at all times when commenting on social media.
- Each member shall at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct. Whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels, they will treat all present, including other NCPC members, competitors, judges, officials and spectators, with respect and courtesy.
- No member shall engage in false advertising.

Member / Pug Owners or Exhibitors

- Each member shall be familiar with and observe the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. No member shall have surgery performed on any Pug to alter cosmetic features to serve the purposes of exhibition.
- Each member shall be familiar with the Pug Standard as approved by the PDCA and The American Kennel Club.
- Each member should be aware at all times that the Club exists to protect the breed.
- Each member should know that our Code of Ethics is more than a set of rules. It is a commitment to a high standard of practice in owning and breeding Pugs.
- No member shall EVER sell or donate dogs for auctions or raffles, or to pet shops, catalog houses, brokers or for resale purposes. No member shall rely on Pug Rescue organizations to take responsibility for their dogs except for in emergencies. Pug Rescue should be a last resort.
- Members shall at all times consider the health and wellbeing of their dogs. All pugs should be maintained in a clean, comfortable and healthy environment, with proper socialization, diet, exercise and veterinary care.

Member / Pug Breeders

- Breeders shall be familiar with AKC rules concerning record keeping, registration, sale and transfer of dogs, and abide by these rules.
- Breeders shall use stock of characteristic type, exhibit soundness, and stable temperament, be in good health and condition and be free of communicable diseases and serious genetic defects.
- Breeders do not breed just for the pet market and believe the only justifiable reason to breed is to improve the breed. Pugs sold as pet quality are to be sold with limited registration and spay / neuter requirements, unless to do so might be medically advised for an individual dog.
- Breeders shall provide with each Pug sold: diet and care information, immunization, health record which shall disclose any known health issues, three generation pedigree, registration application or transfer (when applicable), and will strive to help with problems and provide information throughout the dog's life.
- Breeders shall place puppies in good homes and understand they are responsible for dogs they have bred for the dog's entire life and are responsible to take these dogs back if the need arises.

Conclusion

- Nothing in this Code of Ethics should be construed to be in violation of the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club or the Bylaws of the Northern California Pug Club. Each member must accept the responsibility to protect the interests of our breed by conducting themselves in a manner designed to reflect credit on themselves, the Pug breed and the Northern California Pug Club.
- In accepting membership in the Northern California Pug Club, I agree to be bound by this Code of Ethics.
- I understand that my knowing violation could result in action under the rules of the Northern California Pug Club.

- Applicant's Signature _____
Print Name _____