



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.**  
*Member of the American Kennel Club*

**Type of Membership:**  Single (1 Adult with 2 sponsors)  Household (2 Adults in the same household with 2 sponsors)  
 Associate (Single or Household – no sponsors)  Junior (1 Child age 9 – 17 with 2 sponsors)

**Associate & Junior members cannot vote or hold office. Applicants residing outside the U.S. are eligible to vote but cannot hold office.**

**Please type or print clearly:**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Junior DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print clearly; include all country and area codes.**

**GUIDELINES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT**

Each member of the Basset Hound Club of America will consider the welfare of the breed when engaging in any activities involving the breeding, selling or competition of Basset Hounds. BHCA members, both individuals and member clubs, are urged to comply with the following guidelines:

1. Members of the Basset Hound Club of America will abide by the constitution and by-laws of BHCA and of the American Kennel Club.
2. Members will ensure that all dogs in their care are provided adequate food, water and shelter, opportunity for exercises, veterinary care, and personal attention to monitor their needs.
3. Breeding will be directed toward producing Basset Hounds of exceptional quality in breed temperament, Basset Hound type and ability to hunt game. Only healthy and mature dogs and bitches free of congenital defects and of characteristic breed type, sound structure and temperament shall be bred.
4. Members should not undertake the breeding of a bitch unless they are prepared to act responsibly regarding the disposition of the resultant puppies. Members shall be discriminating in the placing of puppies and adult hounds, choosing environments in which the Basset Hound will receive suitable care and affection and will not be misused.
5. Basset Hounds offered for sale or males offered at stud must be presented honestly regarding their pedigrees, their potential as bred and their faults or the fault possibilities that may develop in maturity.
6. Members of the Basset Hound Club of America will follow good business practices and ethics in breeding and sales contracts and will honor all agreements. Written agreements in all dealings regarding Basset Hounds are strongly encouraged.
7. No member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters or the selling of breeding stock to commercial sales operations ("puppy mills"). No member will offer or supply Basset Hounds for prizes, raffles or lotteries.
8. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or misrepresentation of his/her Basset Hounds or those of competitors.
9. Members will practice the principles of good sportsmanship, considering competition to be a challenge, not a threat.
10. All members of the Basset Hound Club of America shall conduct themselves in all aspects of the sport of dogs in a manner designed to reflect credit upon our breed and our club.

I (we) hereby make application for membership in The Basset Hound Club of America, Inc. (BHCA) according to Article II of BHCA's By-Laws, and I (we) agree to abide by the By-laws and Guidelines for Ethical Conduct of BHCA.

*Applicant Signature and date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Co-Applicant Signature and date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Junior Signature and date:* \_\_\_\_\_

## **Applicant/Co-Applicant Information Form**

1. Have you or your co-applicant (if any) ever been a member of BHCA before?

Applicant: Yes  No  Co-Applicant: Yes  No

2. How long have you had Basset Hounds?  <1 yr  1–5 yrs  6-10 yrs  11–20 yrs  20 yrs+

3. How many Basset Hounds do you/your immediate household currently own?

1  2-3  4-6  7-9  10+

4. What other breeds do you own, or have you owned in the past?

5. From whom did you acquire your Basset Hound(s) (check all that apply)

Private breeder  Commercial Kennel  Pet store  Internet  Rescue

6. What are your primary interests in Basset Hounds?

Companion  Rescue  Conformation  Obedience/Rally  Therapy

Scent Work  Tracking  Agility  Trick Dog  Field trial/hunting  Breeding

7. Have you bred any Basset Hounds or other breeds? Yes  No

If you have bred dogs: How many litters in total?

On average, how often have you bred a litter?

About what percentage of the puppies you have bred have been registered with the AKC?

100%  75-99%  50-74%  less than 50%  do not track

Have you sold stud services? Yes  No

Do you or have you ever consigned or sold dogs to pet stores or to other persons for resale through pet stores, auctions or other outlets? Yes  No  If yes, please explain in the comment box (#11 below)

Do you consider your own breeding a:  hobby or  a commercial venture?

8. Please list any all-breed kennel clubs to which you belong, and offices you have held within these clubs.

9. Are you an AKC or foreign approved judge? Yes  No  - if yes, please list organizations, breeds, and disciplines for which you are approved in the comment box (#11 below)

10. What is/are your primary reasons for applying for BHCA membership?

11. Comment Box – is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

## BHCA Membership Process and Payment Voucher

Please return with your application form and sponsor forms

### Required Actions:

**Are you applying for single, household or junior membership?**

If yes, you must have **two sponsors** who are current voting members of BHCA in good standing and include their sponsor forms with your application.

- Single Membership. Open to all persons 18 years of age and older. These members enjoy the privileges of the Club, including the right to vote, if eligible, and hold office.
- Household Membership. Open to two persons 18 years of age and older who reside in the same household. Both persons enjoy the privileges of the Club including the right to hold office, if eligible, but will share one vote and will receive one Club Newsletter (presently Tally-Ho).
- Junior Membership. Open to any boy or girl who is at least 9 years old and under 18 years of age. Junior members are not entitled to vote or hold office, but are entitled to certain other privileges of the Club, as determined by the Board of Directors. At 18th birthday, Junior member will transition to Single membership. Status change will take place immediately with no additional dues until next dues billing.

**Are you applying for associate membership?**

This application does not require sponsors at the time of application. However, you will not be able to vote in elections or hold office.

- Associate Individual & Household Membership. Open to individuals or households, as defined above, who meet the criteria for full voting membership in the Club but are unable to obtain the sponsorship and endorsement of two separate voting unit members. No voting privileges. Sponsors are not required.

### Have you:

**Attached** check or money order in U.S. funds for one-year dues assessment. Annual membership dues include receipt of the *Tally Ho* newsletter. Remit in U.S. funds only. Make all checks payable to Basset Hound Club of America, Inc. **OR**

**Paid your application fee online** on the BHCA website

**Application Fees** (Please note, if you live outside the US, or wish your Tally-Ho sent via priority mail, there is additional postage)

- Single, Household, Associate memberships: \$55.00
- Junior memberships: \$18.00
- *Tally-Ho* Postage:
  - U.S. Residents: periodical rate, add \$ 0.00
  - U.S. Residents: priority mail, add \$30.00
  - Canada & Mexico: add \$20.00
  - All other countries: add \$50.00
- **Optional Contributions:** (tax deductible)

I have also enclosed an additional contribution by separate check to the AKC's Basset Hound Donor Advised Fund/Canine Health Foundation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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### Application Process Timeline:

Once your application is received:

- Within 10 days, notice of the application will be posted on the BHCA website and you start to receive the BHCA *Tally Ho* newsletter.
- Members have 60 days after publication to comment on the application.
- Within 10 days following the end of the comment period, the Board will review and vote on the application.
- Soon afterwards, new members will receive a welcome packet.

**Mail** complete signed application & Guidelines of Ethical Conduct, Questionnaire, two (2) sponsorship forms and dues to:  
Sandra Wittenberg, Corresponding Secretary, 2458 W Sterns Road, Temperance, MI 48182-1567 USA  
Phone: 1-734-847-7919 • email: [bhca.cs@gmail.com](mailto:bhca.cs@gmail.com)

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Received \_\_\_\_\_ Published \_\_\_\_\_ Motion # \_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_\_ Resolved \_\_\_\_\_

## BHCA MEMBERSHIP SPONSOR FORM

Two (2) sponsors are required for your Single, Household or Junior Membership and must be returned with the completed Application. If you need area member names for possible sponsors, please contact the Corresponding Secretary.

**SPONSOR:** As a Sponsor for the prospective member, please take a few minutes to review and answer the questions below. Please remember that you should feel comfortable with the responsibility of sponsoring this applicant, as it may be necessary for you to vouch for this person in writing if requested.

Name of Applicant/Applicants: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have long have you been a member of the BHCA?  <1 yr  1–5 yrs  6-10 yrs  11–20 yrs  20 yrs+
2. How long have you known the applicant/applicants?  <1 yr  1–5 yrs  6-10 yrs  11–20 yrs  20 yrs+
3. How do you know the applicant/applicants?  Friends  Neighbor  Dog Club, Shows or Classes  Other
4. Do the dogs:
  - a. Appear well cared for, clean and groomed?  Yes  No
  - b. Live in the home with the applicant/applicants?  Yes  No
5. To your knowledge, has the applicant/applicants ever:
  - a. Sold a litter to retailers, wholesalers or brokers?  Yes  No
  - b. Given puppies away as a prize?  Yes  No
  - c. Auctioned puppies or dogs?  Yes  No
  - d. Inappropriately disposed of dogs?  Yes  No
6. Have you referred the applicant to local owners, members, trainers, clubs, events etc., in their area for information or support with their dogs?  Yes  No

If yes, have they pursued these avenues of information? Please explain:

7. Briefly please tell us how these applicants will benefit from BHCA membership?
  - a. Education
  - b. Connection with other Basset owners
  - c. Mentoring
  - d. Introduction to conformation, companion and/or performance venues
  - e. Other:

8. Briefly tell us how the BHCA will benefit from their membership in the club?
  - a. Willing volunteers
  - b. Enthusiastic about the breed
  - c. Want to involve their children in Juniors
  - d. Experienced in fundraising and public relations
  - e. Have good organizational skills
  - f. Other:

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_