

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. ***(must be different from adult applicant email)***

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 when 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 Name:_____ ☐ Commercial Kennel – Name:_____
   ☐ Pet store ☐ Internet ☐ Rescue – Name:_____

6. What are your primary interests in Basset Hounds?

   ☐Companion ☐Rescue ☐Conformation ☐Scent Work ☐Tracking ☐Agility ☐ Trick Dog ☐Obedience/Rally ☐Field trial/hunting ☐Therapy ☐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 ☐ How many times have you sold stud services? _____

   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?
   Do you advertise your puppies/litters online?_____ If so, on what websites, please list all:
   _____

8. Have you ever been convicted of, pled no contest to, or have pending investigations or charges against you involving animal cruelty, neglect, abuse or fighting? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please provide details.

9. The BHCA is committed to providing a safe environment for participants in our activities of all ages. All applicants will be screened through the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website, which is hosted by the US Department of Justice. If information discovered during this check leads to a decision to deny membership, we will notify you and provide you with information about how to contact the registry to address any potential error.

   Have you ever been convicted of a crime involving violence, sexual misconduct, or an offense against a minor or a vulnerable person, or are you currently required to register as a sex offender in any state or other jurisdiction?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
   If yes, please provide details, or any relevant information you would like to share.

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

11. Are you an AKC or foreign approved judge? Yes ☐ No ☐ - if yes, please list organizations, breeds, and disciplines for which you are approved

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

13. 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 have been voting members of BHCA in good standing for at least 3 years. Include their sponsor forms with your application or have them submit their sponsor forms online.

- 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 their 18th birthday the 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. You will have no voting or breeder listing 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/Membership 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
  Juniors do not have to pay annual dues until they turn 18 years old, at which time their membership automatically turns into a Single full membership. The Junior membership does NOT include a subscription to the Tally Ho newsletter. A junior may subscribe to get the Tally Ho for $18/year
- *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, sponsorship forms (if any) and application/membership fee are 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.
- After the publication 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:

Mark Chryssanthis, 5950 SW Bozarth Ln, Culver, OR 97734

Phone: 1-503-507-3907 • email: BHCA.Correspondence@gmail.com

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