



BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America (BCCA) is open to individuals 18 years of age or older. The application process takes approximately three months from the time we receive the completed application until the time an applicant is accepted into membership.

## ***Types of Membership***

These are the types of membership open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who subscribe to the purposes of the club and are in good standing with the AKC.

- Full Membership: Enjoys all the privileges of the club. This is available as Single or Joint (open to a husband and wife or to two persons living in the same household, who each will enjoy all the privileges of the club).
- Associate Membership: Enjoys all the privileges of the club, except the right to make motions, speak in debate, vote, and hold office. This is available as either Single or Joint. An associate membership is a good way for new members to start out, until they get to know more about bearded collies, and the BCCA.
- Foreign Membership: Open to non-U.S. residents who will enjoy all the privileges of the club except holding office and voting on the official Standard of the Bearded Collie. (This is available as either single or joint.)
- It is important to take part in BCCA activities and volunteer your time to further the club's goals, no matter the type of membership you select.

To ensure that your application is processed without delay, (1) complete the form in full (***do not leave any questions unanswered***); (2) have a BCCA member in good standing complete the sponsorship section; (3) sign and date the application; (4) read and sign the Code of Ethics (signature of all applicants is required); (5) enclose the appropriate dues; and (6) forward it to the Corresponding Secretary for processing. Please contact the BCCA Corresponding Secretary if you need help in locating BCCA members in your area to act as your sponsors.

Upon receipt, the Corresponding Secretary will submit the application to the BCCA Board for review and publication in the Bagpipes, the official newsletter of the BCCA. If no objections to the pending applicant(s) are received, a motion to accept the membership application will be voted on at the next Board meeting following publication. Upon approval, the candidate will be contacted by the Corresponding Secretary and welcomed as an official member of the BCCA.



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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Member Email \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Check where applicable      Owner       Breeder       Exhibitor

How long have been involved with bearded collies? \_\_\_\_\_

Number beardies currently owned or co-owned \_\_\_\_\_

Other breeds you currently own \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time in dogs and in what way? \_\_\_\_\_

BCCA membership would offer me

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in serving the BCCA by (list an area of interest that you are willing to serve the club with or special skills you have and are willing to use to help the club.)*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*My strengths and interests are (dog related or other)*

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\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a BCCA affiliate club member? Yes  No  If yes, affiliate club name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you engaged in any commercial enterprise involving dogs? Yes  No

If yes, are puppies or adult dogs sold in connection with this activity? Yes  No

Have you ever been suspended by the American Kennel Club? Yes  No

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from a breed club? Yes  No

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you exhibit or work your bearded collie in any of the following?**

Conformation  Agility  Herding  Obedience  Rally  Therapy  Tracking  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**If not, would you like to be contacted by one of our performance chairs for more information? Yes  No**

Conformation  Agility  Herding  Obedience  Rally  Therapy  Tracking  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you breed bearded collies? Yes  No  If yes, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_**

**How many litters have you owned or co-owned in the past three years? \_\_\_\_\_**

**If you have not bred a litter, do you have any interest in breeding? Yes  No**

<b>Type of Membership</b> Full Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Membership <input type="checkbox"/>	
Single \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Joint \$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Check enclosed, payable in US funds to the BCCA <input type="checkbox"/> Have the Treasurer invoice me via PayPal <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<b>Send your completed application to</b> Robin Deily BCCA Corresponding Secretary P.O. Box 4634 Bethlehem, PA 18018	<b>Add a subscription to the Bulletin, or an Illustrated Standard</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin subscription, bulk postage rate (\$30, US only)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin subscription, 1st class postage (\$34, US only)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin subscription, 1st class postage, Canada (\$36,)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin subscription, 1st class postage, foreign (\$60)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Standard (US), \$13
	<input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Standard (Canada), \$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Standard (Foreign), \$20	

**I have received, and read, the following BCCA documents**

Bylaws  Code of Ethics  Breeders' Guidelines  Educational brochure

By affixing my signature to this application, I hereby apply for membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc., (BCCA) and agree to abide by the rules, regulations, code of ethics and bylaws of the BCCA. I pledge to do all things possible to advance the best interest of the bearded collie breed, to maintain the breed standard, and to foster and maintain among the BCCA members warm friendships and the highest ethical standards of sportsmanship.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## CODE OF ETHICS

The Bearded Collie Club of America, in order to protect, preserve and promote the advancement and proper breeding and showing of the bearded collie, as well as ethical practices, does hereby set forth this Code of Ethics.

- All members shall maintain the best possible standards of health and care of their dogs and shall sell only those who are in good health and condition at the time of delivery. The breeder shall keep and pass on to the buyer accurate health, breeding and registration records at the time of the sale.
- Registration with the American Kennel Club is the responsibility of the breeder. It is recommended that all terms of agreement pertaining to sales, leasing, whelping and breeding of dogs be recorded in writing.
- Bearded collies shall not be sold to pet shops, wholesale dealers, contest sponsors or to any buyer who the breeder feels will not properly care for the dog.
- All advertising shall be of an honest and forthright nature.
- Good sportsmanship shall be advanced by members at all times.
- All members shall endeavor to help acquaint the public as to the Standard of the Breed as adopted by the Bearded Collie Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club.
- Members shall be held responsible for instructions to handlers and groomers as to the proper grooming of the bearded collie so as to conform to the Standard of the Breed.
- Disciplinary action against any member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the Breed may be taken by the BCCA.

I have read the above Code of Ethics as witnessed by my signature below. I understand that a breach of this code may be cause for dismissal from THE BCCA.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## STATEMENT OF SPONSORSHIP

A BCCA member in good standing must endorse each applicant. By submitting and signing this form you are endorsing the acceptance of a candidate for membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America and you hereby certify that you know this candidate well enough to give such endorsement. Sponsors are responsible for checking the accuracy of the information stated on the application and must be prepared to respond to questions from the BCCA board.

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

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ . **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Candidate(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have known the candidate for** \_\_\_\_\_ **years.**

**I have visited the kennel or home of the applicant.** Yes  No

**Candidate owns (number)** \_\_\_\_\_ **bearded collies.**

**It is my understanding that the candidate for membership has purchased a bearded collie to participate in the following activities**

Conformation  Agility  Herding  Obedience  Rally  Therapy  Tracking  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain what you know about this candidate so the BCCA Board can make an informed decision about this candidate's application for membership. Make sure to include the candidate's relationship with their dog club(s), reputation in the dog community, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, methods by which the individual assumes responsibility for dogs produced, non-dog interests, activities, and abilities.**

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To the best of my personal knowledge, the applicant's statements are true and correct, and do not omit any fact which would be relevant in the BCCA's membership determination. I believe the applicant, under all circumstances, will consider the welfare and best interests of the breed and of the dogs they keep. I believe the applicant will fully support the objectives of the Bearded Collie Club of America and do therefore endorse this application from actual personal knowledge.

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