



Puli Club of America
Application for Forming a Household Membership
(submitted by an existing individual member)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. All questions must be answered or the application will be returned and therefore cause a delay in your application. Please note that in order to be listed on the Breeder page a breeder must be member of PCA in good standing for three years prior to being listed.

Payment may be made online at <https://puliclub.org/wp/join-us/> Payment will also be accepted in US Dollars from currency, checks, payable to The Puli Club of America, Inc.

Mail or return to: Helen Lawson, PCA Membership Coordinator, 11851 Belair # 103, San Antonio TX 78213-4858.

Part A. To be filled out by the nominating current PCA member.

I _____ do nominate and recommend for membership in the Puli Club of America
(name of current individual PCA member)
_____ to form a household membership with me.
(name of prospective PCA member)

Notes:

- (1) Approval of the PCA Board of Directors is required.
- (2) The prospective PCA member's postal address must be the same as the current individual member's.
- (3) Upon approval of the BOD, the level of membership (general, associate, provisional) assigned to the prospective member will be that of the current individual member.
- (4) If the prospective member knows one (1) additional PCA member, please ask that they complete and sign the endorsement form. If the prospective member doesn't know anyone who can provide an endorsement, it may still be possible to become a PCA member by writing a letter explaining your (prospective member's) reasons for wanting to join the PCA.
- (5) Both the current individual member and the prospective member must sign the guidelines page.
- (6) Fee – \$40 for a full-year household membership, the individual member's fee may be credited.

signature – required – of the current individual member

Part B. To be filled out by the prospective additional household member.

Name, if applicable, of an additional PCA member who has been asked to provide an endorsement.

Phone number (if different from that of the individual member) _____
Email address (if different from that of the individual member) _____
Occupation of the prospective member (required) _____

On a separate page, the prospective member is expected to disclose any adverse information – AKC or PCA suspensions, animal cruelty citations or convictions, breeder practices, etc. – that might differ from the nominating current individual member. Refer to the membership application. Initial here _____ to indicate that there are none.

By my signature below, I certify that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Puli Club of America Constitution, By-Laws and Guidelines for Owners/Breeders/Exhibitors. (Guidelines must be signed and attached.) I have answered all questions on this application truthfully, in good faith, and to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

THE PULI CLUB OF AMERICA'S GUIDELINES FOR OWNERS/BREEDERS/EXHIBITORS

The Puli Club of America, Inc. in accordance with the objectives of its Constitution, expects its members to use these guidelines in establishing a standard of conduct for themselves as owners, breeders, sellers and exhibitors of Pulik. **Every person who owns a Puli has an inherent responsibility to protect our breed.**

A. A PULI OWNER WILL PROVIDE ALL DOGS WITHIN THEIR KEEPING WITH:

- Appropriate food, water, health care and shelter.
- Emotional requirements of attention, affection and appropriate training.

B. A PULI BREEDER WILL:

- Be well-informed about the Standard of our breed.
- Be aware that the purpose of breeding is to maintain or improve the quality of the breed in accordance with the standard.
- **Use all available means such as knowledge of ancestors, and CHIC testing to determine that breeding stock is free of inheritable disease. PCA required CHIC testing includes:**

1. **OFA or Penn Hip for hips**
2. **OFA for patella**
3. **OFA Degenerative Myelopathy (DNA test)**
4. **CERF (Canine Eye Registry) to be updated every 3 years**

Additional tests that can be performed but are not required testing include:

1. **OFA for elbows**
 2. **OFA for cardiac**
 3. **OFA for thyroid**
 4. **BAER (hearing) test**
- Obtain radiologically normal OFA/Penn Hip evaluation on all breeding stock before breeding.
 - Use only stock which is itself sound in body and temperament.
 - Breed only when in a position to properly care for the bitch and litter, recognizing that offspring might need housing for a considerable length of time.
 - Not breed a bitch at her first season, before the age of 2, nor breed her more than 2 out of 3 consecutive heat periods, taking the health of the bitch into consideration at all times.
 - Enter into all breeding arrangements with written contracts.
 - Keep accurate and thorough breeding records in full accordance with AKC requirements.
 - Prevent all breedings that are not carefully planned and provide adequate kenneling to prevent accidental or unplanned matings.
 - Insist that a visiting bitch be in the stud owner's care and/or supervision before, through and until completion of estrus, so that accidental mating to another stud not occur.
 - Not substitute one stud for another without the knowledge and agreement of all parties.
 - Pay careful attention to physical and emotional needs of puppies produced.
 - **Keep all puppies in the litter until they are a minimum of eight (8) weeks of age.**
 - **Be aware at all times that producing puppies is a commitment and they remain responsible for puppies they produce throughout the lifetime of those dogs.**
 - **Breeders are required to provide assistance to dogs of their breeding in need of re-homing, including taking the dogs back and fostering them until they can relocate them to a new home.**

C. PERSON SELLING A PULI WILL BREEDER WILL:

- Maintain a reasonable price within one's locale, which price should also be compatible with national prices.
- Intelligently and honestly classify stock as show prospect, breeding prospect or pet.
- **Provide AKC papers with limited registration if the dog is a potential detriment to the breed.**
- Ascertain that the prospective owner has the knowledge, ability and facilities to properly care for a Puli.
- Give the buyer an honest appraisal of coat management, physical, mental and nutritional needs peculiar to the breed.
- Provide a pedigree of at least 3 generations, typed or written legibly.
- Supply records to the buyer regarding immunization, feeding and instructions for future care.
- Release only puppies which are in good health and guarantee the health of the puppy for a reasonable length of time.

- **Only release puppies after 8 weeks of age which is in keeping with most animal welfare laws.**
- Provide written contractual proof of sale and guarantees. If registration papers are not yet available, a bill of sale, giving names and registration numbers of sire and dam and date of birth are required.
- Avoid false and misleading advertising, including internet and websites.
- Not sell or provide stock to pet shops or commercial kennels.
- Not donate dogs, puppies or adults, for contests, raffles, or fund raising events.

D. ***A PERSON SHOWING A PULI WILL:***

- Show and encourage the showing of high quality stock.
- Exhibit only the most creditable ring deportment and accept the services of only those professional handlers whose behavior is exemplary.
- Help the novice exhibitor and breeder. Use kind, constructive and honest criticism.
- Display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves, whether at home, traveling, at shows, or in hotels, in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the Puli Club of America, themselves and the Puli as a breed.
- Exhibit dogs that are clean, in good physical condition and under control.

Current individual PCA Member Signature _____ **Date** _____

Prospective additional PCA Household Member Signature _____ **Date** _____

PULI CLUB OF AMERICA Sponsorship form

To be completed by the sponsor and returned by sponsor directly to the
PCA Membership Coordinator.

This is a confidential form.

Name of Sponsor _____ Date: _____

Name of Applicant(s): _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO SPONSORS: Please provide complete and meaningful information to assist the Board of Directors in deciding on applicant(s)' eligibility under the provisions of the PCA Constitution, By-Laws and Guidelines for Owner/Breeders/Exhibitors. Information provided will be kept confidential. Sponsors may be asked to answer additional questions bearing upon applicants' qualifications, and should not agree to sponsor unless willing to supply such confidential information. Sponsors must have been members of the Puli Club of America for one year to sponsor a prospective member(s).

1. How long have you known the applicant(s)? _____

2. Have you ever been to the applicant(s)' home? _____

3. What relationship have you had with the applicant(s) to enable you to judge his/her experience and ethical qualifications?

4. Give a brief but specific statement on what you feel qualifies the applicant(s) for membership.

5. Give a brief statement regarding the character and/or ethical conduct of applicant(s) as it relates to the sport of purebred dogs.

6. Provide any further pertinent information which may bear on the applicant(s)' acceptance.

I affirm that the information contained herein is to the best of my knowledge. I believe that the applicant understands responsible and ethical dog ownership, and the objectives of the Puli Club of America. By my endorsement below, I recommend the applicant be accepted

PCA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, SPONSOR SIGNATURE:

_____ Date: _____

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