

American Chesapeake Club - Membership Application



Name _____ Occupation _____
 2nd Member's Name _____ Occupation _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Postal Code _____
 Phone () _____ 2nd Phone Number () _____
 Email _____ 2nd Email _____
 Kennel Name _____ Website _____

ENDORSEMENT OF TWO MEMBERS REQUIRED:

(1) _____ (2) _____
 (Signature) (Signature)
 (1) _____ (2) _____
 (Printed name) (Printed name)

CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE / SCHEDULE OF DUES: Please check the class of membership for which you are applying below. For the first year dues there is an additional five dollar (\$5.00) initiation fee.

With Digital Bulletin*

- US Single \$40 - Open to all persons 18 or older.
- US House \$55 - Open to 2 persons/children residing in same home. Name of both voting members must be listed. Enjoy all membership privileges with 2 votes per household for members 18yrs or older. Children under 18 are not eligible to vote.
- US Junior \$25 - Open to persons under 18, no right to vote or hold office. Date of Birth: ___mo___yr
- Canada Single \$40
- Canada House \$55
- Foreign Single \$40
- Foreign House \$55

With Printed Bulletin

- US Single \$55 - Open to all persons 18 or older.
- US House \$70 - Open to 2 persons/children residing in same home. Name of both voting members must be listed. Enjoy all membership privileges with 2 votes per household for members 18yrs or older. Children under 18 are not eligible to vote.
- US Junior \$25 - Open to persons under 18, no right to vote or hold office. Date of Birth: ___mo___yr
- Canada Single \$68
- Canada House \$83
- Foreign Single \$80
- Foreign House \$95

**Members who choose the Digital-Only Option will opt-out of receiving official notices from the ACC by mail or in the printed ACC Bulletin, instead receiving official notices in the digital version of the ACC Bulletin.*

Foreign membership open to all persons eighteen years (18) and older residing outside the United States, or its territories and possessions, who are interested in the breed and subscribe to the purposes of corporation. This type of membership pays full dues and offers all corporation benefits and participation Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Foreign Members may not vote (with the exceptions of those Foreign Members who were members in good standing as of the date that these Bylaws were adopted by the membership in accordance with Article 13) hereof, and no Foreign Member may hold office.

Membership Dues \$ _____
 Initiation Fee \$ _____ \$5
 Foreign Postage \$ _____
 Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to American Chesapeake Club

Mail to: Mel Phillips
 34585 Williams Gap Rd
 Round Hill, VA 20141-2220
 Email: melphillips@yahoo.com

NOTE: Canadian members add \$13.00 additional for postage. Foreign members add \$25.00 additional for postage. All payments must be made in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. The Undersigned agrees to abide by the Constitution / By-Laws of the American Chesapeake Club / the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Signature _____ Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Printed Name _____

American Chesapeake Club Bylaws regarding membership
SECTION
 4. MEMBERS
 A. QUALIFICATIONS AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP
 (5) Election to Membership

the applicant agrees to abide by the Articles and Bylaws of the corporation as well as the rules of The American Kennel Club and to actively serve the corporation in such capacity as may be required and within the applicant's capabilities.

American Chesapeake Club Code of Ethics

**Love and respect of the Chesapeake Bay Retriever is implicit in membership in the American Chesapeake Club.
Therefore, all members agree to foster the goals set forth in the Code of Ethics.**

I. Responsibilities of Members

- a. Read and familiarize yourself with the American Chesapeake Club Breed Standard for the Chesapeake Bay Retriever that is approved by the American Kennel Club. Support and abide by the rules of the American Chesapeake Club and the American Kennel Club.
- b. Appreciate the unique nature of the Chesapeake Bay Retriever and try to develop the characteristics this dog has inherited through selective breeding (intelligence, desire to mark and retrieve with style, love of water, and keen scenting ability).
- c. Assume the responsibility of proper feeding, maintenance, health care, and training at all times.
- d. Always conduct yourself in a manner which will reflect credit on yourself and the breed. Refrain from public criticism or malicious degrading of others or their dogs, whether in person, on social media, or otherwise.
- e. Never knowingly sell or place a Chesapeake Bay Retriever with unethical persons or those who would not provide proper and humane care to the dog. Refuse to sell any Chesapeake Bay Retriever to any pet shop or to any wholesale dealer in dogs.
- f. Should you become aware of the mistreatment, abuse, or need for relocation of any Chesapeake Retriever, make every effort to be of assistance by notifying the breeder of the dog involved, the local authorities, and helping in any other way in which you are able.

II. Responsibilities of Breeders/Brood Bitch/Stud Dog

The ACC Board of Directors strongly recommends that all breeding stock be free of Hip/Elbow Dysplasia, Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) in addition to all hereditary eye diseases, Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC), and Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) – tested Normal or otherwise.

- a. Do not breed Chesapeake Bay Retrievers that are not registered by the American Kennel Club or by kennel clubs recognized by the American Kennel Club.
- b. Strive in each breeding to improve the breed according to the ACC Breed Standard. Conscientiously plan each breeding based on parents of appropriate temperament, appearance, and other desirable qualities.
- c. Be aware of genetic defects which can be harmful to the breed. When breeding, endeavor to select animals that will reduce the incidence of genetic problems while enhancing the positive attributes and abilities of the breed. Be open with all persons interested in the welfare of the Chesapeake Bay Retriever and discuss possible physical or temperament defects in your own stock.
- d. Do not breed any bitch which is not mature (never before the second heat) and in good health. Do not allow puppies to go to their new homes until at least 7 weeks of age.
- e. Act responsibly toward all puppies produced by your brood bitch or stud dog for the lifetime of the puppies. (Recommend that the breeder encourage the owner to contact him if he can no longer keep a dog at any time in the dog's life.)
- f. Understand that written contracts are strongly recommended for all transactions, such as sales, guarantees, co-ownerships, breeding rights agreements, bitch leases, stud services, etc. Keep accurate records and pedigrees and give new owners registration papers or forward as soon as possible.
- g. Use and promote the use of the American Kennel Club non-breeding registration on pet quality puppies which are sold or placed by you.

Find the Bylaws here: <https://amchessieclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/American-Chesapeake-Club-Bylaws-AKC-Approved-2017.pdf>