



American Chesapeake Club - Membership Renewal

Membership dues are due on or before January 1, 2027. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid (30) days after the first day of the fiscal year (January 1st). In order for you to be listed in the new Membership Directory, your renewal **MUST BE RECEIVED** by January 31st.

PLEASE CONSIDER RENEWING ONLINE WITH OUR NEW ONLINE RENEWAL SYSTEM!

TO RENEW BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD: go to amchessieclub.org/manage-membership. Enter your email address on file with the club and request a password which will be emailed immediately following the request. If you have a household membership, you can use the email address and password for the primary contact (first person listed in the directory) to renew online.

All members are asked to log into the URL above to verify/update your contact details. Honorary Lifetime members should renew online. See instructions on the web page listed above.

TO RENEW BY CHECK/MONEY ORDER: Make payable to American Chesapeake Club. Check payments must be made in U.S. Funds and drawn on a U.S. bank. CANADIAN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS are NOT ACCEPTABLE as they are not drawn on a U.S. Bank. This renewal form should accompany your payment.

Establishing your online login allows you to manage your account and access our new Member Portal where you can enjoy content that is exclusively available to members. If you need to add or change an email address associated with your membership, please contact Support@amchessieclub.org.

Return check/money order to:
American Chesapeake Club
Sonia Cunningham, Treasurer
PO Box 958
Ogden UT 84402

Note: The IRS states that dues are not normally deductible. Donations to Specialty funds are not tax-deductible. Please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope or postcard if you would like receipt acknowledgement of this form.

Questions about paying by check? Email: sonia.cunningham@amchessieclub.org

Check/Money Order # _____

Please select 1 option for your Bulletin: ___*digital only option ___printed copy

Membership type w/digital Bulletin: Individual U.S. \$40, Household U.S. \$55, Individual Canada \$40, Household Canada \$55, Individual Overseas \$40, Household Overseas \$55

Membership type w/printed Bulletin: Individual U.S. \$55, Household U.S. \$70, Individual Canada \$68, Household Canada \$83, Individual Overseas \$80, Household Overseas \$95, Junior \$25

2027 National Show Specialty donation

2027 National Field Trial Specialty donation

Amount

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

Total \$ _____

**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.*

Members interested in making a donation to the ACC Charitable Trust, an independent, registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supporting Chesapeake Bay Retrievers in the areas of health, education and rescue, are encouraged to visit their website to make a **direct donation**. Please visit:

accct.amchessieclub.org/donations

Print name and sign below to reaffirm your commitment to uphold the ACC Code of Ethics. (see back of this page)

Print Member 1 _____ Print Member 2 _____

Sign Member 1 _____ Sign Member 2 _____

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>