



Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

NAME: _____
Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____
First Middle Last

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____ OCCUPATION _____

Name of one or more Dalmatians owned: _____

Membership in other dog clubs: _____

Are you willing to work as a member of the club for the advancement of the Dalmatian dog, for good sportsmanship, and for the interest of the Club and fancy? _____

What areas of expertise do you have that would be beneficial to the club? _____

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby apply for membership in the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. I certify that I am the required age of 18 years or over and agree to abide by the Constitution and By Laws of the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc., the Ethical Guidelines and by the rules and regulations of this Club and the American Kennel Club now and hereafter made. I have answered all questions truthfully and fully.

Dated: _____ Signed: _____

SPONSORS are required to submit a brief statement for their reasons for endorsement. These statements, application, dues and initiation fee must be in the hands of the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Mary Widder at least three (3) weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the applicant will be voted on. Sponsors must be in good standing with the DCA and have paid their dues.

Sponsored by: _____ Sponsored by: _____

Full yearly dues **plus** an initiation fee of \$10.00 must accompany this application. Dues are: \$30.00 per year, per person for members in the United States; \$40.00 for members residing in Canada and Mexico; \$50.00 for members residing in all other foreign countries. All monies must be paid in U.S. Dollars.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

Mrs. Mary Widder, 864 Ettin Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065 (Email: widderm@vcss.k12.ca.us)

DALMATIAN CLUB PINS (Gold Plated).....\$35.00

(Sterling Silver).....\$30.00

DECALS each.....\$ 3.00

Pins and Decals are in the design of the DCA logo

Window Decals are double-faced, static cling and removable

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM

THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA

ETHICAL GUIDELINES

Recommended Practices for Owners, Handlers and Breeders

I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

These guidelines are presented with the full realization that ethics cannot be legislated, and that most individuals desire and intend to do what is right. The purpose of these guidelines, therefore, is to set forth principles of practice that the Dalmatian Club of America would have all its members and those associated with Dalmatians adhere to as they strive to accomplish the club's goals and purposes so clearly stated in the Bylaws. These guidelines present the minimum in ethical practices; how best to conform to these practices is better left to the educational efforts of individuals and regional clubs.

II. PRACTICES

In keeping with my membership in the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. and my dedication to further its stated purposes, I hereby pledge to the following practices:

1. To ensure that all dogs in my care are provided adequate food, shelter, human companionship, and medical care.
2. To become educated in the fundamentals of owning, breeding and exhibiting dogs.
3. To understand the basic laws of genetics, the standard of the breed and the difference between the correct and the incorrect before attempting to breed.
4. To register all breeding stock with The American Kennel Club, and to keep complete, true and accurate records of all matings, litters and pedigrees.
5. To follow good business practices and ethics in sales and breeding contracts and to honor all agreements. Written agreements are encouraged.
6. To refrain from breeding unless there is a strong assurance that a sufficient number of homes are available for the resulting puppies and to be willing to accept the return of unwanted dogs produced by my brood bitch or sired by my stud dog.
7. To ensure that no female will be bred before reaching 18 months of age nor before her second season and that no female will be bred after she has reached 8 years of age. To ensure that no male will be bred before he has reached one year of age.
8. To be extremely discriminating when considering the acceptance of bitches for breeding to my stud dog, especially those whose owners have not pledged to adhere to these guidelines.
9. To ensure that the hearing status of all puppies and breeding candidates is known and taken into consideration in all breeding decisions. To ensure that all bilaterally deaf puppies produced by my brood bitch or sired by my stud dog are humanely euthanized as soon as the condition is detected and confirmed.
10. To transfer puppies only after they have reached at least seven weeks of age, to provide at least a three generation pedigree, and to ensure that the buyer has the physical facilities to properly care for a Dalmatian.
11. To appropriately use A.K.C. limited registration for puppies that are not of breeding quality. To avoid sales agreements which include "puppy back" clauses that might encourage unnecessary breeding.
12. To ensure that puppies and adults produced by my brood bitch or stud dog are never knowingly sold or consigned to pet stores, wholesalers, or commercial dealers. To not knowingly supply dogs for raffles, auctions, giveaways prizes or other such projects.
13. To recognize that careful follow-up of all genetic defects is the responsibility of the owners of both the sire and dam of every litter.
14. To ensure that all advertising is factual and not misleading. To never engage in malicious criticism and to separate fact from fiction before repeating comments heard from others.
15. To adhere to rules of the A.K.C. while exhibiting; to practice the principles of good sportsmanship; and to consider competitors as a challenge, not a threat.
16. To ensure that while engaged in the art and science of judging, that I will be influenced only by the quality of the animals to be judged.
17. To always ensure that my actions are directed toward the best interests of the Dalmatian breed, the Dalmatian Club of America and the American Kennel Club.

(Unanimously approved by the D.C.A. Board of Governors 5/1/94. Approved by the D.C. A. Membership 7/11/94)

I have read and familiarized myself with the above. By signing below I am indicating that I agree to adhere to the Dalmatian Club of America Ethical Guidelines.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____