



American Pomeranian Club, Inc.®

Established 1900
Member of the American Kennel Club, Inc.

Membership Application

INSTRUCTIONS

Please make sure you have:

- A completely filled out application form (Part I & II). Answer all questions, sign and date including a signed copy of the Code of Ethics. Applications not completely filled out or missing signatures will be delayed.
- Signed endorsement of two APC members in good standing, who have known you for two years, is required.
- Applications must be accompanied by \$45 processing fee and dues. **A separate Check/Money Order/PayPal/Credit Card Payment must be made for the processing fee.** The APC accepts U.S. FUNDS ONLY; i.e. check drawn on a U.S. bank or postal money order. Payment may be made with PayPal, or Visa/MasterCard are accepted. Funds received on a non U.S. bank will result in a delay of your application. Two payments MUST accompany the application.
- Applicants will be published in the next issue of the *Pomeranian Review* and on the APC members only Facebook Page & website. The magazine is published bi-monthly. APC members have 60 days to send comments to the Membership Chair. If no negative comments are received, applicants are voted on at the next board meeting. This process may take 12-16 weeks.
- Patrons are individuals who wish to contribute to the APC but do not meet the sponsorship requirements for membership. Patron status is not a prerequisite to obtaining APC Membership. Patrons may not vote or hold office. Patrons will be published in a special section of the Roster and they will receive a copy of the Roster annually.

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION

Please Note: All fees are subject to change.

USA		CANADA/MEXICO		TOTAL FEES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 50.00	Processing Fee	\$ 45.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership	\$ 65.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership	\$ 70.00	Membership Fee	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Membership	Free	FOREIGN		Patron Donation	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 55.00		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership	\$ 70.00	TOTAL FEES	\$ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Patron - minimum \$20 donation			

New members elected shall receive a welcome packet. The processing fee includes a one-year subscription to the *Pomeranian Review*.

PAYMENT ENCLOSED

- Check/Money Order payable to American Pomeranian Club, Inc. or APC
- PayPal ~ send payment to treasurer@ampomclub.org (attach copy of receipt with application)
- Credit Card Payment Type of Card Visa Master Card American Express

Name as it appears on Card

Credit Card Number

Exp Date

Signature

Dues, contributions or gifts to the American Pomeranian Club, Inc.® are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income tax purposes.

Send Applications to:
Pat Barnett
1201 Bridgewater, Benton, AR 72019
membership@ampomclub.org

PART I – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby make application for membership in the American Pomeranian Club, Inc.® (APC). I understand that membership is based on the current calendar year; that dues are due and payable by January 1st of each calendar year; that my privileges and rights as a member commence from date of acceptance by vote of the APC Board of Directors. Applicants voted in as members on or after the first day of August in any year will be credited as paid to the 31st of December of the ensuing year.

If accepted by the Board of Directors, I agree to the best of my ability to abide by the APC Constitution & Bylaws, APC Code of Ethics, and to promote the best interests of the Pomeranian. I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club.

I will attempt at all times to be worthy of the trust in mankind that is displayed by the Pomeranian and I will answer any letters sent to me by the Secretary or by any Committee working in the interest of the Club. I will support the goals and projects of the APC.

Applicant _____ Occupation _____

Joint Applicant _____ Occupation _____

Junior Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____
(Junior Applicants Only)

Mailing Address _____ Phone (home) (____) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Phone (office) (____) _____

Zip _____ Country (if not the U.S.) _____ Phone (fax) (____) _____

Kennel Name _____ Phone (cell) (____) _____

Website _____ Email _____

Number of years in Poms? _____ Number of Poms presently owned? _____ Average yearly number of Pom litters? _____

Why are you interested in joining the APC? _____

Are your Pomeranians and Litters registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC)? YES NO

Have you ever been suspended from the AKC (if so, list why, when, & how long on a separate sheet of paper)? _____

Do you sell Pomeranians to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? _____

How many AKC Events have you entered in the last 3 years? _____

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Club Affiliations (Please list all dog clubs in which you are or have been a member)

Name of Organization	Years (from – to)	Positions held (if any)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Interests, abilities, work skills, experience in public, community or charitable organizations? _____

On which committees of the APC would you like to help? _____

I/We wish to be listed on the APC website? YES NO

Roster/Web Codes: B - Breeder E - Exhibitor H - Handler J - Judge A - Agility OB - Obedience

Rly - Rally T - Tracking B - Barn Hunt C - Coursing F - Flyball R - Rescue FC - FastCAT

SW - Scentwork PF - Pom Fancier

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Joint Applicant Signature / Parent or Guardian Signature (Junior Applicants only) _____ Date _____

SPONSORSHIP SECTION

All applications require two (2) sponsors who are members of the APC, who are not family members of the applicant, who are from two different households, and who are in good standing with the Club. Sponsors must not be related to the applicant (except for junior membership); sponsors must not be related to each other by blood or marriage; and must not reside in the same household as each other. As a sponsor, you must provide answers to the following questions. Please remember that you should feel comfortable with the responsibility of sponsoring this applicant(s) as it may be necessary for you to vouch for this person.

I endorse the application of _____ for membership in the APC.

SPONSOR #1

How long have you known applicant(s) [minimum 2 year requirement]? _____

Have you met applicant(s) in person? YES NO

Have you been to applicant(s) home? YES NO

Why do you recommend applicant(s) for membership?

Printed Name of First Sponsor Signature Date

SPONSOR #2

How long have you known applicant(s) [minimum 2 year requirement]? _____

Have you met applicant(s) in person? YES NO

Have you been to applicant(s) home? YES NO

Why do you recommend applicant(s) for membership?

Printed Name of Second Sponsor Signature Date

Applications take between six to eight weeks to process and publish in *The Pomeranian Review*.

You must read, agree and sign the APC Code of Ethics.

UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

For Administrative Use Only

Date Received: _____ Date/Issue Published: _____ Current *Pomeranian Review* Subscriber: Yes No

Payment Type:

Check No./Money Order: _____ PayPal: _____ Credit Card _____

APC Director Vote Tally Accepted Rejected Date _____

Membership Chair Signature _____

Date Applicant Notified _____

CODE OF ETHICS

1. I agree to follow the regulations as set forth by the American Kennel Club and the American Pomeranian Club Inc. as they pertain to purebred dogs.
2. I will furnish a signed registration application or transfer with each puppy sold, unless a written agreement stating the reason for withholding papers is made with the purchaser at the time of sale.
3. I will not sell my puppies to pet shops or commercial pet mill establishments, nor will I donate puppies for raffles or auctions.
4. I will not crossbreed or advertise for sale puppies that have been crossbred.
5. I will not provide stud service to bitches that are not registered with the AKC or an AKC recognized foreign registry.
6. Before I sell a puppy/dog, I will have said puppy/dog checked by my veterinarian and will furnish the buyer with a copy of the puppy/dog's immunization and health record. I will advise the purchaser of my puppy/dog to have the puppy/dog checked by a veterinarian within 72 hours of the sale unless a different specified time is agreed upon, in writing, by the seller and the buyer.
7. I will maintain the best possible standard of health and care in all of my dogs and see that puppies are immunized and checked for parasites.
8. In my breeding program I will work to control and/or eradicate inherited problems and conditions that are particular to Pomeranians.
9. I will not willingly or knowingly breed merle to merle, merle to brindle or merle to white, orange or cream. If any offspring of a merle breeding (one or more of the ancestors is a merle) is born clear (no black or brown hair) the offspring will be DNA tested for the merle gene unless the offspring are sold on a spay/neuter agreement. Failure to comply may be considered to be actions not in the best interests of the breed and could result in unwanted merle to merle breedings that produce serious health issues.
10. I will adhere to the Breed Standard that is set forth by the American Pomeranian Club.
11. I will represent my dogs as honestly as possible to prospective buyers and try to assist the serious novice in their understanding of the breed. Further, if I send written or photographic representation of my dogs, these images shall represent the animal as it appears at the time, unless otherwise noted.
12. I acknowledge that the American Pomeranian Club recommends puppies are not sold before 10 weeks of age unless there are unusual and necessary circumstances.
13. The American Pomeranian Club recommends that the sale of all Poms be defined in a written contract between seller and buyer.
14. I will try at all times to show good sportsmanship and keep in mind that the good of the breed comes before any personal benefit and that the Club exists to protect the breed.

I, an applicant for membership (or patron) in the American Pomeranian Club certify that I have read and agree to abide by the Club's Constitution and Bylaws, the Code of Ethics and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Applicant Signature

Date

Joint Applicant Signature

Date

(Both signatures are required for joint membership)

Please make a copy of this application for your records.