

## MINNESOTA PUREBRED DOG BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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Thank you for your interest in MPDBA. We welcome anyone to become a member of our organization who is interested in promoting education regarding purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership, and ethical breeding. You DO NOT need to be a dog breeder to join, although most of our members currently breed or have in the past. We do expect our members to be knowledgeable about their breeds and breed standards, health issues, grooming, and all other aspects related to their breed and willing to share this knowledge with the public. We also encourage members to be proactive in tracking local ordinances, and to be aware of state and federal legislative efforts that may limit dog ownership and hobby breeding. See our page on legislation for more information.

### **In order to become an individual/family member, a person must:**

- Attend one meeting, usually the third Thursday of the month.
- Club and commercial applications require an officer attend one meeting as a home visit is not done. **Currently meetings are held via Zoom because of COVID-19.**
- Obtain an application form, and copy of Code of Ethics plus other information from the membership chair.
- Submit the application form, along with application fee/first year dues (check made out to MPDBA) to the membership chair. Your form must be signed by applicant(s). Two sponsors must also sign. Sponsors are current members in good standing who are not related to each other.
- Write a letter of intent as to why you wish to be a member. HINT: "I want to sell puppies" is NOT a good reason.
  
- Participate in a home visit that is scheduled with a Board member who submits a home visit form to the Board for review.
- New members have two readings, the first after which the applicant's name, address, and breed(s) are published in our newsletter. The second reading is done the following month and published in the newsletter as well. After all requirements are met for membership (i.e, home visit), the Board votes on approval of your membership. If you have any questions, please contact me.

### **DUES:**

--Individual \$25.00/Yr.

--Family\$30.00/Yr.

--Club \$40.00/Yr.

--Commercial \$40.00/Yr.

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