



Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Occupation: _____

Interests: Dog Owner: _____ Breeder: _____ Rescue: _____
Exhibitor in: Obedience: _____ Conformation: _____ Agility: _____

Why do you want to become a member of the East Tennessee Boxer Club?

What Previous experience do you have with Boxers of any other breed?

Do you now or have you in the past belonged to a dog club? _____ If so, when and where and list any offices you may have held. _____

List two people and their telephone numbers who are acquainted with you (one year or more) and your practice concerning your dogs:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

I have read the Constitution & By-Laws and Code of Ethics of the East Tennessee Boxer Club. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated in these documents and that of the American Boxer Club and the American Kennel Club.

Applicant's Signature

Annual membership dues \$25.00
One time only application fee of \$12.50 (non-refundable)
A total of \$37.50 for the first time applicant

Recommended By: _____

Today's Date: _____ Member Sign _____
Date Application Received: _____

Member Sign

Readings: 1st _____ 2nd _____
(date) (date)

Approved and Added to Roll: _____
(date)

Member of the American Boxer Club, Inc. and the American Kennel Club, Inc.

This Code of Ethics (Articles I through IV) is set forth as a guideline to protect and advance the interests of Boxers and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and tracking events, including a respect for people and dogs. It is presented as a guideline for American Boxer Club members to follow when breeding. Members of the American Boxer Club will conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs and on Boxers in particular, regardless of the location or circumstance. *AKC Rules and Regulations* and *The American Boxer Club By-Laws* should be known and adhered to at all times. It is important to know the current standard of the breed.

ARTICLE I

Breeding

1. Breed only with the intention of improving the breed.
2. Breed only from healthy, sound, typey individuals who display good sound qualities, which are free of known disqualifying faults.
3. All dogs offered at stud should be in good health. They should be free from Canine Brucellosis and other communicable diseases as well as disqualifying genetic faults. A written Stud Contract is essential and it should state that the owner of the Stud Dog will not sign a litter registration application which includes the count of any puppies with a color disqualification (Article 5, Page 4). Monorchids are not considered breeding stock.
4. Any bitch accepted for stud service should be at least eighteen months of age, in good health, free from communicable diseases and disqualifying faults. The bitch must be accompanied by a current Veterinarian's certificate stating that she is free from Canine Brucellosis. It is the responsibility of the stud dog owner to properly provide for all visiting bitches' safety and security. Each bitch must be bred only to the stud dog specified by her owner. A change of stud dog is only permitted with the express consent of the owner of the bitch and should be included as an amendment to the Stud Contract.
5. Bitches should be bred only between the ages of eighteen months and six years and not more than once a year.
6. Breeders will keep accurate breeding papers, pedigrees, and contracts.

ARTICLE II

Health and Maintenance

1. Breeders should encourage the X-raying, OFA certifying of hips, as well as testing for thyroid and other determinable conditions which would affect the health of their dogs or the offspring of same.
2. Tail docking, removal of dewclaws, and ear cropping are appropriate for the well-being of the Breed. Corrective cosmetic surgery will not be performed on Boxers. If and when such corrective surgery becomes a necessity, the dog will no longer be exhibited, if such alteration is not acceptable to stated AKC policies.
3. Members of the American Boxer Club will strive to maintain their Boxers' condition, health, and quarters in a manner which is above reproach in every respect.

ARTICLE III

Registration

There are two ways to register puppies for the first time with the "blue registration application" slip:

1. **Limited Registration.** ABC members are encouraged to indicate application for a limited registration for the following:
 - a. Boxers being purchased only as registered companion pets.
 - b. Boxers that are not considered sound, or not of breeding quality including monorchids.

Note: The limited registration registers the puppy; it does not allow the registration of any offspring from the mature dog. The breeder of the dog can cancel the limited registration should the puppy at maturity be considered of breeding quality.

2. **Full Registration.** Register Boxers who are sound, healthy, typey, considered to be of breeding quality and are free of disqualifying faults under the Standard of the Breed (Art. 5).

ARTICLE IV

Sale of Puppies and Adult Dogs

1. All sales of puppies and adults should include:
 - a. AKC registration application papers.
 - b. Signed Bill of Sale.
 - c. An accurate three generation pedigree.
 - d. ABC Brochure and /or copy of the Standard of the Breed.
 - e. Health record including shots given, diet, and care information.

Note: Registration papers may be withheld at the time of the sale in such cases of prior agreement in writing. Example: Spay/Neuter Agreement, Breeding/Lease Agreement, or other similar contracted agreement, which would delay transfer of ownership until completion of contract.

2. If possible, puppies should remain in their litter environment until at least 7 weeks of age. *(see note below)
3. Purchasers should be urged to spay or neuter all pets.
4. Misleading or untruthful statements must not be used in selling or advertising of puppies. Misrepresentation of ABC awards, AKC and/or foreign titles must be carefully avoided.
5. American Boxer Club Members will at all times strive to be accurate and honest to the best of their ability in appraising the quality of Boxers being offered for sale or placement with reference to the Standard of the Breed.
6. All contracts must be clear and complete with any and all conditions stated. A signed copy must be provided to each party involved.
7. During the life of any Boxer sold or placed, the breeder should endeavor to help the owner in every reasonable way.
8. Prospective buyers should be screened on their desire and ultimate intent for each Boxer. Their interest and ability to provide a safe, adequate and loving home should be determined. Fenced yards and crates should be recommended.
9. American Boxer Club members and member clubs will help educate the public on the Standard of the Breed and care of the Boxer in areas where they are qualified.

*Note: Some states have laws that puppies cannot be separated from their mothers until 8 weeks of age. Check your state regulations.

ARTICLE V

Infractions

The Boxer Standard defines the following disqualifications: "Boxers that are of any color other than fawn or brindle. Boxers with a total of white markings exceeding one-third of the entire coat."

Section One: The following infractions are considered to be actions contrary to the best interest of the breed and/or the ABC:

- a. Registration with the AKC of an individual Boxer or any color not allowed by the standard adopted for the breed by the ABC, approved by the AKC, and in force at the of the infraction.
- b. Providing a registration application (blue slip) for a Boxer of any color not allowed by the Standard.
- c. Signing an application for registration of a litter with the AKC which includes in the count one or more puppies of a color not allowed by the Standard.
- d. Signing an application for registration with the AKC of a litter whose sire/ or dam are of a color not allowed by the Standard.
- e. Selling or consigning for resale a Boxer of a color not allowed by the Standard.
- f. Selling or consigning for resale a Boxer whose sire and/or dam are of a color not allowed by the Standard.
- g. Selling, consigning, or disposing of a puppy or an adult Boxer to a pet shop, chain of pet shops, or any commercial kennel for resale.

Section Two: Charges may be brought against a member or a member club for actions listed in Section One of this Article, as defined in Article VIII, Section 2, of the By-Laws of the American Boxer Club.

Adopted by the Membership: March 31, 1994

*I have read the Code of Ethics of the American Boxer Club which have been adopted by the East Tennessee Boxer Club.
I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club, the American Boxer Club, and the East Tennessee Boxer Club.*

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____