

# Northern California Siberian Husky Club, Inc.

## Application for Membership

The objects of this club are:

- ◆ The dedication and preservation of the breed of Siberian Huskies, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection
- ◆ To urge members and breeders to adhere to the Standard of the Breed, as approved by the American Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence by which Siberian Huskies shall be judged and to the Breeding Guidelines established by the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.
- ◆ To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed, by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, sled dog races, obedience trials, and all NCSHC, Inc., activities
- ◆ To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club

Being in favor of and willing to support these aims and agreeing to adhere to the principles set forth in the attached Code of Ethics & Breeding Guidelines of the SHCA, Inc., I(we) do hereby apply for membership in the Northern California Siberian Husky Club, Inc.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Interests: Showing \_\_\_\_\_ Racing \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience \_\_\_\_\_ Pet \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first become interested in the breed?

Number of dogs owned \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you had Siberians? \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of litters bred to date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of stud services provided to date \_\_\_\_\_

Other dog club affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think a breed club can offer?

List the dates of attendance, type of events, and work done at a minimum of 3 NCSHC, Inc., meetings or events within the previous 18 months (one of which must be a meeting, and one of which must be an event where you helped)--this is required for membership

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Names of NCSHC, Inc., member-sponsors (from two different households)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues are payable on a calendar-year-basis: \$15.00 (single) or \$20.00 (husband and wife)

Send application, signed Code of Ethics, two signed Sponsorship Résumés (one from each sponsor), and dues (make check payable to NCSHC, Inc.) to:  
Helen Hamilton, Secretary, 763 Bay Road, Mill Valley, CA 94941.





## Northern California Siberian Husky Club, Inc.: Code of Ethics

In keeping with my dedication to promote the highest of ideas among Siberian Husky owners, exhibitors, and breeders, and to strive for continual improvements of the breed, I acknowledge and agree to the following principles:

1. AS AN OWNER OR EXHIBITOR OF SIBERIAN HUSKIES, I WILL:
  - a. Practice the principles of good sportsmanship and abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club in all my activities involving Siberian Huskies.
  - b. Be alert to the needs of the novice owner or exhibitor and assist him whenever I can.
  - c. Support the humane treatment of all dogs and do my utmost to correct injustices that come to my attention.
2. IF I CHOOSE TO HAVE A LITTER OF SIBERIAN HUSKIES, I WILL:
  - a. Strive to become knowledgeable of good breeding practices and use the AKC-approved breed standard as my guide to improvement of the breed. Consistent with this objective, I will make an effort to become knowledgeable of hereditary defects and their mode of inheritance and strive to eliminate them in my breeding stock and all Siberian Huskies.
  - b. Not sell any Siberian Husky without true representation to the purchaser nor use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising.
  - c. Carefully explain to all prospective purchasers the advantages and disadvantages of the Siberian Husky. Furthermore, I will not sell, donate, or otherwise place a Siberian Husky into any home or environment when I have reason to believe this will not be in the best interests of both the new owner and the dog.
  - d. Not knowingly sell or donate any Siberian Husky to raffles, dog wholesalers, or retailers (either outright or on consignment), or to any person, or agent thereof, whose objective is the production of Siberian Huskies for these purposes. Furthermore, I will not knowingly permit a dog I own, in whole or in part, to be used at stud to any bitch when I have reason to believe any produce of this mating might be disposed of in the manner designated above. I will not knowingly allow a dog I own or sell to be used for laboratory testing. The following SHCA "Guidelines for Ethical Breeding Practices" are included in this section:

### **Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc. -- Guidelines for Ethical Breeding Practices**

The Board of Directors feel that the following are those basic precepts that an overwhelming majority of the fancy accept as proper, honest, and fair as regards conduct between breeders. Our example, as breeders who voluntarily establish and subscribe to such guidelines, will have a beneficial effect.

#### **The Stud Dog**

1. The stud dog should be OFA certified free of radiological evidence of hip dysplasia.
2. Eyes should be diagnosed as free from genetic disorders by a canine ophthalmologist once yearly.
3. The stud dog owner should require of the brood bitch -- OFA certification and current proof of unaffected eyes from a canine ophthalmologist.
4. The stud dog should be free of hereditary, incapacitating faults, not be oversize or undersize, should be a good specimen of the breed, and possess proper disposition. In addition, the dog must have two normally descended testicles.
5. The stud dog should be in good health, free from any disease, as well as internal and external parasites at the time of mating.
6. A male can be offered at stud by passive advertising only. Stud service should never be actively solicited by the stud owner or agent. Solicitations should be initiated only by the owner or agent of the bitch.
7. The owner of the stud dog, when approached, is obligated to discuss the merits and disadvantages of the proposed breeding with candor.
8. The stud fee is actually for the act of breeding which is consummated by a "tie." The fee itself is a matter between the parties involved and subject only by mutual agreement as to amount. A stud dog owner/agent may make the practice of offering a return service at another breeding season if a mating does not produce a litter. The normal arrangement is for the full fee to be paid at the time of service.
9. If a stud dog has not been proved by producing a litter (listed in the *AKC Stud Dog Register*), the burden of proof of fertility is with the stud dog owner.
10. No substitution of stud dogs will take place unless agreed to by the owner or agent of the bitch.

#### **The Brood Bitch**

1. The brood bitch should be OFA certified free of radiological evidence of hip dysplasia.
2. Eyes should be diagnosed as free from genetic disorders by a canine ophthalmologist once yearly.
3. The brood bitch owner should require of the stud dog -- OFA certification and current proof of unaffected eyes from a canine ophthalmologist.
4. The brood bitch should be free of hereditary, incapacitating faults, not be oversize or undersize, should be a good specimen of the breed, and possess proper disposition.
5. The bitch should be in good health, free from any disease, as well as internal and external parasites at the time of mating.
6. Under ordinary circumstances, the brood bitch should not be bred before the age of two years.
7. Under ordinary circumstances, the brood bitch should not have puppies on successive seasons.

#### **The Breeding**

1. A breeding should never be undertaken unless it is specifically for the purpose of producing a better dog. Under no circumstances should a breeding be made to satisfy sales demand or for the sole purpose of supporting a kennel.
2. A breeding should never be made unless the owner of the bitch can properly care for the litter. There must be adequate yard space and housing. There must be adequate funds to cover health care, unexpected medical bills, and for general care over an extended time when proper homes have not been found for them.
3. All breedings should be personally supervised to ensure the dogs' safety.
4. All arrangements should be in writing. These should cover fee, boarding, travel, and other circumstances pertinent to that particular mating, and should be signed by both parties.
5. One puppy, full term, dead or alive, constitutes a litter.
6. The breeder of the litter should allot proper time for socialization and play with the puppies.

#### **The Puppies**

1. Each puppy sold should be accompanied by an AKC registration form and a correct, signed pedigree. A health record of immunization and parasite control, as well as the feeding regimen should be written out and also verbally explained to the buyer.
2. The breeder should develop and have in mind a profile of an acceptable potential Siberian Husky owner. The advantages and disadvantages of owning this puppy should be fully explained.
3. The breeder should be aware of the facilities available at the purchaser's home for the puppy. Questions such as . . . Who is going to be responsible for its care? . . . Will it be properly confined? . . . Do all members of the family want the dog? . . . etc., should be asked and answered in the affirmative before the puppy is sold.
4. If, in the breeder's judgment, the puppy is pet quality only, strong consideration should be given to limited registration or to withholding the registration papers by mutual agreement with the purchaser, using the outline in Chapter 3, Section 4A and Section 6, respectively, in the *AKC Rules, Registrations, and Dog Shows*.
5. The price of the puppies is properly the business of the seller and purchaser. Any agreements, arrangement, and guarantees should be in writing, and signed by all parties involved.
6. The breeder should follow up on puppies placed for at least the first year, and should be willing to help place the puppy in another home if the original buyer is unable to keep it.
7. The breeder should be willing to answer questions as long as the buyer needs advice. (*Prepared and Distributed by SHCA, Inc., 6-77, rev 5-90*)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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