Akita Club of Puget Sound Membership Request

I, _____, request membership in the Akita Club of Puget Sound. I pledge myself to strict compliance with the rules and regulation of the Akita Club of Puget Sound and the American Kennel Club. I pledge to do all possible to advance the best interest of the Akita breed and to strive for better health, public opinion, and the betterment of the breed. I pledge to foster and maintain among members, warm friendship and to practice the highest and ethical standards of sportsmanship and to mentor others regarding Akitas. Membership requires a "Visit to the meeting" and then a vote after application submission and club voting at the following meeting.

Printed Name_____

Address_____

City_____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

About me:

How did you come into contact with your first Akita?
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Number of Akitas owned _____

Number of litters bred in the past 5 years? _____

Number of Conformation or Obedience trials entered in the last 3 years? _____

Other dog clubs or groups that you support or participate in, including rescue:
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Are you in good standing with the AKC?   [YES]   [NO]

Type of Membership: Individual_____ or Family _____ *(check one)*

Dues : $25 yearly/Family   or $20 yearly/Individual

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Akita Club of Puget Sound Code of Ethics

The purpose of this code is to set forth principles of practice that the ACPS feels its members should strive for with the intent of preserving the Akita. The following represents a guideline to the minimum in ethical practices. It is written with the understanding that most people want to do the right thing. Therefore, above all, individuals should attend to the "spirit" of the Code using the letter of the Code as guidance, and should become familiar with the content of and abide by the ACPS constitution and bylaws.

1. I will follow the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, being a credit to the breed, the club, those I associate with, and myself in all Akita competitions, activities, and AKC events.
2. I will fully explain to all prospective Akita owners the advantages as well as the disadvantages of owning an Akita.
3. I will attempt to help and befriend novice exhibitors and owners.
4. I will keep informed in the field of genetics, and work to eliminate hereditary defects from the breed.
5. Before entering into a breeding agreement or doing any breeding of my own dogs, I will carefully analyze the conformation and pedigrees of the prospective sire and dam. I shall refuse the mating if in my opinion it will not be in the best interest of the breed. If I deny stud service, I will fully explain my reasons to the owner of the bitch.
6. I will participate in a program of health screenings by qualified veterinarians to help eliminate the incidences of hip dysplasia, congenital eye problems, thyroid problems, and other known health issues for the Akita.
7. When an Akita has hereditary faults of such a nature as to make his or her use for breeding detrimental to the furtherance of the breed, that dog should be eliminated from a breeding program and neutered or spayed.
8. I will refuse to deal with dog wholesalers or to sell puppies to pet shops, and I will include in all stud contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies resulting from this mating will be wholesaled, sold, or given to pet shops or wholesale dog breeders or dealers.
9. Furthermore, I will refuse to wholesale (buy or sell) any registered breed of dog, singly or in litter lots.
10. All puppies or adults sold as pet quality and at pet prices should be sold on a spay/neuter contract and AKC limited registration with written agreement that no AKC registration papers will be issued until the seller has received veterinary certification that surgery has been performed and a copy of that sent to the breeder.

I will assist whenever and however I can in the work of Akita rescue.

Printed Name_____

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Please mail Application, COE and Payment to:
Akita Club of Puget Sound
c/o Cindy Keen- ACPS Treasurer
6911 NW Illich Road, Silverdale, WA 98383

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Date Received _____/_____/_____   **Date of Membership Approval** _____/_____/_____

Membership Chairman Signature _____

Membership Dues Received $_____ **Form of Payment** _____