

Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc

Attention: MASCA Treasurer
PO Box 248 Roanoke, IN. 46783
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Letter of Application to Affiliate

We hereby make application to affiliate this Club within the Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. If approval is granted by the MASCA Board of Directors, this Club agrees to abide by the obligations of a MASCA Affiliate Club, the MASCA Articles of Incorporation, MASCA Bylaws, Dispute Rules, Code of Ethics, and all other rules and regulations.

This Club agrees to conscientiously promote correct type, temperament, health & instinct in the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety, and we will endeavor to educate buyers; breeders and enthusiasts to be like-minded.

We understand that affiliate dues are based on a current calendar year and we will be entitled to full rights and privileges for that period. Further, we understand affiliate dues are due and payable to MASCA on or before January first of each year.

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AFFILIATE APPLICATION

Name of Club _____

Mailing address _____

President name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Vice-President name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Treasurer name _____ Email _____

(Note: Secretary & Treasurer can be the same person.)

Address _____

Secretary name _____ Email _____

(Note: Secretary & Treasurer can be the same person.)

Address _____

Affiliate rep. _____ Email _____

(Note: President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer can also be the Affiliate Rep.)

Address _____

Director name _____ Email _____

(Optional)

Address _____

Director name _____ Email _____

(Optional)

Address _____

We have read and hereby agree to abide by the Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America (MASCA) Code of Ethics, included with this Membership Application. We agree to abide by MASCA By-laws and all Rules and Regulations governing the MASCA Registry and MASCA programs.

Please include affiliate fee of \$25. (1st year of affiliation is free. Subject to change by MASCA Board)

Please make check or money order payable to: MASCA. Mail to above listed address.

If you wish to use PayPal, contact treasurer@mascaonline.com

Signature of President _____ date _____

The Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc (MASCA)

CODE OF ETHICS

MASCA in keeping with its paramount aim of breeding the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety to the highest standard for working ability, health, versatility, and conformation has adopted the following Code of Ethics to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders, owners, and fanciers, while encouraging good sportsmanship and cooperation toward the improvement and advancement of the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety.

ALL MEMBERS OF MASCA AND THOSE BREEDERS AND OWNERS UTILIZING THE MASCA REGISTRY ARE REQUIRED TO SUBSCRIBE TO AND UPHOLD MASCA'S CODE OF ETHICS.

PRIOR TO DOG REGISTRATION OR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST READ, AGREE TO ABIDE BY, AND SIGN THE MASCA CODE OF ETHICS.

The objectives and purpose of the Club shall be:

- A) To promote and breed for the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety as a versatile working dog with the required herding ability, intelligence, structure, strength, stamina, temperament, and agility to perform any tasks presented to the dog.
- B) To oppose the influence by any organizations, registries, or persons whose beliefs and/or actions might result in practices considered detrimental to the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety.
- C) To insure that members, owners and breeders accept and breed in accordance with only one standard for the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety as approved by MASCA. Members can not register a MASCA registered Australian Shepherd as a different, separate breed with another registry. In addition, members, owners and breeders cannot register another breed (registered with an outside registry) with MASCA as an Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety.
- D) To provide and maintain a registry for the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety which will include: individual dog records, pedigree records, stud dog, bitch, and breeder records. The above documentation will prevent the introduction of any factors that would oppose the MASCA Mission Statement and prove detrimental to MASCA and the integrity of the registry.

Article 1: Records

1. Each member who breeds his/her bitch or uses his/her stud for services must keep accurate breeding records of the following: stud services, leases, pedigrees, all litters produced, sales of dog/puppies, and all exchanges involving Australian Shepherds of the miniature variety for a minimum of five (5) years.
2. Any member who falsifies a registration or knowingly misrepresents a pedigree must be reported to the MASCA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will determine any further actions.

Article 2: Breeding

1. A breeder should plan each breeding with the paramount intention of improving the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety.

2. A breeder should select a stud and matron with an eye towards correct conformation, natural working ability, and temperament. The breeder must take into regard the MASCA Breed Standard, pedigrees and basic principles of genetics.
3. A breeder shall refrain from breeding any dog or bitch under the age of twelve (12) months. Offspring of any dog and/or any bitch under the age of twelve (12) months but over the age of nine (9) months shall be eligible for Provisional Registration only. Offspring of any dog and/or any bitch under the age of nine (9) months shall not be eligible for MASCA registration. Two (2) years is the preferred minimum age for breeding any dog or bitch.
4. Before entering into any breeding agreement, a breeder must scrutinize the pedigree, conformation, and working potentials of both sire and dam, keeping in mind the requirements for the ideal Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety as described in the MASCA Breed Standard.
5. A breeder should refuse any breeding if, in his/her opinion it is not in the best interest of the breed. Should he/she refuse the breeding, an explanation of his/her reasoning should be given to the owner of the bitch/dog. A breeder should use for breeding purposes only those individuals that are free from defects such as monorchidism, cryptorchidism, deafness, hereditary eye or hip defects and other disqualifying defects. A breeder must further refrain from breeding any individual dog, who although free from defects, consistently produces afflicted puppies.

Article 3: Health

1. A breeder must maintain high standards of health care and shelter for his/her dogs. A breeder must guarantee the health of puppies at the time of sale.

Article 4: Sales

1. A breeder must be discriminatory in the sale of his/her puppies and be concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed. A breeder must thoroughly screen all prospective puppy buyers. With this in mind, Australian Shepherds of the miniature variety shall not be donated for raffles, sold to wholesalers or retailers such as pet shops, or sold at public auction.
2. A breeder should, for his/her own protection as well as that of the buyer, provide adequate written contractual proof of sale and guarantees.
3. A breeder should provide a minimum of one (1) year written guarantee against handicapping congenital defects on all puppies sold. With the sale of breeding stock, he/she should guarantee against all hereditary defects and disqualifying faults according to the MASCA Breed Standard for a like period of time.
4. A breeder should provide a spay/neuter contract withholding registration papers until proof of spaying or neutering is submitted, or the breeder can provide early spay/neuter on all puppies sold as pets only.
5. A breeder must be willing to take back and find alternative homes for any dog of his/her breeding in the event the buyer may be unable at any point to provide proper care for it.
6. A breeder should transfer all applicable registration papers at said time when the purchase agreement is completed and agreeable to both parties or in a timely manner if waiting for proof of spaying or neutering.
7. Upon the sale of a puppy/dog the breeder should provide the buyer/buyers with a three (3) or more generation pedigree with the following information: coat color, eye color and indication of naturally bobbed tail occurrence (if known), diet and care information, health guarantees (including preliminary eye exam results) and worming/inoculation records (including date and type of serum.)
8. A breeder should refrain from releasing a puppy until it is at least seven (7) weeks of age.

Article 5: Advertising

1. The breeder agrees that all advertising of puppies/dogs should be factual and honest in both substance and implication.
2. The breeder should be cautious in encouraging buyers about the breeding potential of a dog; as the breeding of Australian Shepherds of the miniature variety is not to be taken lightly.

Article 6: Member Relations

1. The exhibition of dogs being a sport, MASCA members shall be expected to express good sportsmanship in all activities involving the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety. Unsportsmanlike conduct must be reported to the MASCA Board for further actions.
2. MASCA members must refrain from unnecessary criticism of another person's dog(s).
3. As a matter of ethics, the MASCA member pledges to help educate the general public as well as graciously assist the novice breeder with correct and pertinent information regarding the Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety.

Article 7: Implementation

1. Any infractions of this Code of Ethics should be reported, in writing, to the MASCA Board of Directors in accordance with the By-laws. Correspondence to the Board of Directors should be sent to: **MASCA, PO Box 248 Roanoke, Indiana 46783.**
2. If and when a breeder deviates from these ideals, is uncooperative in rectifying their dog(s)' information, falsifies said information (in accordance with the By-Laws and COE), or acts in a manner unbecoming to a MASCA member, written evidence should be presented to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. Infractions may result in termination of membership and/or revocation of MASCA registration privileges for all members, owners, breeders, and/or dogs.

Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America Affiliate By-Laws

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Affiliate Guidelines

This affiliation is a privilege, not a vested right, granted or rejected at MASCA's discretion on an annual basis according to procedures and requirements formulated by MASCA's Affiliate Committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. The affiliate association shall, in no manner, have authority, express or implied, to act for, or bind, MASCA in any manner. If yearly Affiliate Guidelines are not adhered to, MASCA reserves the right to order the affiliate club to disband and donate any affiliate monies to an Australian Shepherd related organization or a MASCA affiliate.

Guidelines shall include but not be limited to:

1. Application for MASCA Affiliation form must list affiliates officers and directors.
2. MASCA will provide affiliate with an application.
3. Current affiliation fee is \$25. Make all checks payable to MASCA.
4. Affiliate must provide MASCA with names and addresses of club officers, directors and members.
5. Affiliate must elect an affiliate representative to be a liaison between parent and affiliate club.
6. Affiliate must agree to abide by MASCA's Code of Ethics.
7. Affiliate must agree to promote the miniature Australian Shepherd as a true size variety of the Australian Shepherd.
8. Affiliate must agree to have at least one meeting per year.
9. Affiliate must submit meeting notes with annual treasurer report to MASCA within 10 working days of the following year.
10. Affiliate must agree to hold at least one event per year. This event could be classified under conformation, performance, educational, or promotional.
11. All monies received from hosting said events will be the property of the affiliate.
12. If property owner requires additional coverage using MASCA's insurance it will be the responsibility of the affiliate to pay this amount.
13. MASCA will approve/disapprove the affiliate's application within 10 working days of their next meeting.
14. Affiliate must renew membership with MASCA annually.
15. Renewal fee is \$25 per year. Make all checks payable to MASCA.

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Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America Affiliate Bylaws

Article I:

Name and Objectives

Section 1.1 Name. The name of this organization is _____. The club is an official affiliated club of the Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. (MASCA), and shall not affiliate with any other dog club or registry.

Section 1.2 Address. The business/ mailing address of the Club at time of adoption of these Bylaws is:

The business address of the Club may be changed at any time by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 1.3 Non-Profit Status. The Club shall not be operated for profit. No part of any Club monies shall benefit any member.

Section 1.3.1 The Club may not adversely affect MASCA's tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

Section 1.4 MASCA trademarks and logos. The Club must have approval to use the names, logos and trademarks of MASCA.

Section 1.5. Objectives. The objectives of the Club are:

1.5.1 To encourage and promote the purebred Miniature Australian Shepherd in all venues. It shall strive to educate and assist all owners and fanciers of the breed to improve their knowledge of the breed and it's history. To encourage, promote, and educate all Mini Aussie enthusiasts in responsible pet ownership and ethical and sound breeding practices. To promote the Miniature Australian Shepherd as a true size variety of the Australian Shepherd and strive for full ASCA recognition.

1.5.2 To follow the Code of Ethics set forth by MASCA in keeping with its paramount Constitutional aim of breeding the Miniature Australian Shepherd for working ability, health, temperament and type to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders, owners and fanciers; and to encourage good sportsmanship and cooperation in the improvement and advancement of the breed.

1.5.3 To conduct Conformation Shows, Obedience Trials, Agility Trials, Stockdog Trials and other events under the rules and regulations of MASCA.

1.5.4 To encourage all breeders, owners and fanciers to accept the breed standard adopted by MASCA.

Article II

Membership

Section 2.1. Eligibility

2.1.1 Membership shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with MASCA. Membership shall be unrestricted as to race, color, creed or sex. Ownership of an Australian Shepherd shall not be a requirement of membership.

2.1.2 Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Club. Each applicant must agree to abide by the Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and Code of Ethics of both MASCA and the Club. Dues shall accompany the application.

2.1.3 Any person who renews membership is deemed to have consented to all current terms of the Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and Code of Ethics of both MASCA and the Club.

Section 2.2 Types of Membership

2.2.1 Individual Membership shall be open to any individual meeting eligibility requirements, and shall have one vote.

2.2.2 Family Membership shall be open to any person and the resident membership of their immediate family household who meet eligibility requirements. Voting memberships shall be vested in members of the family who are 18 years of age or older, and junior non-voting membership shall be vested in members of the family who are younger than the age of 18.

2.2.3 New members will be approved at the discretion of the Affiliate Board.

Section 2.3 Dues -Annual individual and family dues of amount determined by the board shall be payable on January 1.

Section 2.4 Termination of Membership-Any member whose membership is terminated by MASCA will be terminated by the club.

Article III

The Board of Directors

Section 3.1 The Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer can be the same person. 2 additional Directors of the board are optional. Members of the Board shall serve a 1-year term of office and shall be expected to attend a majority of meetings of the Board to affect the duties of their office. The MASCA Affiliate Rep. may also be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director.

Section 3.2 The new Board shall assume office immediately after the meeting at which they were elected.

Section 3.3 The Board is responsible for overall policy and delegates responsibility to committees. The board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

Article IV

Officers

The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must be members in good standing of MASCA.

Section 4.1 The President shall preside over all meetings. Refer to Robert's Rules of Order for the President's voting privilege.

Section 4.2 The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during his/her absence. In the event of resignation or death of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of his/her term of office, and a replacement for the Vice President shall be appointed by the Board for a like term of office.

Section 4.3 The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of all Board actions, including the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each Board member. The Secretary shall notify officers and directors of their election to office.

Section 4.4 The Treasurer shall make a report at each meeting. One board member in addition to the treasurer must approve expenditures of amounts in excess of \$100.00. All funds shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board. At the closing of the fiscal year, shall render a written report of the previous year accounts to the general membership, and the MASCA Board.

Section 4.5 When a vacancy on the Board exists, nominations for new members may be received from present Board members by the secretary two weeks in advance of a Board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to Board members with the regular meeting announcements, to be voted on at the next Board meeting. Any member of the Board or officer of the Club who is absent from more than half of the Club meetings shall resign by reason of absence.

Article V

Committees

Section 5.1 The Board may create all committees as needed. The Board President appoints all committee presidents.

Section 5.2. The Vice-President will chair committees on special subjects as designated by the board.

Section 5.3 Committees may be terminated by an affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article VI

Club Finances

Section 6.1 All financial accounts shall be in the name and to the credit of _____. The accounts shall be maintained in a federally insured financial institution located in the state of _____.

Section 6.2 All disbursements shall be made by check and signed by the Treasurer.

Section 6.3 All funds of the Club shall be deposited within 10 working days to the credit of the Club.

Section 6.4 The Treasurer shall file all forms required by the state to obtain/or continue to keep tax-exempt status.

Article VII

Liability of Members

7.1. Except for payment of dues, no Director, Officer, or member shall be personally liable for any past or present debt or obligations of the Club.

7.2. A member may not incur debt for the Club without approval of the Board of Directors. Such a person is personally liable for the debt.

Article VIII

Annual Meeting

Section 8.1. The date of the regular annual meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors who shall also set the time and place.

Section 8.2. The President or one-third of the Board may call special meetings.

Section 8.3. Notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member not less than ten working days before the meeting either by postal/electronic mail.

Article IX

Nominations and Elections

Section 9.1. The President shall appoint a nominating committee that shall propose and present nominees for election to all officers of the Club and its Board during the month of _____. The President may not serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall select its own Chairman.

9.1.1. No member whose dues are not paid may be nominated.

9.1.2. No member who has not consented to nomination may be nominated.

Section 9.2 The nominations must be presented to the membership. Additional nominations shall be solicited from the membership by _____.

Section 9.3. Elections shall be held during the month of _____ and shall be conducted by postal/electronic mail. Voting ballots shall be sent to all members on or before _____.

Section 9.4. Election of new officers shall occur by a majority vote as the first item of business at the annual meeting. Newly elected officers shall assume the duties of office at the close of the annual meeting.

Article X

Order of business

Section 10.1."Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern all meetings.

Article XI

Amendments

Section 11.1 These Bylaws may be amended when necessary by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary to be sent out with the regular Board announcements.

Section 11.2 Proposed Amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by MASCA before a final vote is initiated.

Article XII

Dissolution

Section 12.1.The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of at least three-fourths of the members in good standing.

Section 12.2 In the event of dissolution remaining debts must be paid. All remaining Club assets or proceeds thereof must be donated to an Australian Shepherd related organization or a MASCA affiliate.

Section 12.3 Written notification of the dissolution must be given to MASCA before the effective date.