



Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America Inc.

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Application for Blue Ribbon Breeder Status

Please check if this is a renewal application. Date of last Application: _____

NOTICE: Please read carefully and include documentation listed below or your application will be returned

1) Kennel name requirements

- a) A Blue Ribbon Breeder (BRB) shall have a kennel name registered with MASCA.
(Please see Kennel Name Application for rules governing use of kennel names from other registries.)

2) Membership requirements

- a) All applicants for BRB status must have been MASCA members in good standing for the 12 consecutive months preceding the application date for BRB status.
- b) A BRB shall maintain up to date membership, with no lapse in status acceptable. BRB status shall lapse 30 days following date of membership expiration.

3) Initial documents required with BRB application

- a) The following is required on at least one dog owned by applicant at the time of application:
 - i) OFA clearances (dog/bitch must be 18 months or older at the time of x-ray.)
 - ii) Current Eye clearances (dated within 12 months previous from date of application.)

4) Documents required to be submitted within 12 months of application

- a) Applicant must register a litter with MASCA within 12 month of acceptance in BRB program. Registration of a Litter whelped BEFORE BRB status is granted will NOT qualify for this requirement.
- b) The following documentation submission is required on ALL breeding dogs/ bitches owned, co-owned, or leased by applicant within 12 months from the date of original BRB application.
 - i) OFA clearances (dog/bitch must be 18 months or older at the time of x-ray.)
 - ii) Eye clearances (CERF or signed ACVO forms acceptable, **Must be dated within the past 12 months.**)

Blue Ribbon Breeder (BRB) continuing program regulations and requirements:

- 1) A BRB shall register at least one (1) litter with MASCA every three (3) years to be listed as a BRB in the breeder directory.
 - a) Applications for Registration of Litter where the pups are over 12 months of age WILL NOT qualify for BRB status or applicable discounts.
 - b) No more than two (2) litters shall exceed the 12 months period or the BRB will be in violation of BRB regulations.
- 2) Any dog/ bitch that is owned, co-owned, or leased by BRB that sires or whelps one or more puppies MUST have hip and eye clearances required for a breeder to maintain BRB status.
- 3) Clearances requirements for ALL dogs/bitches and litters owned, co-owned, or leased by BRB:
 - a) Eye Clearances
 - i) Must be Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF) or a veterinary signed breeder's eye examination form.
 - ii) Must be dated within twelve (12) months of the breeding.
 - iii) Required for **both** parents of a litter and must be dated within 12 months from date of litter whelping.
 - iv) A copy of a signed ACVO certified ophthalmologist's report or Breeder's examination form shall be considered sufficient evidence of clearances.
 - b) Hip Clearances
 - i) Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or other hip clearance (if appropriate, contact MASCA to ensure it is an acceptable organization.)
 - ii) Dog and Bitches must be no younger than eighteen (18) months old on date of x-ray, or hip evaluation.
 - iii) Hip evaluation/ clearances are required for both parent s on a litter and must be done **prior to** breeding.
 - iv) Permanent OFA numbers and ratings are preferred Exceptions to this rule include: Special Registration Requirement s (See Special Registration form on A dogs for details.)
- 4) Blue Ribbon Breeders shall produce no more than 30 puppies per household under a kennel name per year.
 - a) A "year" is any consecutive 12-month period and a "household" is any group of individuals living at a single address.
 - b) If a BRB applies for a litter registration on a dog owned by either the kennel or the BRB but located at a different residence, said puppies shall be considered as if they were located in the same household
 - c) Litters born from dogs/ bitches leased to another breeder by the BRB or kennel shall not be counted IF a written lease agreement is on file with MASCA and the BRB IS NOT SIGNING AS A LITTER OWNER OR CO-OWNER.

- d) All litters of Australian Shepherds or Australian Shepherds of the miniature variety produced under the Kennel name shall be honestly reported, even if such litters are not registered with MASCA.
 - i) If MASCA receives notice of unreported litters, a notation shall be placed in the breeder's file and litters must be documented.
 - ii) A BRB shall honestly report to puppy buyer before or at the time of sale if a litter will be registered with MASCA.
 - e) A BRB shall be granted latitude if the number of pups exceeds 30 (five (5) or less) and occurs ONLY once in a three (3) year period. This latitude will be at the discretion of the board of directors.
- 5) If a BRB brokers dogs for another breeder, brokered dogs shall meet BRB requirements.
 - 6) All owners of kennel name applying for BRB status shall complete, sign, and return this application.
 - 7) **MASCA, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, reserves the right to suspend or revoke BRB status when there is a violation of any of these regulations. MASCA, by vote of the Board of Directors, shall consider special circumstances on an individual basis and shall reserve the right to institute conditions for the BYB.**
 - 8) Any breeder with revoked status may not reapply for BRB status for a period of three (3) years from the date of revocation.
 - 9) Participation in the Blue Ribbon Breeder Program entitles the Blue Ribbon Breeder to discounts on registration fees with MASCA. Please see the fees list on the MASCA web site for the current fees.

Additional Notes:

- The number of pups produced by a co-owned bitch shall be apportioned equally among the co-owning households. I.E., in the case of seven (7) pups and three (3) co-owning households, MASCA shall add 2.3 pups to the number produced by each household under a Kennel Name.
- If a BRB takes back pups from a bitch that was sold out right and registers them under their own Kennel Name, no pups shall be added to the number produced by the BRB, unless the BRB also leased the bitch. A letter explaining the situation shall accompany request for litter registration or when reporting any litters.
- If more than one household owns a Kennel Name, and a litter is registered with the Kennel Name as "breeder," the litter shall be divided equally between households owning the Kennel Name.

Did you remember to do the following?

- Include fee for participation.
- Include required documents for at least one dog if this is your first application.
- Review requirements if this is a reapplication and see if you are still in compliance.

Name of Kennel: _____	
Name of Owner 1: _____	Name of Owner 2: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Telephone: _____	Telephone: _____

I (We) apply to the Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. (MASCA) for Blue Ribbon Breed status. I (We) testify that all information submitted on this Application is correct. I (We) agree to abide by MASCA rules, regulations, and Code of Ethics. We understand that failure to do so can result in the suspension or restriction of registration and BRB privileges. I (We) further understand that as an Owner or Co-Owner of a MASCA registered dog, I (we) are subject to the MASCA By-Laws, Code of Ethics, and if there is a violation the MASCA BOD will impose appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the MASCA By-Laws and Code of Ethics.

Signature of Owner 1: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Owner 2: _____ Date: _____

I (We) hereby certify that all sires, dams, and litters have not been registered or will not be registered as a breed other than the Australian Shepherd/Australian Shepherd of the miniature variety. I (We) understand that registration or recording of any sire, dam or litter as another breed will result in their MASCA privileges being revoked. Applications without initials acknowledging acceptance of this policy will be refused.

Owner 1 _____ **Owner 2** _____

For Office use Only	Date received:	Date of acceptance:	
Kennel name registered (date)		Litter application within one year	
Clearances submitted on one dog with initial application		Dates of additional litter registered	
Follow up within 12 months for additional clearances		Fee included? (Yes or No)	