

Membership Application Instructions

Along with your completed application you **MUST** include the following:

- A short introduction, be sure to detail information about your interests in the sport of purebred dogs, titles you have put on your dog(s), and your future plans with Schipperkes.
- A signed copy of the Code of Ethics. This will print when you print the Membership Application.
- A signed copy of the Breeder's Code of Ethics. (*Optional*)
- Your **two** signed sponsor letter forms. These will print when you print the Membership Application. Sponsors may use the sponsor form provided on the SCA website or may submit a letter of their own creation as long as they answer all of the questions on the most currently approved sponsor form. (*Article I, Sec. 3 of Bylaws – Neither sponsor shall be an immediate family member or reside in the same household as applicant except in the case of sponsoring a spouse or junior member then one of the two sponsors may reside in the same household.*)
- And your check or money order, payable in U.S. funds for **\$20.00 Application Process Fee.**

Please send your check for the **\$20.00 APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE ONLY** at the time you send in your application. The application process fee is a separate charge and does not apply toward membership dues. Dues are billed upon acceptance to membership.

IMPORTANT:

- The membership process may take as long as 4-6 months.
- A Household membership consists of two adult regular members living in the same household.
- Associate Membership applicants are not required to submit sponsor letters. Associate Members have no voting privileges nor may they hold office.
- Bulletin subscriptions are separate.
- All fees are subject to change.

Make checks payable to: **SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE - \$20.00 per Household
Do NOT send dues with your application – only the processing fee!

Individual Membership Fee - \$30.00

Household Membership Fee - \$50.00

Associate Membership Fee - \$15.00

Junior Membership Fee - \$15.00

Please mail your completed application to the current Membership Chairperson:

Amy Gossman
3990 Paradox End Av S
Afton, MN 5501
danteskips@gmail.com

Membership Application

(Please include any additional information on a separate sheet attached to the Application)

NAME: Mr. Mrs. Miss Other _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ PERMISSION TO LIST PHONE # IN THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER? Yes No

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR HOUSEHOLD ASSOCIATE JUNIOR - Birthdate _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ OCCUPATION: _____

OF SCHIPPERKES NOW OWNED/CO-OWNED: _____ KENNEL NAME _____

YEARS INVOLVED WITH SCHIPPERKES: _____ YEARS INVOLVED IN PUREBRED DOGS: _____

OTHER BREEDS CURRENTLY OWNED _____

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER DOG CLUBS AND POSITIONS HELD:

Club Name	Position Held	Years in Position

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE TWO SCA MEMBERS SPONSORING YOUR APPLICATION

You must have your sponsors fill out the attached Sponsor Form and mail it along with your application.

Applicants for Associate Membership do not require sponsors or sponsorship letters.

(Sponsors must have been a member for at least one year, have known you for at least one year, not members of the same household - see exception in the Application Instructions.)

SCA Member Name	Years Known

Applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Code of Ethics, and the rules of the American Kennel Club, and to accept the standard of the breed as developed by the Schipperke Club of America, Inc. and approved by the American Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence by which the Schipperke shall be judged in the United States of America.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Received Date: _____ Accepted Rejected Date: _____

Sponsorship Form

Sponsors must have known applicant for at least one year.

Name of Applicant/s _____

1. How have you come to know this applicant(s)?

2. How long have you known this applicant(s)? _____

3. Have you done a home visit? If so, describe the dog facility or living conditions. If not, why?

4. Are these applicants involved in any other dog clubs that you know of?

Sponsor Signature _____

Printed Sponsor Name _____

Date Signed _____

Please use additional paper or back of form to complete. Give form back to applicant to attach to application.

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Introduction Letter

(If application is for a Household Membership, both parties must be mentioned in the letter and both must sign it. Use back of sheet if you need additional space.)

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The SCA Code of Ethics

(This document MUST be signed and included with your application.)

As a member of the Schipperke Club of America (SCA), I pledge to uphold the goals of the club as set forth in the SCA constitution, to encourage good sportsmanship in the sport of dogs, and to set an example of honorable kennel business practices when dealing with any person.

Specifically, I further pledge:

- To uphold the American Kennel Club (AKC) rules applying to dog Shows and Registration, particularly as regards the maintenance of complete and accurate breeding records.
- To accept and uphold the Standard of the Schipperke as developed by the SCA and approved by the AKC
- To breed Schipperkes only with the aim of maintaining or improving the qualities of the breed as set forth in the standard, and not for personal gain. I will never knowingly sell puppies to wholesalers, laboratories or to pet stores, and will encourage any puppy buyers to behave similarly
- To serve as an example of good sportsmanship in any aspect of the sport of dogs, and to assist and befriend newcomers and novices to the best of my ability
- To keep myself informed in the fields of dog health and genetics and to carefully screen all breeding stock for hereditary faults or disqualifying defects, removing any questionable animals from my breeding program and
- To conduct all my kennel practices in clear, honorable, and open fashion, and to use written agreements or contracts whenever possible.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The SCA Breeder's Code of Ethics

(Signing this document is optional. It is preferred that you sign it but is not mandatory.)

General

When planning a breeding, I pledge to abide by the following AKC Policy Statement. The American Kennel Club encourages breeders to breed only for the improvement of the breed and only when the produce of the breeding can be assured proper homes and care. The AKC recommends that breeders encourage puppy purchasers to have their pets spayed or neutered to prevent accidental breeding and to avoid breeding merely to produce puppies.

I shall breed only from healthy, sound parents of correct conformation and temperament which are free from known disqualifying faults and genetic or hereditary defects.

As a breeder, I will assume an obligation to each puppy I produce to insure a stable environment that protects each puppy's physical, as well as emotional well-being. I further agree that if at any time the owner of a puppy I produced decides to place that puppy, for any reason, I will offer my full assistance in placing that puppy in a good home. If it is not possible to locate a suitable home, I will agree to take the puppy back. If due to extenuating circumstances I am unable to take the dog back into my home, I will make arrangements for the care of the dog. Any provisions for shipping charges, financial reimbursement, or other arrangements in this instance shall be handled in accordance with the agreement between the breeder and the buyer in the contract between the breeder and the buyer.

In this respect, before I plan a breeding, I will insure I have the finances, time, and facilities to properly care for each dog I produce for its lifetime in the event it cannot be placed in a proper home or is returned to me at any time after it has been placed in a home.

A Schipperke which is deemed to be of pet quality or otherwise unsuitable for breeding should be sold or placed only with a signed, dated, written agreement that the AKC Registration papers are supplied under the AKC's limited registration only, and the papers filed with the AKC, or that the papers will be withheld until proof of spay/neuter has been provided to the seller by a veterinarian.

For his or her own protection and for that of the buyer, SCA members should provide buyers with a written sales agreement, guarantee, pedigree, contractual stud and breeding agreement, etc. Whatever the agreement, it should be written and signed and dated by all parties involved.

It is recommended that all Schipperkes retired from or not intended for breeding be spayed, neutered, or have a vasoligation.

Stud Dog

I will not knowingly allow my stud dog to be bred to any bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved in breeding for commercial reasons through puppy mills, brokers, pet shops, or animal research facilities. Additionally, I will not allow my stud dog to be bred to any bitch whose owner is in any other way breeding solely for supplying pet puppies to the general public or to "back yard breeders" who simply wish to raise a litter of puppies.

I will be honest and forthright in informing any breeder interested in breeding to my stud dog of any serious genetic problems, either potential or actually produced, in litters sired by my stud dog.

I will ensure my stud dog is checked and confirmed free of any potentially communicable diseases in accordance with current veterinary information, including brucellosis and mycoplasma, by a veterinarian before breeding him.

Breeder/Brood Bitch

I will not breed my bitch until after her second season or she is at least one year of age at the time of mating.

I will not knowingly allow my bitch to raise more than two successive litters in a year. If my bitch has raised two successive litters in a year, I will allow her to rest by not breeding her in her next heat cycle.

I will not breed my bitch to someone else's stud unless she has been checked by a veterinarian and confirmed free of any potentially communicable diseases in accordance with current veterinary information, including brucellosis and mycoplasma.

I will be honest and forthright in informing the owner of a stud dog to which I intend to breed my bitch of any serious genetic problems, either potential or actually produced in litters conceived by my bitch.

Puppies

I will not sell puppies wholesale, nor to pet shops, commercial dealers, pet dealers, dealers of any kind, catalog houses, or any other commercial distributor. I will not offer a Schipperke as a door prize, raffle prize, or in any other give-away activity. I will not in any other manner dispose of, either wholly or in part, at an animal shelter, veterinary office, or any other agency any litter I produce.

I will not release to a home any puppy under the age of eight weeks.

I will advise all pet buyers that all dogs sold as pets are deemed not to be of breeding quality and that they should be spayed/neutered. I will explain the benefits of spaying/neutering and how it benefits the health and well-being of the animal.

Conclusion

As a breeder-member of the Schipperke Club of America, I pledge to uphold and abide by the provisions of this Breeder's Code of Ethics.

Signature _____ Date _____

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