



Lehigh Valley Kennel Club

Membership Packet

Instructions

1. Please read through this entire packet. There is a lot of good and important information contained here.
2. Fill out the pages for Membership Application, About Yourself, and Volunteerism.
3. Sign the bottom of the Application page.
4. At your first General Meeting, hand in your paperwork to the Membership Committee Chairperson. You will be “read” (introduced) to the membership during that meeting.
5. At a second General Meeting, you will be “read” (introduced) again.
6. At a third General Meeting, you will be “read” (introduced) for the final time. At this meeting, your application for membership will be voted upon by the club members in attendance.
7. When approved (Congratulations!), you will be required to make your \$15.00 dues payment. This will cover your membership up until June 30.

Why Join the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club?

Do you want to be energized by engaging with your dog and with friends?

At the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club (LVKC), you will find a whole group of people who love dogs and love to talk about dogs and dog issues. It is a caring group of people who will extend their friendship to you. We will help you try to solve any issues or answer some of your questions.

What do we do?

We enjoy our dogs and the people connected with them. The LVKC holds two American Kennel Club all-breed and obedience/rally dog shows in September and December. You can be an esteemed part of these events. There are many leadership roles you can fill at the shows. It is really great to know and connect with members at the shows where everyone cheers everyone on. Knowing so many people at the shows helps to make it an enjoyable event where the public is invited.

Another great activity is our Bark Around The Park, which is designed to encourage all the public to come, participate and learn about dogs. It is a great way to get out of the house in May. There are dog shows, obedience matches and rallies. There are also demonstrations and programs to support dog owners. It is another fun event that you can be totally engaged as a member of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club.

As members, we celebrate our AKC achievements by having a very special Awards and Membership Appreciation Dinner in the spring. It is a celebration where we honor not only those who earned AKC titles, but also all of the members who participated by contributing their time and hard work to keep our high level of quality and commitment to our events. It is really special to have a large group of

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same-minded people cheering all of your successes. In order to support your success, we offer “Handling Classes” once a week that run all year long. These classes are so valuable to you and your dog. Our experienced instructors teach you and your dog how to show in the ring. It supports young puppies that are learning what to do and owners who want to look more professional in the ring. It also helps with the maintenance of experienced handlers and show dogs. Again, another component is the socializing before, during and after the classes. Your dogs also find new buddies “to follow”.

If you want to join a group of dog lovers who supports our community, then joining the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club is for you. We have strong ties to our community by offering annual scholarships for those pursuing a career in veterinary care. We also donate to various dog related organizations such as our local K-9 Units and veteran service dog organizations. Our public education committee also offers programs for young and old alike. Our members like giving back to the community where and when they can.

In the summer when our meetings are suspended, we have a fantastic party/picnic. Friends and dogs are invited. We spend a pleasant afternoon and early evening sharing our successes and challenges we may have.

During the rest of the year, we have our monthly meetings that are invaluable. Before each meeting, we have an educational program such as “What do you do in case of a disaster?” or demonstrations by breeders about the AKC standards for their breeds. Following the program, we begin our meeting where we have updates and discussions on important club issues. We celebrate our dogs’ achievements at the end of every meeting and on our website’s Winner Circle.

Each member joins for lots of different reasons, but the one thing we all have in common are our dogs. So if you want to join a great group of dog lovers, then come and join our Lehigh Valley Kennel Club.

LVKC Membership Application

Name

(Print): _____

Address

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Contact

Email _____

Phone _____

Kennel

Name _____

Breed(s) _____

I hereby make application for membership in the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, and therefore pledge,

- a) To do all in my power to further the advancement of all breeds of pure-bred dogs,**
- b) To abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club, and**
- c) To abide by the By-laws, and the Code of Ethics, of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club,**

Signature _____ Date _____

Tell us about yourself

Explain briefly why you wish to join our club

To what other clubs do you belong?

(Kennel, breed, obedience, etc)

Have you ever held office in another club or organization?

(Not necessarily dog clubs)

Office _____ Club _____

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What are your goals in joining our club?

What got you interested in pure bred dogs?

Volunteerism is key

in keeping our club strong and running.

Please check those committees on which you would be willing to work:

Standing Committees

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breed Handling Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas/Holiday Party | <input type="checkbox"/> New Bulletin (Barks) | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative | | |

Match Show Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gate (collecting admissions at entrance gate) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trophy (planning, buying, and/or presenting) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steward (experienced or willing to learn) | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity (Pre-show publicity, compiling show report) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds (Setting up and/or tearing down on the day of the match, parking, posting signs and arrows) | <input type="checkbox"/> Taking entries |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Public address system |

Point Show Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Breed Trophies | <input type="checkbox"/> Catalogue Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Gate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Trophies | <input type="checkbox"/> Catalogue Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Address |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality & Transportation |

Other Talents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Other special talents (job related, hobby, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operate Video Projector | <input type="checkbox"/> Typing/Word Entry | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | | _____ |

LVKC Club Code of Ethics

1.3.19 revised

I will become familiar with and will abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club, the AKC Standard of my breed(s) and the Constitution and By-laws of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club.

Health

At all times I will maintain the highest standards of health and veterinary care, nutrition and cleanliness for our dogs' physical and mental health.

Registration, Breeding and Sales

I will strive in my breeding program to improve the breed to conform closely to the AKC Breed Standards by selecting the stud or dam as to reduce faults and to achieve better type and qualities in the puppies. Dogs/bitches shall be bred only to purebred registered dogs/bitches of the same breed.

I shall not engage in the wholesaling of litters or the selling of stock to commercial sources of distribution. Only mature bitches should be bred and provided the best pre- and post-natal care.

I will keep accurate pedigrees and records of all breeding's.

A puppy or adult placed, as a companion, shall not be bred. This shall be clearly understood by the buyer and I shall have a signed statement to that effect. All other puppies or adults shall be registered or eligible for registration, full or limited, with the AKC and the purchaser shall be provided with accurate and valid papers.

All puppies and adults shall be housed in a clean and healthy condition and shall be old enough (per state requirements) to make the necessary adjustment to a new home safely. No adult or puppy shall be sold without adequate protection against disease.

LVKC Club Code of Ethics (cont.)

Sportsmanship

I will conduct myself in such a manner that will reflect favorably upon the Club and the sport of purebred dogs, at all times and in all circumstances.

I will not speak or write maliciously of another member nor seek to impair their reputation.

I will gauge my actions for the best interest of the club and the sport of purebred dogs.

I will not use the Club for personal gain or profit unless the service I rendered benefits the Club and the stipend is less than what it would cost the Club to have the service rendered by a non-member.

In the event of a complaint lodged against a breeder or individual with the LVKC, I will agree to cooperate to resolve the stated complaint.