INSTRUCTIONS

Please make sure you have:

- A completely filled out application form (Part I & II), answer all questions, sign and date including a signed copy of the Code of Ethics. Applications not completely filled out or missing signatures will be delayed.
- Signed endorsement of two APC members in good standing, who have known you for two years, is required.
- Applications must be accompanied by $40 processing fee and dues. **A separate Check/Money Order/PayPal/Credit Card Payment must be made for the processing fee.** The APC accepts U.S. FUNDS ONLY; i.e. check drawn on a U.S. bank or postal money order. Payment may be made with PayPal, or Visa/MasterCard are accepted. Funds received on a non-U.S. bank will result in a delay of your application. Two payments MUST accompany the application as noted below.
- Applicants will be published in the next issue of the *Pomeranian Review* and on the APC members only website. The magazine is published bi-monthly. APC members have 30 days to send comments to the Membership Chair. If no negative comments are received, applicants are voted on at the next board meeting. This process may take 8 – 12 weeks.
- Patrons are individuals who wish to contribute to the APC but do not meet the sponsorship requirements for membership. Patron status is not a prerequisite to obtaining APC Membership. Patrons may not vote or hold office. Patrons will be published in a special section of the Roster and they will receive a copy of the Roster annually.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES AND APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION**

Please Note: All fees are subject to change.

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New members elected shall receive a welcome packet, to include a gift certificate for a one-year subscription to the *Pomeranian Review.*

**PAYMENT ENCLOSED**

- Check/Money Order payable to American Pomeranian Club, Inc. or APC
- PayPal – send payment to treasurer@americanpomeranianclub.org (attach copy of receipt with application)
- Credit Card Payment
  - Type of Card □ Visa □ Master Card □ American Express
  - Name as it appears on Card
  - Credit Card Number
  - Exp Date

Dues, contributions or gifts to the American Pomeranian Club, Inc.® are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income tax purposes.

Send Applications to:
Cathy Driggers
765 Cassadage Road, Lake Helen FL 32744
membership@americanpomeranianclub.org

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Approved by the APC Board 9/17/2012
PART I – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby make application for membership in the American Pomeranian Club, Inc.® (APC). I understand that membership is based on the current calendar year; that dues are due and payable by January 1st of each calendar year; that my privileges and rights as a member commence from date of acceptance by vote of the APC Board of Directors. Applicants voted in as members on or after the first day of August in any year will be credited as paid to the 31st of December of the ensuing year.

If accepted by the Board of Directors, I agree to the best of my ability to abide by the APC Constitution & Bylaws, APC Code of Ethics, and to promote the best interests of the Pomeranian. I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club.

I will attempt at all times to be worthy of the trust in mankind that is displayed by the Pomeranian and I will answer any letters sent to me by the Secretary or by any Committee working in the interest of the Club. I will support the goals and projects of the APC.

Applicant ________________________________ Occupation ______________________________

Joint Applicant ________________________________ Occupation ______________________________

Junior Applicant ________________________________ Date of Birth ______________________________
(Junior Applicants Only)

Mailing Address ___________________________________________

City __________________________ State/Province __________________________

Zip __________ Country (if not the U.S) __________________________

Phone (home) (____) ______________________________

Phone (office) (____) ______________________________

Phone (fax) (____) ______________________________

Kennel Name ________________________________ Phone (cell) (____) ______________________________

Website ________________________________ Email ______________________________

Number of years in Poms? ______ Number of Poms presently owned? ______
Average yearly number of Pom litters? ______________________________

Why are you interested in joining the APC? ______________________________

Are your Pomeranians and Litters registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC)? YES ☐ NO ☐

Have you ever been suspended from the AKC (if so, list why, when, & how long on a separate sheet of paper)? ______________________________

Do you sell Pomeranians to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? ______________________________

How many AKC Events have you entered in the last 3 years? ______

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Club Affiliations (Please list all dog clubs in which you are or have been a member)

Name of Organization Years (from – to) Positions held (if any)

________________________________________

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________________________________________

Interests, abilities, work skills, experience in public, community or charitable organizations? ______________________________

On which committees of the APC would you like to help? ______________________________

I/We wish to be listed on the APC website? YES ☐ NO ☐

Roster/Web Codes: ☐ B - Breeder ☐ E - Exhibitor ☐ H - Handler ☐ J - Judge ☐ A - Agility ☐ OB - Obedience

☐ Rly - Rally ☐ T - Tracking ☐ F - Flyball ☐ R - Rescue ☐ PF - Pom Fancier

Applicant Signature ________________________________ Date ______________________________
Joint Applicant Signature / Parent or Guardian Signature (Junior Applicants only)  Date

SPONSORSHIP SECTION

All applications require two (2) sponsors who are members of the APC, who are not family members of the applicant, who are from two different households, and who are in good standing with the Club. Sponsors must not be related to the applicant (except for junior membership); sponsors must not be related to each other by blood or marriage; and must not reside in the same household as each other. As a sponsor, you must provide answers to the following questions. Please remember that you should feel comfortable with the responsibility of sponsoring this applicant(s) as it may be necessary for you to vouch for this person.

I endorse the application of ________________________________ for membership in the APC.

SPONSOR #1
How long have you known applicant(s) [minimum 2 year requirement]? ____________
Have you met applicant(s) in person? YES ☐ NO ☐ Have you been to applicant(s) home? YES ☐ NO ☐

Why do you recommend applicant(s) for membership?

Printed Name of First Sponsor  Signature  Date

SPONSOR #2
How long have you known applicant(s) [minimum 2 year requirement]? ____________
Have you met applicant(s) in person? YES ☐ NO ☐ Have you been to applicant(s) home? YES ☐ NO ☐

Why do you recommend applicant(s) for membership?

Printed Name of Second Sponsor  Signature  Date

Applications take between six to eight weeks to process and publish in The Pomeranian Review.

You must read, agree and sign the APC Code of Ethics.

UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

For Administrative Use Only

Date Received: _______  Date/Issue Published: _______  Current Pomeranian Review Subscriber: Yes ☐ No ☐

Payment Type:
Check No./Money Order: ______________  PayPal: ______________  Credit Card ______________

APC Director Vote Tally  ☐ Accepted  ☐ Rejected  Date ______________

Membership Chair Signature ______________

Date Applicant Notified ______________
PART II – CODE OF ETHICS

CODE OF ETHICS

1. I agree to follow the regulations as set forth by the American Kennel Club and the American Pomeranian Club Inc. as they pertain to purebred dogs.
2. I will furnish a signed registration application or transfer with each puppy sold, unless a written agreement stating the reason for withholding papers is made with the purchaser at the time of sale.
3. I will not sell my puppies to pet shops or commercial pet mill establishments, nor will I donate puppies for raffles or auctions.
4. I will not crossbreed or advertise for sale puppies that have been crossbred.
5. I will not provide stud service to bitches that are not registered with the AKC or an AKC recognized foreign registry.
6. Before I sell a puppy/dog, I will have said puppy/dog checked by my veterinarian and will furnish the buyer with a copy of the puppy/dog’s immunization and health record. I will advise the purchaser of my puppy/dog to have the puppy/dog checked by a veterinarian within 72 hours of the sale unless a different specified time is agreed upon, in writing, by the seller and the buyer.
7. I will maintain the best possible standard of health and care in all of my dogs and see that puppies are immunized and checked for parasites.
8. In my breeding program I will work to control and/or eradicate inherited problems and conditions that are particular to Pomeranians.
9. I will not willingly or knowingly breed merle to merle, merle to brindle or merle to white or cream. If any offspring of a merle breeding (one or more of the ancestors is a merle) is born clear (no black or brown hair) the offspring will be DNA tested for the merle gene unless the offspring are sold on a spay/neuter agreement. Failure to comply may be considered to be actions not in the best interests of the breed and could result in unwanted merle to merle breedings that produce serious health issues.
10. I will adhere to the Breed Standard that is set forth by the American Pomeranian Club.
11. I will represent my dogs as honestly as possible to prospective buyers and try to assist the serious novice in their understanding of the breed. Further, if I send written or photographic representation of my dogs, these images shall represent the animal as it appears at the time, unless otherwise noted.
12. I acknowledge that the American Pomeranian Club recommends puppies are not sold before 10 weeks of age unless there are unusual and necessary circumstances.
13. The American Pomeranian Club recommends that the sale of all Poms be defined in a written contract between seller and buyer.
14. I will try at all times to show good sportsmanship and keep in mind that the good of the breed comes before any personal benefit and that the Club exists to protect the breed.

I, an applicant for membership (or patron) in the American Pomeranian Club certify that I have read and agree to abide by the Club’s Constitution and Bylaws, the Code of Ethics and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

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(Both signatures are required for joint membership)

Please make a copy of this application for your records.