



SHIH TZU FANCIERS OF GREATER BALTIMORE
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

FAX (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Occupation(s): _____

Please answer the following questions.

How many Shih Tzu do you own? _____ Age (or range) _____

Do you breed? _____

Do you exhibit? _____ Conformation? _____ Obedience? _____ Agility? _____

Do you buy puppies or dogs for resale? _____

Do you own other purebreds? _____ If yes, please list breed and number:

Do you hold membership in any other dog clubs? _____ If yes, please list the Club name and any office(s) held and committees on which you serve or have served:

Are there any special functions or activities you would like this Club to undertake which you feel would benefit you or our breed? If yes, please list:

Are there any special skills you possess which you feel would benefit this Club? Please specify:

Have you ever been suspended by The American Kennel Club or by the American Shih Tzu Club? _____ If yes, please attach a letter of explanation. Have you been reinstated? _____

I/We the undersigned do hereby agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics of the Shih Tzu Fanciers of Greater Baltimore, and by the rules of The American Kennel Club.

Signature and Date

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Sponsors signature: (1) _____ (2) _____

Printed Names: _____

Phone Number: _____

SHIH TZU FANCIERS OF GREATER BALTIMORE CODE OF ETHICS

- I will encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Shih Tzu and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- I agree to accept the standard of the breed approved by The American Kennel Club (AKC) as the only standard of excellence by which Shih Tzu shall be judged.
- I will do all in my power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- I agree to follow the rules of The American Kennel Club as pertains to conduct at sanctioned and licensed shows, specialty shows, obedience/rally trials and agility trials.

A.S.T.C. Code of Ethics

1. I agree to follow the regulations as set forth by the American Kennel Club as they pertain to my purebred dog operations
2. I agree to abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws and this Code of Ethics of the American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.
3. I will furnish a signed registration application, transfer or AKC limited registration certificate and 3 generation pedigree with each puppy sold. I may have a written agreement with the purchaser at the time of the sale that papers will be withheld.
4. I will encourage spaying or neutering of animals not desirable for breeding.
5. I will not sell my puppies to pet shops or commercial pet mill establishments, nor will I donate puppies for raffles or auctions.
6. I will not crossbreed or advertise for sale puppies that have been crossbred.
7. I will not give stud service to unregistered bitches.
8. I will advise the purchaser of my puppy to have the puppy checked by a veterinarian within 2 days (48 Hours) of the sale (additional time allowed if the puppy is sold on a Friday or Saturday). I will refund the purchase price or take the puppy back and replace it, if it is found to be unfit by a veterinarian.
9. Except for unusual situations, I will not sell my puppies at less than twelve (12) weeks of age.
10. 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. I will furnish complete health record, care, feeding, and grooming instructions with each puppy sold.
11. I will attempt to sell my pet puppies within the range of other breeders in my area.
12. In my breeding program I will keep alert for and work to control and/or eradicate inherited problems and conditions that are particular to my breed, and breed as closely to the standard of the breed.
13. I will represent my dogs as honestly as possible to prospective buyers and try to assist the serious novice in his understanding of the breed.
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 benefits.
15. I will refrain from deceptive or erroneous advertising.