



Japanese Chin Club of America

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print or type

Name				Occupation	
Address				Kennel Name	
City		State		Phone	
Postal Code		Country		Email	

Type of Membership

U.S. Individual Membership	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Household Membership	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canada Individual Membership	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada Household Membership	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
All Other Countries Individual Membership	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Other Countries Household Membership	\$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Membership (age 10-17 years)	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Household membership is for two adult members residing in the same household. Membership dues include a one-year subscription to the *Chin Chit Chat*. Rates for Canada include a \$10 postage surcharge; rates for other foreign countries include a \$20 postage surcharge.

Total enclosed (payable in U.S. funds only) \$

Application must be signed by two club members (from two different households) who each shall include a letter of recommendation, stating how long they have known the applicant and why the applicant would make a good member of the JCCA.

Member Sponsor #1		Date	
Print name			
Member Sponsor #2		Date	
Print name			

Please give a brief biography of yourself. Include your dog-related activities, other dog clubs in which you may belong, and offices you hold or have held.

Are you in good standing with the American Kennel Club?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been suspended, expelled, or had your application denied by another club?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever supplied dogs for resale or imported or exported dogs for resale?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever sold puppies in litter lots?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you or your kennel listed in the USDA "Animal Welfare: List of Licensed Dealers"?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

Japanese Chin Club of America Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics (COE) presents guidelines for members of the Japanese Chin Club of America (JCCA), whose foremost purpose in coming together to participate in the parent breed club is the welfare, protection, and improvement of the Japanese Chin. The purpose of the COE is to set forth minimum standards to which the JCCA expects its members to adhere as they strive to accomplish the goals set forth in the constitution and bylaws. It is impossible, as well as unnecessary, to legally restrict or dictate the activities of club members or to expect a code of ethics to be policed or strictly enforced. Rather, compliance with the COE must come from responsible members who comply with pride due to a sincere love of our breed. The COE consists of guidelines which set us apart from mere breeders or owners of Japanese Chin. It should be pointed out that blatant disregard for the COE, resulting in behavior prejudicial to the best interests of the breed or the club could be addressed by disciplinary action under Article VI of the bylaws. The COE, however, is not designed to be used as a threat against individual members. It is intended to guide us in our dealings with each other and our actions as protectors, breeders, and representatives of our wonderful breed – the Japanese Chin.

As a member of the Japanese Chin Club of America, I agree as follows:

1. I will abide by all AKC rules and regulations, and I will keep accurate records as required by the AKC.
2. I will do my utmost to breed conscientiously, mindful of the breed standard at all times, and to abide by and uphold the principles of the JCCA constitution, bylaws, and the COE.
3. To the best of my ability, I will remain aware of inherent physical problems in the breed and will make a conscious effort to avoid breeding a dog or bitch that has obvious physical or structural problems, as determined by appropriate screening protocols that may affect the wellbeing of offspring.
4. I will not breed, or breed to, an unregistered dog or bitch, and I will not intentionally use immature dogs or bitches in my breeding program.
5. I will continually provide a wholesome and appropriate diet, exercise, and veterinary care to all my Japanese Chin, paying special attention during gestation, whelping, and lactation. I will give puppies' quality health care, nutrition, and proper socialization to accustom them to human contact.
6. Except for unusual situations, I will not release a puppy to its new home prior to ten (10) weeks of age. As the seller, I will furnish the buyer with recommendations on feeding, dates of inoculations, worming, and general care of the puppy. AKC registration papers or a copy of the litter application or a bill of sale (AKC recommends with specific identifying information and signatures of buyer and seller) will accompany the puppy as it goes to its new home. When listing a puppy with limited registration, I will explain the meaning of the term to the buyer and make sure he or she understands the restriction.
7. For each sale or service, I will make an agreement with the buyer; all terms of the agreement are between the buyer and the seller. All circumstances of a return will be between the buyer and the seller. The agreement will also state that if the buyer cannot keep the puppy for any reason, I or my representative, must be notified so that I have the first chance to take the puppy back or to aid in re-homing it. I will use my best efforts to be available to my puppy buyers to give advice or to act as mentor when appropriate.
8. I will not sell or otherwise release any Japanese Chin to any commercial facilities (such as USDA) or kennel auction, puppy broker, pet shop, or their agents. I will use care in screening potential homes for all my puppies to the best of my ability. I will not intentionally breed to another breed, and I will try to ensure that none of my Chin are sold with the intention to breed to other breeds to create a mixed breed or "designer" dog. In addition, I will not offer any Japanese Chin for raffle, auction, or as a prize in any giveaway scheme.
9. I will always bear in mind that the JCCA is a non-profit organization and that no one shall profit financially from that membership.
10. As a member, I shall strive to display good sportsmanship at events and to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects well on the Japanese Chin breed and the JCCA. I will work for the betterment of the club and the breed to the best of my ability, and I will encourage others to do likewise.

Disclaimer: The above code is meant to serve as a guideline only. Not to be used as a threat against individual members. It is intended to guide us in our dealings with each other and our actions as protectors.

I hereby apply for membership in the Japanese Chin Club of America. As a member, I agree to abide by the above code of ethics and the constitution and bylaws of the club. I further agree that a brief synopsis of my biography/information may be shared with members via a password-protected JCCA members-only section of the club's website, email, or US mail, so club members may review my application and provide input to the membership chair and/or board of directors.

Applicant Signature		Date	
Print Name			
Partner Signature		Date	
Print Name			
Subscribe me to the JCCA Announce email list for club news and updates.		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	

Note: Enclose a check or money order, payable to the JCCA, for the correct amount with your application. Dues may also be submitted via PayPal through the JCCA website, and the signed application may be emailed to membership@japanesechinclub.org. Membership dues for applicants approved by the board before August 1 will include the current year's membership; membership dues for applicants approved by the board on or after August 1 will include the following year's membership.

Mail to:	KRISTEN GALLAGHER JCCA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PO BOX 74 VERSAILLES, KY 40383-0074	Date received:	
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