

## **THE CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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Please read and answer all questions. Type or print clearly...your application will be returned if incomplete. If you need more room to answer, please attach a separate sheet.

Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	Kennel Name:
Are you a member of a local or regional Chihuahua Club? Please circle or "X": Yes___No___		
List all dog club affiliations (all breed, specialty, obedience clubs and positions you have held)		
Have you or any member of your household ever been suspended by AKC, comparable foreign organizations or other dog clubs? Yes No If yes, please explain:		
How long and in what capacity have you been involved in purebred dogs?		
What are your areas of interest? Please circle:      Companionship      Conformation Breeding      Obedience      Rescue      Other (agility, therapy, etc.)		
What particular interests &/or abilities would you like to contribute to the Chihuahua Club of America:		
What other breed(s) do you own now or have owned in the past?		
How many dogs currently live on your property?		
How many dogs do you co-own?		
How many Chihuahuas do you own at this time?		
Co-own?		

Please provide the name and address of the person from whom you obtained your last Chihuahua (other than your own breeding)?

How many litters of Chihuahuas have you bred in the last five years?

Have you earned an AKC championship or obedience title on dogs owned by you? Chihuahuas: Other Breeds:

Why do you want to join CCA?

Are you willing to have a home visit by a CCA appointed representative? If no, please explain why in detail?

Do you belong to PETA, please circle or "X" Yes No

Do you belong to HSUS? Yes No

Have you ever transferred a puppy or dog to a retail outlet for placement? Yes No

**If your application contains false information, you will be removed from membership** Application fees are non-refundable

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am 18 years or older.  
print name

Please select one of the following payment methods for your membership dues and one-time application fee (\$35 annual dues + \$10 processing fee = \$45 total):

- ☐ Paid online via the CCA website
- ☐ Paid through PayPal to **chiclubofamerica@gmail.com**
- ☐ Sent a check for \$45 to the Club's Treasurer

If accepted, I will follow the Constitution and By-laws of the Chihuahua Club of America, comply with the Code of Ethics and abide by all decisions of the Board of Directors in disciplinary matters. I understand that the objectives of CCA are to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure bred Chihuahuas.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Applicants must be sponsored by two members of CCA in good standing. Fill in the sponsor's names below...sponsors cannot be from the same household and must have known them for one year. Submit application, signed sponsors' questionnaire and signed Code of Ethics to the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc. Membership Committee Chairman. Please make your check payable to the CCA and understand that your application may take four to six months to complete the process.

Sponsor #1 Please print:	
Sponsor #2 Please print:	

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Date received:	Amount \$	Check No:
Completed App: Yes No	Two sponsors: Yes No	Code of Ethics: Yes No
Date membership committee and Board recommendation completed:		
Date published in Chi Chatter:		
Date Board voted to accept:		
Date welcome letter sent:		

April 2025

## **THE CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA CODE OF ETHICS**

The new Code of Ethics was adopted at the CCA General Meeting on October 8, 2010, in Chicago, Illinois.

As a member of The Chihuahua Club of America,

- I pledge to uphold the goals of the Club, as set forth in the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.
- I pledge to uphold The American Kennel Club's rules applying to Dog Shows and Registration, and The Chihuahua Club of America's rules applying to its Dog Shows.
- I pledge to accept and uphold the Standard of the Chihuahua, as developed by The Chihuahua Club of America, and approved by The American Kennel Club.
- I pledge to breed only AKC registered Chihuahuas, or Chihuahuas from registries which are acceptable to The American Kennel Club.
- I pledge to keep myself informed in the areas of dog health and genetics, and to carefully evaluate all breeding stock for hereditary faults or disqualifying defects.
- I pledge to be responsible for all Chihuahuas that I have produced, for their entire lifetime, by:
  - never buying, selling, or trading my Chihuahuas to research laboratories, pet stores, or to auctions, nor placing them in rescue groups.
  - taking back my Chihuahuas, either sold or given, but unwanted by the current owners, or helping the current owners to find them new homes.
- I pledge to abide by the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.
- I pledge to conduct all my Chihuahua related business practices in a clear and concise manner, recognizing that no business dispute will be resolved by the CCA.
  - I pledge – whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels – that I will treat all present – including competitors, judges, officials, and spectators – with respect and courtesy. This includes respect for show sites, national convention and overflow facilities, internet forums, lists, and other social media, as well as all other aspects of responsible dog ownership.

The Chihuahua Club of America would like to encourage all breeders to health test their dogs (Cardiac, Patella, Eyes), and to submit the results to CHIC – the health database that is jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF – <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA – <http://www.ofa.org/>). This will help benefit the Chihuahua as a breed, and it will help us to learn more about better breeding practices for the future.

CHIC provides a reliable source of information to breeders, regarding dogs that may be used in their breeding programs. In the future, breeders can begin to analyze the pedigrees of a proposed breeding for health strengths and weaknesses, as well as the traditional analysis of conformation, type, and performance strengths and weaknesses.

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Signature Printed Name Date

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Mailing Address

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Email Address Phone Number

**CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.  
Sponsor's Questionnaire – Sponsor #1**

I have reviewed the attached application and would like to sponsor:

**Please answer each question “yes” or “no” with explanation when needed. Be detailed in your response.**

How long have you been acquainted with the applicant?

Belong to the same dog club?

Did you meet at a dog show event?

Facebook friends?

Briefly, if none of the above, how do you know the applicant?

Do you believe the applicant will follow the constitution and by-laws and abide by the Code of Ethics and will uphold the objectives of CCA?

Do you consider the applicant to have exhibited honesty, good sportsmanship and ethical behavior in all aspects of his/her dog activities?

Please provide comments and additions you feel will help us make a decision regarding the prospective membership for the applicant:

**By accepting this responsibility of sponsoring the applicant, I assert, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the applicant is qualified for membership in the CCA and would be an asset to the club:**

**Sponsor signature:**

**Printed Name:**

**Date:**

**Two sponsors are required. CCA members can only sponsor two applicants per year and must be a member for at least one year.**

**CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**Sponsor's Questionnaire – Sponsor #2**

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**Please answer each question “yes” or “no” with explanation when needed. Be detailed in your response.**

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