



Membership Packet

Instructions

1. Please read through the entire packet. There is a lot of important information contained here.
2. Within this packet you will find: The Membership Application, Code of Conduct, Volunteer form, Welcome Letter from President, and other helpful information.
3. Fill out the pages for Membership About Yourself, and Volunteer Information. Keep the Welcome Letter from President.
4. Sign at the bottom of the Membership Application, AKC Code of Conduct, and Volunteer pages. Hand in your signed paperwork to the Membership Committee Chairperson.
5. At your first General Meeting, you will be “read” (introduced) to the membership during that meeting. You will be asked to stand and take about five minutes to introduce yourself, including your name, a little about yourself, your dog breed, what you can bring to the club as a member and why you would like to join the club. You may also include how long you have been breeding, showing, or training.
6. At a second General Meeting, you will be “read” (introduced) for the second and final time. You will be asked to stand and take about five minutes to introduce yourself, including your name, a little about yourself, your dog breed, what you can bring to the club as a member and why you would like to join the club. You may also include how long you have been breeding, showing, or training. At this meeting, your application for membership will be voted upon by the club members in attendance. You will be asked to step outside during the voting process, this takes about five minutes. If approved, you will be required to make your dues payment. This will cover your membership up until January 1. If you have questions, please contact the Membership Chair.

[Why Join the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association Inc. \(PDFA\) Club?](#)

Do you want to be energized by engaging with your dog and with friends? At the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Inc (PDFA), 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. PDFA holds a fast cat event in January and our big American Kennel Club all-breed and obedience/rally dog show in March. You can be an esteemed part of these events. There are many leadership roles you can fill at the shows. It is 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.

As members, we celebrate our AKC achievements by having a very special Awards and Membership Appreciation Dinner in December. It is a celebration where we honor not only those who earned AKC titles, but also all 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 special to have a large group of same-minded people cheering all your successes. To prepare for competitions, we offer “Handling for Conformation, Rally and Obedience Classes” once a week that run all year long. These classes are 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.

If you want to join a group of dog lovers who support our community, then joining the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association Inc. Club is for you. We are active in our community and donate to various dog related organizations such as our local K-9 Units and veteran service dog organizations and shelters. 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.

We have our monthly member meetings that are invaluable. Before meetings throughout the year, on occasion 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.

Each member joins for lots of different reasons, but the one thing we all have in common is our dogs. So, if you want to join a great group of dog lovers, then come, and join our Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association Inc. Club.

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PDFA Board Use only			
Date of 1 st read:		Cash	
Date of 2 nd read:		Check #	
Amount Paid:		Other	

**PENSACOLA DOG FANCIER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. (PDFA)
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

membership@pensacoladogs.com

Applicant: We are pleased to present you with this application for membership to our club. Since we would like to aid you in becoming a member, please call on any member for assistance. Please bring the completed application to a member meeting (2nd Wednesday of each month) Application will be reviewed by the board after submission. Dues are due at the end of the second (2nd) reading/meeting that you attend. Applicants must attend two (2) meetings within a three (3) month period.

Please print and use black or blue ink

Type of Membership: (check one) Make checks payable to Pensacola Dog Fancier's Association (PDFA)

Individual (\$25.00) _____ Family _____ (\$35.00) Associate _____ (25.00) Juniors _____ (Free)

Membership Definition:

- *Individual: One adult, over 18 (Eligible to hold office, right to one vote. **Volunteer to work at least one club event per year**).
- *Family: Two adults living in the same household (Eligible to hold office, right to 2 votes. **Volunteer to work at least one club event per year**).
- *Associate: Have all rights and privileges, except no right to vote or hold office. (Volunteer for events optional).
- *Juniors: Same as Associate but **MUST** be under the age of 18, with parent consent. (Volunteer for events optional).

Name (s): _____
(List all members of the household that are applying for membership)

Primary Email: _____ Secondary Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Would you like text reminders for meetings? No _____ Yes _____ Cell Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Are you now or have you been in the past 5 years, a member of other dog clubs or judging?

(Please note club, year join, and any positions, offices, committees, Judging experience etc.)

List of all AKC Canine Partner Dogs you own: _____
(List Breed Name if known, Call name and titles optional, use back of form if more space is needed)

List of purebred dogs you own: _____
(List Breed Name, use back of form if more space is needed)

(List Breed Name, use back of form if more space is needed)

How many purebred litters have you registered in the past 12 months? _____ Are you in good standing with the AKC? _____

Name of Kennel: _____

Signature of Applicant(s): _____ Date: _____

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AKC Code of Sportsmanship

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions, and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge’s placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

Release of Liability

I (we) agree to hold Pensacola Dog Fancier’s Association, Inc. (PDFA), its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, show secretary, and the owner or lessor of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the site, grounds, trial premises or grounds near any entrance there to in which any club function or activity is held, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation at any club function or activity, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

As a fancier of Purebred dogs, I/we wish to apply for membership to this club. I/we the undersigned do agree to abide by the constitution & Bylaws of the Pensacola Dog Fanciers’ Association, Inc., the PDFA Code of Ethics and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Signature of Applicant(s): _____ Date: _____

Speak with the membership chair if you currently do not know two (2) members to Sponsor you!

Sponsor:	Date:	Sponsor:	Date:
(PDFA Member in good standing)		(PDFA Member in good standing)	

PDFA member in good standing signature (Sponsor) can be acquired at meeting.

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Volunteer Information

Volunteerism is key in keeping our club strong and running

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

Club Participation: (Each member **MUST** Choose one (1) or more positions you are willing to serve/volunteer in for the next calendar year. For more information about activities/positions contact the Membership Chair.

(Associate and Junior Members do not have to participate).

Standing Committees

MEMBER SERVICES					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminars	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Member Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunshine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	News Bulletin/Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christmas/Holiday Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library/Historian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Picnic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elections	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any open Committee Position	<input type="checkbox"/>	AKC Delegate

PUBLIC SERVICES					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photographer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Training Class	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special events/Demos	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training helper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser

COMMUNICATIONS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertisement

Board Position

<input type="checkbox"/>	President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recording Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any Open Position
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corresponding Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Show Committee

<input type="checkbox"/>	Gate (collecting admissions at entrance gate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity (Pre-show publicity, compiling show report)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward (experienced or willing to learn)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Taking entries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trophies (planning, and or buying)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public address system
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grounds (Setting up and/or tearing down on the day of the event, show, or trial; parking, posting signs and arrows)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trophies (presenting)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catalog Advertising
<input type="checkbox"/>	Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catalog Sales
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ribbons	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rally Trials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Obedience Trials
<input type="checkbox"/>	AKC Shows	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breed Education Booth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: (where can you help, any special skills)		

Other Talents

<input type="checkbox"/>	Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operate Video Projector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Editing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Telephoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Typing/Word Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

How did you learn about PDFA? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Name
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Of the following list please check your interest(s)

<input type="checkbox"/>	AKC Shows	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rally	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conformation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Earthdog
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barn Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trick Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sent Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agility	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name of Applicant(s): _____ Phone _____

Signature of Applicant(s): _____ Date: _____

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Welcome from the President

On behalf of all the members of Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association (PDFA), I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our club.

Established in 1936, PDFA boasts a long and proud tradition of serving the community and various dog sports. Through the support of our members and the guidance of the American Kennel Club (AKC), we hold events in January as well as a Conformation, Obedience and Rally show in late February/early March.

The primary objectives of PDFA are as follows:

-To further the advancement of all purebred breeds of dogs while creating a warm atmosphere for friendship and sportsmanship within PDFA.

-To protect and advance the interests of all purebred dog breeds as well as to encourage utmost sportsmanship at our dog competitions, trials, and events.

-To conduct Sanctioned Matches, Conformation Shows, Obedience Trials, Rally Trials and other AKC events in accordance with the rules governed by AKC.

-To initiate continuing competition as well as educational programs and promotional events to encourage and maintain public interest and appreciation of quality purebred dogs.

PDFA promotes dog shows, matches/trials, seminars, training, and many dog programs as part of the Club's public education program which is an integral part of increasing appreciation for our purebred dogs.

Each year, a portion of Club revenue may be given to local charities as well as for resources for local Fire and Rescue in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

The club website is www.pensacoladogs.org . PDFA also has a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PDFAdogclub> and Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/pdfadogclub/> . Please like and share with friends and family. Participation and promotion of our Club is key to the growth and success of PDFA.

In closing, our Club meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the months of January, February, April, May, July, August, and October, and our Potluck Meetings at 6:30pm in the months of March, June, September (Potluck dinners, members bring a covered dish). Our annual meeting with elections of officers and board members is held in November at 7:00pm. We urge everyone to attend our member meetings to encourage club participation. Our end of year party is held in December with time, date and location announced at our November meeting. Board Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm (except Dec). Members are welcome to attend. If members wish to speak or add a topic to the board meeting agenda contact the president with topic prior to the meeting. All Meetings are held at The Garden Center at 1850 N 9th Ave, Pensacola, FL 32503.

Sincerely,

Patty Reuschle – President

president@pensacoladogs.com

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