

Sunshine Pembroke Welsh Corgi Membership Information

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

An applicant must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club and must agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and the Code of Ethics of the SPWCC and AKC Rules and Regulations.

The application must carry the endorsement of two regular members in good standing, not of the same household, who have known the applicant for at least six months and who have been voting members themselves for at least one year. The same member may not sponsor more than three applicants within one Club year.

Applicants must attend one meeting prior to submitting an application.

For those wishing to become a Club member who either do not live in the area or cannot attend functions, SPWCC offers an Associate membership. To become an associate member, one must meet the same application requirements for regular membership except the attendance requirement. Associate members do not have voting rights and cannot hold an office.

Junior members must be under 18, must attend one meeting and have two sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

The applicant's sponsors should obtain the membership packet consisting of an application, information describing the membership procedure, and a copy of the Code of Ethics from the SPWCC Secretary. Before submitting the application, the sponsors must review for completeness and accuracy, and sign the application prior to submitting it to the Secretary. At least one of the sponsors must write a letter of recommendation for the applicant to accompany the application and a letter testifying to a home/kennel visit written by any Club member in good standing.

Sponsors must understand that they are, in effect, personally endorsing ~~the~~ this new member. It is imperative that sponsors and new applicants read and become familiar with the SPWCC Code of Ethics prior to completing and submitting the application. It must be clearly understood by all parties that the Code of Ethics is not merely a suggestion, but what the Sunshine Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club expects of its members. Extra attention should be paid to the following: health testing and certifications, limited registration, sales agreement, spay/neuter contracts, vet checks prior to puppies going to new homes (no earlier than eight weeks of age), worming, vaccinations and that no sales or donations may be made to wholesale dealers, known puppy mills, pet stores or raffles.

The sponsors will submit the completed application along with the applicant's dues check made out to the SPWCC to the Secretary who then distributes copies of the application to all Board members. The Board is responsible for reviewing the application with the sponsors and the applicant, if needed. The Board is also responsible for reviewing

questions regarding the eligibility of the applicant submitted by the membership if needed.

Applicants should submit a brief biography that will be printed in the agenda of next meeting in order for the members to be familiar with the applicant prior to voting on membership.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE VOTED upon at the first meeting of the club following their receipt. The Board will offer its recommendation in the agenda of the next meeting along with the brief biography provided by the applicant. An affirmative vote of 3/4 of those members present and qualified to vote shall be required for election to membership.

The Secretary will send each new member a welcoming letter from the Club, a copy of the Constitution and By-laws, Code of Ethics and a current membership list. The new member will receive the club's newsletter and all subsequent club mailings.

MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

To remain a member in good standing, a member is expected to abide by the Constitution and By-laws and the Code of Ethics of SPWCC and AKC Rules and Regulations.

Voting Members are expected to:

1. Attend a minimum of one-half of all regular Club meetings and/or actively participate and work in at least one Club sponsored event in a Club year.
2. Support the club newsletter with articles, information and advertisements when possible.
3. Donate time and/or money to further the purposes and objectives of the Club.