



St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club

## Membership Application

\*Membership application must be accompanied by the appropriate dues (\$10 individual, \$15 family).

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsed by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed of dog(s) owned/raised:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If family membership, list members to be included and ages of any minor children:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons for joining a dog club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ways you'd like to help with club activities (assist with obedience training, do publicity, help with news letter, etc.):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws and the code of ethics of the St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club and Rules of the American Kennel Club:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## **Code of Ethics**

1. Each member of the St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club (SLVDC) has an obligation to protect the interests of their breed by conducting themselves in a manner designed to reflect on themselves, their breed, and on the SLVDC.
2. Members shall not engage in the breeding, buying, or selling of dogs which are not purebred, either as principal, agent, intermediary, or otherwise.
3. It is considered to be unethical for any club member to sell dogs to any pet shop, or any wholesale dealer in dogs, or to knowingly sell to any breeder who sells to pet shops. Breeders are expected to raise and sell their own puppies/dogs rather than making it a practice to raise and sell others litters for profit.
4. Members who contemplate breeding a litter, or who allow the use of their stud do to the same end, shall direct their efforts toward producing dogs of exceptional quality.

## **Responsibilities of the Breeder**

Members shall when breeding:

1. Be familiar with their individual breed standard and breed only those specimens which conform to it.
2. Be familiar with AKC rules concerning record keeping, registration, and sale and transfer of dogs, and abide by these rules.
3. Mate only healthy, mature animals which can be guaranteed to be:
  - a) Registered or registrable with the AKC.
  - b) Of sound temperament.
  - c) Free of congenital defects.
4. Cover by written agreement the terms of all stud services. (Normally payment is required in advance and on a return service is guaranteed should no live progeny result from the original service.)

## **Responsibilities of the Seller**

Members, when selling or offering for sale (and these expressions shall cover giving, trading, etc., with or without exchange of money) pure bred dogs

1. Shall advertise only factually.
2. Shall cover all transactions in writing with bills of sale reflecting all details thereof.
3. Shall practice no deception of any kind.
4. Shall sell no animals to pet shops, brokers, or dealers.
5. Shall clearly state to a prospective purchaser whether the sale is of "show", "show-able", or "pet" stock caliber. Both the "show" and "show-able" dog is without natural disqualifying faults as listed in the AKC Complete Dog Book. However, the "show" quality dog has proven ability to win points at point shows.
6. Shall provide purchasers with details of proper feeding, general care, and advisable inoculations.