

THE BEAGLE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Title	Initials	Surname
Address		
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Town	County	
Post Code	Country	
Phone Number	Email	
Date of Birth <i>(for Junior Member only)</i>		
Kennel Prefix/Affix		
Proposed by		
Seconded by		

Single £9 Joint £10 Junior * £5 Overseas £15

Renewal Fees due 1st January (* until 31st December following 18th birthday)

Please make cheques payable to "The Beagle Association" (Sterling only)

I/we have read and will respect the BA's Code of Ethics. Cheque/Cash for £ enclosed.	
Signed	Date
Print Name	
Interest in the breed e.g. pet, showing, etc.	

PLEASE NOTE Proposed new members must receive approval at the next Committee meeting following the application before acceptance into the BA. If you do not know any members to propose and/or second you, then please give details of any Beagle you own i.e. name and breeder or your interest in the breed. The current Beagle Association Annual will be forwarded to new members. The names and addresses of BA Members are held on computer so that address labels may be printed for the distribution of schedules etc., also for printing membership lists in the BA Annual.

B.A. General Code of Ethics

All members of the Beagle Association undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics

Members:

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who performs an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section of a bitch, may report such operations to the Kennel Club.
- 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act. **(See details below)**
- 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- 13) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- 14) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

(Updated by The Kennel Club Dec 2008)

Breeding Guidelines:

- 15) The primary aim in breeding a litter will be to produce Beagles which are structurally and temperamentally sound and conform to the Breed Standard.
- 16) Breeders, to ensure there is always a reasonable expectation of placing puppies in suitable homes, should adopt a planned breeding programme.
- 17) Breeders should ensure they have the facilities and knowledge to ensure the well being of the bitch and puppies.
- 18) A bitch cannot be mated under 16 months of age.

- 19) A bitch cannot whelp after her eighth birthday (except when approved by the KC Committee).
- 20) A bitch cannot whelp twice within a 12 month period.
- 21) A bitch cannot whelp more than 6 litters.
- 22) Stud dog owners must refuse the use of their dog if there is any doubt as to the intentions of the breeder.
- 23) Stud dog owners should give help and advice to novice breeders.
- 24) It will be as much the stud dog owner's responsibility, as that of the brood bitch owner, to ensure that these guidelines are observed.

Sale/Placement of Beagles:

- 25) Ensure that prospective owners are informed of the special characteristics and requirements of the breed and provide an effective advisory service to new owners. (Information booklets are available from the BA.)
- 26) Actively assist with the re-homing of a Beagle, if the initial circumstances change or are found to be unsuitable.
- 27) No puppy shall be placed in a new home until it is physically and mentally ready, and in no circumstances under seven weeks of age.
- 28) Where necessary, it will be inoculated.
- 29) Special care must be taken when exporting Beagles; facilities are often available to check prospective owners and guidance should be sought in any cases of doubt.

These guidelines create a common basis for all, and ensure puppies are guaranteed a fair start with the expectation of a long, healthy and happy life. Used with discretion they can be the means whereby the Committee may be empowered to ask a Member to answer a complaint against him, and in extreme cases, in conjunction with Rule 15, expel that member from the Association.

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The Animal Welfare Act makes owners and keepers responsible for ensuring that the welfare needs of their animals are met. It says that an animal's welfare needs include:

- **a suitable environment (how it is housed);**
- **a suitable diet (what it eats and drinks);**
- **the ability to exhibit normal behaviour patterns;**
- **any need it has to be housed with, or apart from, other animals; and**
- **protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease.**

Further information on the welfare of domestic animals can be found on the Defra website

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