

**VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
NEW PUPPY BUYER
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

Memberships are for a calendar year

Applicant 1 _____ Occupation _____

Applicant 2 _____ Occupation _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Country _____ ZIP+4/mail code _____

I/We am/are applying for ___ Associate ___ Associate Household

Phone 1 _____ Home Cell Work _____ OK to publish in Directory? Y/N

Phone 2 _____ Home Cell Work _____ OK to publish in Directory? Y/N

Email applicant 1 _____ OK to publish in Directory? Y/N

Email applicant 2 _____ OK to publish in Directory? Y/N

Skills/hobbies/interests that you could volunteer to help VCA _____

List any regional Vizsla clubs of which you are a member: _____

I (We) currently own: # male # female Vizslas

I/We currently participate in the following activities with our dog(s). (Circle all that apply.)

- agility breeding conformation tracking field trials hunt tests hunting obedience
 rally therapy tracking other

I (We) have read the above Code of Ethics, agree to follow its direction, and hereby submit my/our names for membership in the Vizsla Club of America.

Applicant #1 Signature: _____ Date _____

Applicant #2 Signature: _____ Date _____

Breeder Name: _____ Litter Number: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP Associate Single Member	\$45	\$ <u>Fee waived</u>
Associate Household Members (2 adults at one location)	\$50	\$ <u>Fee waived</u>

When the breeder has all litter owners' applications for Membership and AKC litter registrations in hand, please send all applications and registrations together **at the same time** (within 6 months of whelp date) to:

Vizsla Club of America/VCA Membership
379 Costa Mesa St
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

To email applications, questions or more information etc., please email: vcamembership@gmail.com

Breeders: Please submit a copy of the top portion of your Litter Record form that you received pre-filled from the AKC as your litter registration.

<http://images.akc.org/pdf/GREG01.pdf>

All notifications and balloting shall be done according to the club's bylaws. Both of the above authorizations are revocable by written notification. The Club is released from liability should an email or USPS mailed ballot or notification be received late or not received by the Member due to circumstances beyond the Club's control. The VCA's new privacy policy is available on the VCA web site (www.vcaweb.org). You will receive an invitation to join the VCA News Yahoo Group after your application is approved by the VCA Board.

I hereby apply for membership in the Vizsla Club of America, Inc. and by signing this application, I agree to support the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club, the Code of Ethics as given below, and the resolutions of the Board of Directors; to encourage high standards in breeding, training and showing Vizslas, and to promote the welfare of the Vizsla breed. (Constitution and Bylaws available at www.vcaweb.org). Membership in the Vizsla Club of America entitles me to a subscription to the Vizsla News and the rights of the Associate Membership Category.

Associate members are mailed The Vizsla News standard rate, but may upgrade postage and may serve on committees. Members may change their type of membership during the annual renewal period. Discuss the appropriate choice of membership type with your sponsors or email VCA Membership Chairman (contact info on page 3 of application).

Code of Ethics

Sportsmanship: VCA members shall always conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves, their Vizslas and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of the location or circumstance. Protect and advance the development of the Vizsla through continued improvement of soundness, stable temperament, natural hunting ability and conformation as set forth in the official Vizsla Standard.

Health: VCA members shall maintain the best possible standard of canine health, cleanliness and veterinary care in an atmosphere conducive to the stable development of their dogs.

Breeding: VCA members shall breed only with the intention of improving the breed by breeding only those Vizslas who conform to the standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club, exhibit soundness, stable temperament and natural hunting ability. Further, VCA members shall breed only those dogs who have a DNA number (a DNA number is not required for dogs who passed away prior to 2007) and are free of serious hereditary defects (including epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, Von Willebrands, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy), and are over two years of age and have been x-rayed and OFA certified as free from hip dysplasia

VCA members must exhibit a commitment to Vizslas they have bred and sold by supporting rescue through involvement with any Vizsla placed in rescue, produced by either dog or bitch that is member-owned or co-owned. Support may include but is not limited to financial, fostering and/or re-homing.

Sales: VCA members shall: not breed, sell, consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles, honestly evaluate the quality of the Vizsla sold and fairly represent that evaluation and urge puppy purchasers not to breed dogs which for any reason should not be used for breeding, not release puppies under seven weeks old, furnish details on feeding, care, inoculations, pedigrees and written sales agreements, screen all prospective buyers to assure that puppies have safe and loving homes, supply assistance and support to puppy buyers for the life of the dog, encourage owners to become involved in Vizsla activities, the Vizsla Club of America and regional Vizsla clubs. The breed's parent club, the Vizsla Club of America, in recognizing its responsibility in protecting the breed has also adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution: The officers and board of directors of the Vizsla Club of America, in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn crossbreeding of purebred Vizslas and falsification of registration documents. All persons following the Vizsla fancy are enjoined to subscribe to this ethic in the best interest of the breed.

Resolution: The Vizsla Club of America calls for ALL breeding stock to be radiographed, and specifies that no dog or bitch with the slightest evidence of hip dysplasia be used for breeding purposes. In keeping with this resolution, and in full support of the Vizsla Club of America Code of Ethics (which states that only those Vizslas that are over two years of age, X-rayed, and OFA certified as free of hip dysplasia get bred), the VCA agrees to accept the removal of OFA listing requirements in advertisements in all official VCA publications, with the exception of Stud Dog listings, and litter announcements.

Resolution: The officers and board of directors of the Vizsla Club of America, in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn the breeding of dogs with serious genetic defects including: epilepsy, PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy), von Willebrand's Disease, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy.