Vizsla Club of America Membership Application

Effective 10/20/2026

Applicant 1_____Occupation_____

Applicant 2_____

Street Address_____

City_____State/Country***_____ Zip code_____

I/We am/are applying for ___Regular* ___Associate** ___Junior (dob _____) membership.

*Regular and Regular Household memberships require two VCA member to sign as sponsors.

**If applicant has no signatures, then they must apply for Associate type membership in the first year.

***Non-US residents** must apply as Associate or Junior membership only.

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

Web site_____ OK to publish in Directory? Y/N

Kennel Name_____ OK to publish in Directory? Y/N

Skills/hobbies/interests that you could volunteer to help VCA_____

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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 Barn hunt Field trial Hunt tests Hunting Dock Diving

Obedience Rally Tracking Scent Work Therapy Rescue Coursing other

Social Media: By sharing my user names below, I verify that as a VCA Member and if I'm a breeder, I certify hips on both Sire and Dam with the OFA. I only breed animals without dysplasia. I give permission for the VCA to share or feature posts and videos on all social media channels and the VCA website. Credit will be given with the corresponding user name.

Instagram:_____ Tiktok:_____YouTube:_____ Twitter:_____ Reddit:_____

Please answer the following questions:

- I would like to receive the Vizsla News as: __hard copy only or ___electronic copy only
- I/we authorize and approve to accept electronic mail (email) notification of Club business. Declined [ ]
- I/we authorize and approve of electronic balloting for Club elections and other Club business that requires a vote of the membership. Declined [ ]

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).

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 Membership Category I am entering.

US residents may choose Associate, Regular or Junior membership (Jr. membership under 18 years old). Regular members have voting privileges, may hold office, chair committees and first class mailing of The Vizsla News. Associate and Junior members are mailed The Vizsla News standard rate, but may upgrade postage, opt for electronic Vizsla New and may serve on committees. Members may change their type of membership during the annual renewal period (Juniors may change only after their 18th birthday.) Discuss the appropriate choice of membership type with your sponsors or email VCA Membership Chairman (contact info on page 3 of application).

Non-US residents must apply as Associate or Junior members and may not change to Regular.

Code of Ethics

Sportsmanship

Members shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively upon themselves, their dogs, the Vizsla breed, the VCA, and the sport of purebred dogs. Members are expected to:

- Extend courtesy, encouragement, and mentorship to newcomers.
- Serve as positive ambassadors for the breed and the Club in all public interactions.
- Contribute to the Club through volunteer service on committees, at events, and in educational initiatives.

Social Medial & Online Conduct

Following a Code of Ethics for Social Media is an important step in creating a civil environment for everyone to ask questions and share their ideas. Members shall use social media and all online platforms responsibly, recognizing that their posts reflect upon the breed and the Club. Members are expected to:

- Post accurate, truthful information and avoid spreading rumors or misinformation.
- Communicate respectfully, refraining from personal attacks, offensive language, or divisive rhetoric, even when opinions differ.
- Consider the diverse audience that may encounter their posts and strive to be welcoming and inclusive.
- Clearly indicate whether a post represents fact, opinion, or commercial intent, and cite sources when appropriate.
- Accept constructive feedback graciously and correct errors promptly.
- Comply with all applicable laws and refrain from any form of harassment or bullying.

Adherence to these principles fosters a supportive online community and enhances the reputation of the Vizsla fancy.

Health Screening and Genetic Responsibility

The VCA is committed to preserving the long-term health and vitality of the Vizsla through rigorous, evidence-based health testing and responsible breeding practices that align with the official Breed Standard. Members shall utilize recommended screenings through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC), and other recognized registries, as detailed in the annually updated VCA Official Health Statement.

Members are encouraged to participate in approved research studies and clinical trials. Up-to-date resources on health testing and genetic conditions are maintained on the VCA website.

DNA Testing

As reliable DNA tests for inheritable conditions become available, members shall consider their judicious use. Decisions regarding testing should weigh disease severity, test accuracy, prevalence within the breed, and pedigree implications. The primary objective is to reduce the incidence of genetic disorders while preserving genetic diversity.

Breeding Principles

Members shall breed only Vizslas who:

- Closely conform to the AKC Vizsla Breed Standard.
- Exhibit sound structure, stable temperament, and natural hunting instinct.
- Have permanent identification. DNA is mandatory, and microchip is recommended. This profiling is not required for dogs deceased prior to 2007.
- Are free of serious disqualifying faults or known serious hereditary defects.

Members shall:

- Perform and maintain all current health tests required by the VCA Official Health Statement prior to breeding, including (but not limited to) OFA/PennHIP hips after 24 months of age, and an eye exam plus thyroid testing within one year of breeding. Pre-breeding brucellosis testing is highly recommended. In addition, elbow, cardiac, long-hair genes, and dwarfism testing are highly recommended.
- Disclose fully and honestly all known or suspected health, temperament, and genetic issues in the sire, dam, and pedigree to co-owners and prospective puppy buyers.
- Prioritize the reduction of serious hereditary disease while maintaining breed type, working ability, and genetic diversity.
- Place the welfare of the individual dog and the long-term health of the breed above all other considerations.

Sales and Placement

Prior to entering into a sales agreement, VCA members agree to the following:

- Refuse to breed, sell, or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or ventures such as lotteries or raffles.
- Honestly evaluate the quality of the Vizsla sold, fairly represent that evaluation, and urge puppy purchasers not to breed dogs who, for any reason, should not be used for breeding.
- Wait to release puppies until they are eight weeks of age.
- Furnish details on feeding, care, inoculations, pedigrees, and written sales agreements. Members shall also keep accurate records as required by the AKC.
- Use AKC Limited Registration when appropriate and explain the policy to the puppy purchaser.
- Screen all prospective buyers to ensure puppies have safe, loving homes.
- Supply assistance and support to a puppy buyer for the life of the dog.
- Encourage owners to become involved in Vizsla activities, the VCA, and regional Vizsla specialty clubs.

Registration

Members are strongly encouraged to ensure that all puppies are individually registered with the American Kennel Club, either by completing registration themselves or by providing all necessary documentation and assistance to the buyer.

Rescue and Rehoming Commitment

Members accept lifelong responsibility for the welfare of Vizslas they have bred or co-owned. When circumstances require rehoming, members shall assist through fostering, financial support, or direct placement, and shall cooperate with recognized Vizsla rescue organizations or the VCA Welfare Foundation. By adhering to this Code of Ethics, members of the Vizsla Club of America affirm their dedication to the preservation, protection, and advancement of this noble breed.

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_____

Two sponsors are required when submitting a membership application for Regular or Regular Household memberships.

Sponsors: ANY member of the VCA may sponsor applicant(s)

1st Sponsor's Name (print):_____Date_____

I have known applicant(s) for_____(years/months/weeks). I interact with the applicant(s) through_____(training club, kennel club, puppy buyer, conformation shows or other dog-related activity, for example).

Signature (REQUIRED):_____

2nd Sponsor's Name (print):_____Date_____

I have known applicant(s) for_____(years/months/weeks). I interact with the applicant(s) through_____(training club, kennel club, puppy buyer, conformation shows or other dog-related activity, for example).

Signature (REQUIRED):_____

MEMBERSHIP FEES and MAILING FEES:

All Payments must be made in U.S. Funds and/or should be submitted via international money order. Make all checks payable to: VCA. Members who live outside of the United States are required to remit the extra postage as indicated below:

VCA WELFARE FOUNDATION DONATION *(must be on a separate check)*		$_____
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP Associate Single Member	$55	$_____
Associate Household Members (2 adults at one location)	$70	$_____
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP Regular Single Member	$65	$_____
Regular Household Members (2 Adults)	$80	$_____
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (under 18 years) Junior Single Member	$10	$_____
ADDITIONAL POSTAGE: First Class *Option* for Associate or Junior members	$10	$_____
***Required* for members outside of US opting for Printed Vizsla News:** Canada	$15	$_____
All other Countries	$35	$_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED **$_____**

You can email the application to VCAmembership@gmail.com and then pay via PayPal vcarenewal@gmail.com.. Or you can Send the applicationi for Membership and Payment made out to VCA to:

Vizsla Club of America
379 Costa Mesa St
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

For questions, more information etc., please email: vcamembership@gmail.com

Memberships are for a calendar year; members approved in the 4th quarter of a year will have membership through the end of the next year.

Web Listing Application
For Ask a Member

The VCA Officers and Board of Directors have voted to allow posting a membership list on the VCA Web Site under the section Ask a Member. see http://www.vcaweb.org/download/askamember.pdf

Member information will happen ONLY upon request of the individual member(s).
There are 7 columns on the web page. There are FIVE (5) columns available for individual information Membership type (Associate, Junior or Regular) and Year Joined will be in the other columns.
All names listed must be accompanied by a signature.

In applying for membership in the VCA, applicants agree to adhere to the Code of Ethics, which is a Guideline for responsible Vizsla ownership sportsmanship and breeding practices. However, publication of VCA membership information does not constitute an endorsement of any individual whose information appears on this site.

The Following Information is REQUIRED for the Web Site Listing:

Name(s): _____

State: _____

You may choose any THREE (3) of the following to include in the listing:
City: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Web Site: _____

If more than three items are filled in the phone number will automatically be deleted.

VCA Ask-A-Member Web Posting Release:

By signing below, I am giving permission for the Vizsla Club of America to post membership information about me on the VCA Web site. I have specified the information that I wish to be posted.

Signature 1: _____

Signature 2: _____