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_____

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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 tracking field trials hunt tests hunting obedience

rally therapy tracking other

I would like to receive the electronic version ___ or the paper version ___ of the Vizsla News.

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	$ Fee waived
Associate Household Members (2 adults at one location)	$50	$ Fee waived

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

Membership
The Vizsla Club of America (VCA) comprises a group of dedicated individuals united in their commitment to the preservation and proper management of the breed in the United States. New enthusiasts are warmly welcomed and encouraged to join the VCA and participate actively in its mission.
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.

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