



# United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club

## ~Petition To Renew For Lapsed Membership~

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Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Article 1, Membership Section 4, b) Lapse.** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the 31st day of January of each year. **Upon petition and good cause shown, the Board may grant, in its discretion, retroactive relief for a member due to a delinquency beyond the extended deadline.** In no case may a person whose dues are owing and unpaid be entitled to vote at any Club or Board meeting, nominate others for office, or run for office.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (We), \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Full Name) (Print 2<sup>nd</sup> Name if Renewing for Full Family Membership)

- ~ have let my (our) USNMC Membership lapse due to the delinquency of paying membership dues beyond the extended deadline of thirty (30) days after the 31st of January of each year;
- ~ am (are) in good standing with the American Kennel Club; subscribe to the Constitution of the United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club; whose membership was not terminated by expulsion or resignation;
- ~ wish to continue USNMC Membership; and hereby Petition the USNMC Board of Directors to grant, in its discretion, retroactive relief i.e.; Reinstatement of my (our) Membership with the requirement of paying dues for this year and then renewing normally next year. No "back dues" are owed.

I (We) agree to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the USNMC. I (We) further agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the AKC: the American Kennel Club. I (We) understand that purposeful action in violation of the Rules, Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the USNMC or actions consistently contrary to the support of the of the USNMC Club or the AKC or the Neapolitan Mastiff Breed will result in my failure to be approved for Membership in the USNMC.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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(2<sup>nd</sup> Signature if Renewing for Full Family Membership)

### UPDATED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address, City, State & Zip Code)

PHONE(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION or Former OCCUPATION IF RETIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL(s): \_\_\_\_\_

KENNEL NAME (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_



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**PLEASE CIRCLE THE TYPE OF USNMC MEMBERSHIP YOU ARE RENEWING:**

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*Full Individual Membership	\$35.00	Subscriber Member	\$35.00
*Full Family Membership	\$50.00	International Subscriber Member	\$60.00
		Jr. Subscriber Membership	\$35.00

### SPONSOR NAMES & Correct COE Should be on file – please check with the USNMC Secretary

The correct signed Code of Ethics form should be on file – please check with the USNMC Secretary Peggy Wolfe at [margaret.peggy.wolfe@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.peggy.wolfe@gmail.com) if the Code of Ethics on Page 4 doesn't look familiar.

### PAYMENT

- 1) Please include your CHECK, POSTAL or MONEY ORDER or PAYPAL RECEIPT with this Signed Membership Renewal.
- 2) Please make out the CHECK, POSTAL or MONEY ORDER to **USNMC**.
- 3) Or for faster processing use the USNMC **Paypal** account is: [usnmcstore@gmail.com](mailto:usnmcstore@gmail.com) (send receipt to Treasurer)
- 4) Please send all to: **Rachel Hosking, USNMC Treasurer, 820 Central Ave; Houma, LA 70364**

Contact Wendy Gieske: 763-742-3140 or [runestonewendy@neapolitan.us](mailto:runestonewendy@neapolitan.us) if you have questions.

I (We), \_\_\_\_\_, have enclosed the Check, Postal or Money Order or have paid through Paypal in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Membership Renewal indicated above. In the event that the Membership Renewal is rejected, I (we) understand that this payment will be returned to me (us). I (We) understand that ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE RENEWED ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, REGARDLESS OF WHEN MEMBERSHIP WAS ACCEPTED BY THE USNMC.

**\$5 of the Membership fee per application is donated to your choice (Please circle one):**    General Fund    Education  
Rescue (Neo Rescue Inc)    National Specialty    Annual USNMC Yearbook    Mastino Health Foundation (MHF)

~During the waiting period, you will also receive the complimentary monthly USNMC Email Publication, *The Neogram*~

**Did your Membership Lapse because (circle all that apply):**    Procrastination    Illness    Too Busy    No Reason  
Financial Concerns    Forgot To Renew    Wasn't A Priority In My Life    Club Was Disorganized    Disgruntlement  
Changes Were Made Illegally    Ineffective Management    Club Was Out Of Touch    Dissatisfaction    Frustration  
Personal Reasons NOT Related To The Club    or    Personal Reasons That WERE Related To The Club

**What would make things better?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you renewing?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you think your Membership can make a difference?** \_\_\_\_\_



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The USNMC Membership Booklet is updated yearly and sent out to Members (and to all new Applicants one time) Page 3 of 4

All Members' Names, Membership Type, Address, Phone & Emails are included in the USNMC Membership Booklet  
This helps Members to "Keep in Touch".

What other information of yours may be included if you become a Member? (Please circle all that apply)

Kennel Name      Your Website Address

### USNMC Website Membership Listing

Members' Verifiable Info for the Public: Name, State of Residence & Membership Type is listed on the USNMC Website  
If you become a Member, what information of yours may be included on the USNMC Website and/or other online venues?

Phone      Email      Kennel Name      Your Website Address

### Updated Info About You:

I have owned a Neapolitan Mastiff (s) for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s). How many Neapolitan Mastiffs do you currently own? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a breeder? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you exhibit? \_\_\_\_\_ If you are a breeder, approximately how many litters do you breed per year? \_\_\_\_\_

I have been a Neapolitan Mastiff Breeder - bred at least one litter - for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s). I register my dogs with the AKC \_\_\_\_\_

As a breeder do you require spay/neuter of pet quality puppies/adults? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you cross-breed the Neapolitan Mastiff? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to take back dogs that you sold if the owner cannot keep them? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Judge: AKC? \_\_\_\_\_ FCI? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer for USNMC Events, Activities or Committee(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to offer a TROPHY(s) or a Rosette(s) for the USNMC Regional or National Specialties in 2012? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Various \$ Amounts Available - \$45 and up – This is part of Fundraising to Help Support Specialties)

For further information on USNMC Specialties, Trophies and other Donations or questions about USNMC Membership:  
Please Contact Membership Chair Wendy Gieske at 763-742-3140 or [runestonewendy@neapolitan.us](mailto:runestonewendy@neapolitan.us)

Upon receipt of your Membership Renewal and (Code of Ethics Form if Applicable!), the Membership Committee will send you an updated USNMC Member Renewal Packet, which gives more details about the Lapsed Member Renewal process. The *approximate* time-frame is about 5-7 weeks or less. The packet will include these materials for your perusal:

- ☞ A Copy of the USNMC Constitution and Bylaws
- ☞ Information about the Breed and the USNMC
- ☞ The AKC Standard for the Neapolitan Mastiff
- ☞ The USNMC Membership Booklet, updated yearly, a quick-reference guide showing names, phone numbers, and addresses of USNMC representatives, local clubs, and committees

Please read the USNMC Constitution and Bylaws before you send in this application. You can find these materials at the USNMC website at [www.neapolitan.org](http://www.neapolitan.org) or contact USNMC Secretary Peggy Wolfe at [margaret.peggy.wolfe@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.peggy.wolfe@gmail.com) or Membership Chair Wendy Gieske at [runestonewendy@neapolitan.us](mailto:runestonewendy@neapolitan.us) and the USNMC Constitution and Bylaws will be sent through email.

For Club Use Only – Do not write in this space!

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check/M.O. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Paypal?: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ACCEPTED: \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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### USNMC CODE OF ETHICS

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ALL MEMBERS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ETHICS SET FORTH HERIEIN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB:

- 1) I will provide proper housing, food, health care, safety, training and loving environment for my dog(s).
- 2) I will ensure that the offspring of all my breeding can be properly registered with the AKC. My Neapolitan Mastiff stud dog(s) and brood bitch(es) will be registered before being bred and I will possess proper legal pedigree documentation for each before I breed it (them).
- 3) I will keep the Neapolitan Mastiff purebred and not condone or participate in any cross-breeding. I will not knowingly sell a dog to someone whom I believe or have reason to believe cross-breeds Neapolitan Mastiffs.
- 4) I recognize my own responsibility to directly qualify those who would buy and own puppies produced by my breeding. I will not sell to pet stores, department stores or to or through those who purchase with intention to resell (brokers). I will not sell litters in their entirety.
- 5) I will not knowingly sell to anyone suspected of using dogs for illegal/immoral purposes (i.e. drug affiliated, laboratory use or fighting)
- 6) If a purchaser wishes to return any dog I have provided to them, whether or not it is of my breeding, I will honor the physical return of the dog to me rather than jeopardize its future in an unwanted home or dog pound. While I am not required to refund money, I will honor all written or verbal contracts or agreements I have made.
- 7) I will not breed males or females before they are physically mature and can be assessed as being worthy of being bred. I will not breed either a male or a female before they are 12 months of age. I will not breed females prior to the second heat cycle. I will not cause a female to whelp litters more than two out of three consecutive heat cycles. I will not breed a female who has already whelped five litters. I will not breed or give stud service to animals I consider unsound or pet-quality.
- 8) I will be honest with each buyer in my representation of each puppy and dog and of its true show or breeding potential as well as of the status of its registration paperwork.
- 9) I will provide each buyer of a puppy or dog from me with proper paperwork and pedigree documentation inless there is a written, signed agreement made before the sale that such paperwork is not to accompany the dog. No puppy will leave the litter before 8 weeks of age.
- 10) When at dog shows and other functions I will behave in a sportsman-like manner and I will dress accordingly. No dog owned or handled by me will be allowed to demonstrate aggressive behavior at show sites. I will not knowingly allow my dogs to cause damage at hotels or other facilities or on the show grounds or in other areas while at a show. I will clean up after my dog.
- 11) I will be knowledgeable about the Neapolitan Mastiff and the needs of my dogs. I will assist those interested in the Neapolitan Mastiff with correct information regarding basic health, safety and welfare of the breed as well as pertaining to the club, shows, meetings and other functions.
- 12) I support the Goals and Objectives of the USNMC which are:
  - a) To support the AKC registry for the Neapolitan Mastiff;
  - b) To maintain a standard for the Neapolitan Mastiff that reflects the standard of the country of origin;
  - c) To provide training to judges of the Neapolitan Mastiff across the country;
  - d) To support and provide forums (shows) across the country for owners and breeders to exhibit their dogs, to have them assessed against the standard and to achieve championships;
  - e) To act as a central source for information and education about the breed.
- 13) I will regard this Code of Ethics as a minimum standard of ethical behavior and I will accept no less in those with whom I do business.
- 14) I will work to the betterment of the club to the best of my ability and I will encourage others to do likewise.

*As a member of the USNMC I realize that I represent the club and the breed. I understand that purposeful actions in violation of this code of ethics or actions consistently contrary to the support of the club and the breed may result in suspension or expulsion from the club according to the USNMC Constitution and Bylaws.*

Signature of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_