



United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club

~Membership Application~

Please Mail ASAP to: **Rachel Hosking**
USNMC Treasurer
820 Central Ave.
Houma, LA 70364

Date: _____

FULL NAME (print): _____

FULL NAME (print): _____
(2nd Name Only If Applying for Full Family Membership)

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 USNMC Club or the AKC or the Neapolitan Mastiff Breed will jeopardize my Membership in the USNMC.

SIGNATURE: _____

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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

ADDRESS: _____ **COUNTRY:** _____
(Street Address, City, State & Zip Code)

PHONE(s): _____ **Other Phone(s)** _____

(OPTIONAL) OCCUPATION(s) or Former OCCUPATION(s) IF RETIRED: _____

(OPTIONAL) Past Training; Positions Held; Organizational, Fundraising or Other Skills that might be helpful to a Dog Club or any Club?

EMAIL(s): _____

KENNEL NAME (If Applicable): _____

YOUR WEBSITE ADDRESS (If Applicable): _____

Is there anything else you'd like to add about yourself?: _____

*Full Individual Membership ~ (2) *Sponsors \$35.00	Subscriber Member (No Sponsors needed)	\$35.00
*Full Family Membership ~ (2) *Sponsors \$50.00	International Subscriber Member (No Sponsors needed)	\$60.00
	Jr. Membership (10-17 yrs of age & No Sponsors needed)	\$35.00

2 SPONSORS Needed For Full Membership

- 1) ***Full Individual or *Full Family Membership:** *You Need: *Two (2) *Sponsors who have known you for at least a year and must be Full Members of the USNMC for at least One (1) year; in good standing with the AKC and USNMC; and the Two (2) Sponsors may NOT live in the same household.
- 2) **For Faster Processing, Sponsor Forms should be sent with your Full Membership Application;** if that isn't possible, your Sponsors can send in their forms to: **Rachel Hosking, USNMC Treasurer, 820 Central Ave; Houma, LA 70364**
- 3) **Please ask your Two (2) Sponsors to fill out their Sponsor Forms and send in a timely manner!** Your Full Membership Application will be held until your Completed Application, "COE", PLUS Two (2) Signed Sponsor Forms are received by the USNMC Treasurer. Full Membership Applications cannot be processed until the Signed Sponsor Forms are received.

For Full Membership:

***SPONSOR #1:** _____
 [Clearly print your Sponsor's full name if you are applying for Full Membership]

***SPONSOR #2:** _____
 [Clearly print your Sponsor's full name if you are applying for Full Membership]

PAYMENT

- 1) **Please include your CHECK, POSTAL or MONEY ORDER or PAYPAL RECEIPT and Signed USNMC CODE OF ETHICS ("COE") with this Signed Membership Application.**
- 2) **Please make out the CHECK, POSTAL or MONEY ORDER to USNMC. For faster processing use the USNMC Paypal account: usnmcstore@gmail.com (Please include short note with payment)**
- 3) **Please send all to: Rachel Hosking, USNMC Treasurer, 820 Central Ave; Houma, LA 70364**

Contact Wendy Gieske: 763-742-3140 or runestonewendy@neapolitan.us if you have questions about Membership.
 A Sponsor Form is also included with this application that can be sent through email or printed and sent through regular mail.

I (We), _____, have enclosed the Check, Postal or Money Order or have paid through Paypal in the amount of \$_____ for the Membership Application indicated above. In the event that the Membership Application 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 1ST 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 & Projects Judge & Public Education

Rescue (Neo Rescue Inc) National Specialty Annual USNMC Yearbook Mastino Health Foundation (MHF)

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

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:

National Specialty Trophies: Susan Vann-Spruill at svann1@cox.net or Rachel Hosking at Rhosk1@aol.com

Please Contact Membership Chair Wendy Gieske at 763-742-3140 or runestonewendy@neapolitan.us

Upon receipt of your Membership Application and Code of Ethics Form ("COE"). (And Sponsor Forms if Applicable!), the Membership Committee will send you a USNMC Member Application Packet, which gives more details about the membership process. The *approximate* time-frame is about 5-7 weeks. 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 or contact USNMC Secretary Peggy Wolfe at margaret.peggy.wolfe@gmail.com or Membership Chair Wendy Gieske at runestonewendy@neapolitan.us and the USNMC Constitution and Bylaws will be sent through email.

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

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

Date Application Received: _____ Minutes Date _____ Published in Neogram Date _____

Check/M.O. No.: _____ Paypal?: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Date Sponsor Forms Received? 1st _____ 2nd _____

DATE ACCEPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ Other: _____

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: _____



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SPONSOR FORM FOR FULL OR FULL FAMILY USNMC MEMBERSHIP

ALL SPONSORS PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY
Please submit your form in a timely manner – the Applicant’s Membership Application is not considered complete and the Membership Process cannot start and will be held up until your sponsor form is received by the Treasurer. Thank-You.

Applicant’s Name(s): _____ / _____
(2 names if sponsoring two persons applying as a Full Family Applicant)

Sponsor’s Name: _____

How long have you known the Applicant(s)? _____ Have you met them in person? YES NO

If YES, Have you been to their house? YES NO Are you “Friends” on Facebook? YES NO

How did you meet the Applicant(s)? _____

If you “know” them through Facebook, do they have pictures of their dogs, home, dogs’ areas, etc? YES NO

PLEASE give your observations: _____

Have you seen them exhibiting in Conformation or other performance events and/or are there pictures on Facebook? YES NO

If Yes, please describe a typical Circumstance and was this in person or shown through Facebook?: _____

Have you worked with them over a period of time in any capacity such as a club-related activity? YES NO

Examples: In a committee? At a Show event? With NeoRescueInc? (NRI is affiliated with the USNMC) Other? If yes to any of these, please describe: _____

Why do you recommend them as members of the USNMC? _____

How long have you been a member of the USNMC? _____

Please describe your own activities within the USNMC. Mention any committees you’ve been a part of, any club-related initiatives in which you’ve been involved, club-related activities in which you’ve participated and so on. Please feel free to provide any other information about yourself or the applicant that you feel pertinent. Use additional paper if necessary.

Sponsor’s Signature: _____ Date Signed _____

My signature indicates that I fully endorse the applicant(s) named above for the reasons given above and that I have been a USNMC Full or Full Family Member for the preceding 12 month period and am in good standing with the USNMC and AKC; I do not reside in the same household with the applicant(s).

If there are any questions, please contact me at (phone(s): _____

My Email: _____