



# AMERICAN MALTESE ASSOCIATION

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ASSOCIATE membership is open to anyone who has a sincere interest in the American Maltese Association (AMA) and the Maltese breed in general.

Applicants must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and in any financial dealings with AMA members.

Applicants must endorse the objectives of the AMA and agree to abide by our Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and Standing Rules.

Associate membership is governed in the same way as Individual membership and if you do not adhere to these guidelines, charges may be brought against you and the AMA Board has the right to suspend your membership. If the AMA Board of Directors receives a concern from the membership and subsequently determines your membership is not in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the AMA, they have the right to deny your application for Associate Membership. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MAY NOT VOTE, MAY NOT HOLD OFFICE and WILL NOT BE LISTED ON THE BREEDER REFERRAL LIST.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MAY AT ANY TIME THEY SO DESIRE, APPLY FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP; HOWEVER, ALL RULES IN PLACE FOR THAT PROCESS MUST BE ADHERED TO.

Membership in the AMA is a privilege, so it is important that you understand your commitment to participate and support the organization. Associate Members may elect to serve as a volunteer on committees, contribute to fund-raising activities, volunteer to help at an AMA sponsored event, or support the club by placing ads in AMA publications. AMA encourages Associate Members to attend the Annual Membership Meeting which is held at the National Specialty Show. Your support is needed and appreciated. Members are kept informed through the Club Newsletter via email. The membership process is lengthy and your patience is appreciated. The Corresponding Secretary will notify you once your application has been processed. Associate members will receive the club newsletter via email.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know any AMA Members? If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a (please check all that apply):

Breeder  
 Judge

Exhibitor  
 Companion/Performance

Fancier

Handler  
 Rescue

Number of years you have owned Maltese? \_\_\_\_\_

How many Maltese do you currently own? Males \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered \_\_\_\_\_ Females \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an exhibitor, list the number and type of titles you have completed on your Maltese (CH, CD, CDX, UD, Tracking, Agility, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a breeder, how many litters do you produce per year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever sold to pet shops, brokers or retail establishments? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to screen for genetic or hereditary defects before breeding? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you breed and/or exhibit any other breeds or types of animals other than Maltese? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please state the breeds: \_\_\_\_\_

How many breeds do you currently own? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of other dog clubs? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, list the clubs and what offices, if any, you have held? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been under suspension or expelled by the AKC or any other dog club? Yes  No

If yes to either action, please list the reason. If suspended, please list the length of your suspension and date of reinstatement: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the activities of interest to you and the areas you are willing to contribute to the American Maltese Association:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> _ Health Issues                | <input type="checkbox"/> _ Committee work (shows, seminars, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _ Specialty show               | <input type="checkbox"/> _ Writing articles and/or art            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _ Fund raising                 | <input type="checkbox"/> _ Maltese rescue                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _ Companion/Performance events | <input type="checkbox"/> _ Other                                  |

**By signing below, each applicant certifies the following:**

1. All statements contained in this application are true and correct. Any falsification of information may be cause for denial of membership. I understand the members of the American Maltese Association have the right of fair comment on my application. I also understand the cashing of my check does not constitute acceptance of membership. If not accepted for membership my money will be refunded promptly.
2. I agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and Standing Rules of the American Maltese Association, and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. At all times, I will consider the welfare and best interest of the Maltese breed and of the dogs I keep, breed, exhibit or sell, and maintain in such activities the highest standards of ethical conduct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Associate Membership Dues:**

The appropriate membership fee must be included with your application. Only eligible applicants will be considered for membership. A signed copy of the Code of Ethics must be returned with your application. Keep a copy of the Code of Ethics for your records.

Make checks payable to the **American Maltese Association**

**Associate Membership Dues: \$25.00 per year One time initiation fee: \$10.00 Total \$35.00**

**Note:** Associate memberships approved by the Board in the months of October, November and December will not need to pay annual dues again in the upcoming year.

Mail application with fees to: AMA Corresponding Secretary listed the on AMA Website



## **AMA Member Code of Ethics**

This Code of Ethics (COE) is intended to guide members of the American Maltese Association (AMA) as protectors, breeders and representatives of our Maltese and in dealing with each other and with the public. It is our expectation that AMA members will comply with this Code of Ethics willingly and with pride because of their love for our breed. The American Maltese Association recognizes that it is impossible to police our membership in adhering completely to our Code of Ethics, however, blatant disregard of this Code may be addressed by disciplinary action.

1. As a member of the American Maltese Association, I will breed to the ideals of the Maltese standard and will act in accordance to the objectives and purposes of the AMA. I will abide by and uphold the principles of the Club's Constitution, By-laws, this Code of Ethics and the American Kennel Club (AKC) Code of Sportsmanship and will consider the best interest of the breed when engaged in any activities involving Maltese. I will not knowingly cross breed or advertise for sale puppies/dogs that have been crossbred, such as designer dogs, or any dogs from any registry not sanctioned by AKC.  
I agree to support legislative efforts that will ensure the continuation of a purebred dog registry.
2. I will keep alert for and endeavor to control or eradicate inherited problems that are particular to my breed. I will strive to screen my breeding stock for hereditary problems using the current available and generally accepted techniques.
3. If any of my Maltese need to be euthanized, it will be done in a humane manner by a veterinarian. It will not be done at a dog pound, humane society or experimental lab, nor will they be left alive at any of these facilities.
4. I will provide adequate diet, exercise and veterinary care for all of my dogs, as well as proper supervision and facilities for pre-natal, whelping and post-natal care of the dam and puppies and supervision during gestation, whelping and lactation.
5. I will not knowingly deal with dog wholesalers, commercial retailers, brokers or unethical dog breeders, nor supply dogs for raffles, "give away" prizes or other such projects.
6. I will keep accurate breeding and stud records as required by AKC.

7. My puppies will receive quality health care and nutrition. They will be handled regularly, properly socialized and accustomed to human contact.
8. I will not sell a puppy before it has been given a veterinarian health examination and has received any vaccines as guided by my veterinarian. A puppy will remain in my possession until at least 12 weeks of age. I will refer potential puppy purchasers to other reputable breeders and be helpful and courteous to those who request information about the breed.
9. I will provide pet buyers with written, audio visual and/or other media details on feeding, general care and nutrition and a health record with data on veterinary attention.
10. I will provide limited registration on puppies sold as pets or have signed spay-neuter agreements. If AKC papers are not received at the time of the sale, I will provide written information on the puppy's sire, dam and date of birth. I am responsible for any and all puppies that I have bred for the entire life of each animal. If at any time the owner cannot keep the dog, I will take the dog back and decide what is best for the dog in question, including placing or euthanizing the dog. This is my responsibility, and it helps take the burden off Maltese rescue groups.
11. I will refrain from publicly making or publishing, including on social media, any false or malicious statements about another member or members and will refrain from seeking to impair the reputation of another member. I will be courteous and helpful to people who contact me. I will conduct all advertising in an honest manner that will not, in any way, misrepresent, defraud or mislead.
12. Regarding dog information, offer assistance to serious novices and serve as an example of good sportsmanship in every aspect of the sport of dogs.
13. While staying in a hotel/motel during specialty shows and all-breed shows, I will obey the rules, regulations and policies pertaining to dogs. Upon proof of violations of the rules, regulations and/or policies, I assume the risk of suspension from the AMA with a letter of grievance filed with the AKC recommending disciplinary action.
14. I will conduct myself in such a manner as to reflect credit on myself, the Maltese breed and the AMA.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_