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| | Subscriber Number _____ | Application must be submitted by: _____ | |
| Application for Membership in the Saint Bernard Club of America | | | |

Name(s): _____
 (Not more than two adults –18 or older – living in the same household. All must have been subscribers for two years. This is waived for those who have been active members of an all-breed or Saint Specialty Club for at least two years, **however a letter from an officer of the club confirming that active membership status must accompany this application when using this option.**)

Residence: _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing Address: _____
 (If different) Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone _____ e-mail _____

Kennel name: _____ Cell Phone _____ e-mail _____

Occupation #1 _____ Occupation #2 _____

How many Saints do you now own? _____ If you own a St. Bernard please give the following information on one of them:

Name of dog: _____ Date of birth: _____ Sex _____

Sire: _____ Dam: _____

In which of the following are you the most interested?
 Pet/companionship Health/Research
 Obedience/Working Dog Activities Exhibiting in Conformation Breeding

If you are a breeder, do you offer any of these for sale?
 Puppies Stud Service Adult Dogs

What other breeds do you Own? _____

List any other dog clubs to which you belong (Specialty, All-breed, etc.) _____

This application must bear the signatures of three (3) SBCA members in good standing at the time the application is received by the current Corresponding Secretary. All applicable dues and fees must accompany this application. Please Note: The Primary Sponsor (unrelated to the applicant(s)) must have personally known the applicant(s) for a minimum of one year and must submit a letter of recommendation with the application. It is preferred that no more than two of the sponsors be related to one another.

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| Proposed by: | _____ (Print) | _____ (Sign) |
| Seconded by: | _____ (Print) | _____ (Sign) |
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NOTE: The SBCA fiscal and official year begins on March 1. This application will take approximately 6 months to process.

Annual Membership Dues: US - \$50.00 for single membership, \$55.00 for family (2 adults living at the same address). Canada - US dues plus \$30.00 Air Mail. All other countries - US dues plus \$60.00 Air Mail. Make checks payable to the Saint Bernard Club of America. (US Funds)

Please sign on Page 2 and send completed application and check for all applicable dues and fees to: St. Bernard Club of America, Margret Rothschilder 6942 County Road 4730, Pomona, MO 65789-9587 double_rsaints@yahoo.com 417-256-3516 Revised: October 2022

GUIDELINES AND STATEMENT OF POLICY FOR THE SAINT BERNARD CLUB OF AMERICA

The basic reason for breeding and exhibiting St. Bernards is the improvement of each generation of the breed over the previous generations. All breeding and exhibiting activities should be viewed in this light. In keeping to this aim, the following practices are suggested.

- 1 – Breeders shall strive for perfection of the St. Bernard accordance with the official standard set by the American Kennel Club. In this regard they shall:
 - A. Maintain high standards of health, care, safety and humane treatment of their dogs.
 - B. Remember that a very small percentage of St. Bernards are of breeding quality.
 - C. Use only physically sound stock, free from crippling hip dysplasia, eye malformations and poor temperaments. Saint Bernards with outstanding defects should be spayed or neutered.
 - D. Refuse stud service to any bitch that is unregistered or shows any of the above obvious defects.
 - E. Study and know the good and bad points of their own stock -- never doubling-up on known or visible faults, or faults represented in the pedigrees of the dogs concerned.
 - F. Ideally, X-ray for evidence of hip dysplasia at the age of one year or older, treating the mild cases as they would any other fault, and excluding from breeding programs dogs with evidence of severe hip dysplasia. X-rays should be read by recognized authorities on the disorder. Not every veterinarian is competent to take or pass upon such x-rays.
 - G. Refrain from breeding the bitch until her second season, preferably waiting until at least 18 months of age. A bitch shall be bred no more than two out of three seasons; this depending upon the size of the litter whelped and her condition. It is suggested that in most cases a period of one year lapse between litters.
- 2 – Breeders shall not sell stock or offer stud services without true representation to the public, nor use misleading or untruthful statements verbally, in writing or in advertising.
- 3 – No member shall buy or sell Saint Bernards through brokers, agents, or commercial pet outlets, nor buy or sell in litter lots, nor sell to persons whose activities tend to degrade the breed.
- 4 – Puppy buyers should expect from their breeder a packet containing the following: a truthful four-generation pedigree, a vaccination and health record, written instructions concerning the care, feeding and training of the dog purchased (Basic Care booklets are useful here), a bill of sale, application for registration in accordance with AKC requirements (with limited registration category used when appropriate), copy of the SBCA Illustrated Commentary, SBCA tri-fold standard, an application blank for SBCA subscriber status, referral to the SBCA web page, contact information about the SBCA Advisor Program, and lastly – a contract stipulating what is the breeder's policy regarding the rare situation where a puppy can not be kept by the purchaser. It is intended that no dog from an SBCA member shall ever end up in Rescue or in an Animal Shelter.
- 5 – Purchasers shall be urged to spay or neuter Saint Bernards not suitable for breeding.
- 6 -- Registration papers shall be supplied without extra charge with every AKC dog. If the dog is not for breeding, this may be agreed to in a contract between the buyer and seller, and/or placed with AKC's Limited Registration status.
- 7 – A breeder shall guarantee the health of his/her stock subject to a veterinarian's examination within 48 hours of the sale.
- 8 – Breeders shall price their dogs in accordance with local rates for quality Saint Bernards. Undercutting the price of Saint Bernards eventually will make it impossible to breed good dogs for the return that can be expected.
- 9 – A breeder shall try to keep in touch with the progress of this breeding in order to better analyze his/her own program.
- 10 – Breeders shall exhibit at dog shows where feasible. In doing so, they shall show a spirit of good sportsmanship and behave and dress so as to enhance public opinion of the breed.
- 11 – Members shall not degrade any other kennel or member. It is the obligation of all to give advice and assistance to less experienced fanciers in a spirit of kindness and courtesy.
- 12 – No puppy shall be placed prior to being wormed and inoculated in accordance with standard veterinary practices.
- 13 – Breeders shall not place their puppies prior to seven (7) weeks of age.
- 14 – It is our intent that no dog bred by a member of the SBCA shall be homeless, be turned in to a rescue organization, or be surrendered to an animal shelter. Breeders will be responsible for their dogs, bitches and puppies that are, or have been, owned, co-owned or whelped by them.

In applying for membership I/we understand that serious infractions of the above Guidelines and Statement of Policy where they are deemed detrimental to the Saint Bernard breed, the individual dog or to the Saint Bernard Club of America will result in expulsion from the club as outlined in the club's constitution in Article VII.

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| I (We) agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Saint Bernard Club of America, by the SBCA Guidelines and Statement of Policy as defined on the back of this form, and by the rules of the American Kennel Club. I (We) herewith submit \$_____ for applicable dues & fees. | | |
| Signature(s) _____ | | Date: _____ |
| For use by the SBCA Corresponding Secretary: | | date application received: _____ |
| Check to Treasurer: _____ | Info sent to Board: _____ | Info sent to Fancier: _____ |
| Board Approval: _____ | Applicant notified: _____ | Member Records Notified _____ |