



National Brussels Griffon Club

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 2010

Type of Membership:

- () Single (USA , Canada, North & South America) \$30.00
- () Couple/Family (USA, Canada, North & South America) \$35.00
- () Junior Member (available only if one adult is a paid member) \$ 5.00
- () Foreign (Outside of the continent of No. & So. America (Payable US \$) \$40.00

Foreign, Canada, North & South America must be paid in US Funds

Dues renewal is due by January 1, 2010. If your renewal has not been received within sixty (60) days of the due date, your membership will be considered lapsed and your membership terminated. If your membership is terminated and you wish to rejoin, you must do so as a New Member. **ONLY CURRENT NBGC MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RENEW.** Additional family (spouse/partner, parent, etc.) members may request to join by submitting a new Membership Application to the Membership Chair.

Please print name(s) as you want to be listed in the Membership Directory:

Address _____

City _____ **State or Province** _____

ZIP +4 (Must have all 9 digits) _____ **Country** _____

Phone Home: _____ **Work:** _____

Fax Number: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____ (print clearly please)

Website: _____

Kennel Name (if you want it to be listed in directory): _____

Please consider adding additional money to your membership check for one of the following funds:

Trophy Donations are important to the club. Monetary donations to this fund are used to support trophy donations for area shows. \$ _____

Rescue Donations enable this club to continue to save Brussels Griffons in need. The NBGR Rescue Committee requires monetary support to continue these efforts and protect the less fortunate of our breed. \$ _____

NBGC General Fund goes directly into the NBGC Account and assists every day operations of the club, including Sprouts, web site maintenance and misc. projects. \$ _____

NBGC Annual Dues \$ _____

TOTAL of Check payable to NBGC, Check No _____ \$ _____

The National Brussels Griffon Club depends on the efforts of its members to carry out the tasks required to keep our breed club running. Please help our club by indicating any capacity in which you are willing to serve.

- () Officer or Director
- () Trophy Committee
- () Hospitality
- () Membership Comm
- () Sprouts Contributor

******All renewals must be signed. See page 2 (or reverse side)******

NBGC Code of Ethics

In the service of achieving the objectives of the National Brussels Griffon Club, this Code of Ethics is established as a model of behavior for the membership. It is our aim to provide guidelines that will facilitate responsible breeding and selling of Brussels Griffons, further conscientious and enlightened ownership of the breed, and foster cordial, mutually supportive relations between Club members and between the Club and the public concerning the Brussels Griffon breed. Circumstances do arise that call for flexible, innovative behavior and matters of judgment. Therefore, in all questions of ethics, covered or not covered by this Code, the member shall act solely in the best interests of the breed, in good conscience and motivated by good intentions.

1. A primary consideration in all breeding will be the improvement of the breed.
2. If planning a breeding program, members will conscientiously strive to use the very best dogs (sires and dams), free from known physical and mental defects, including breed disqualifications. We recommend that breeding stock be screened using all applicable genetic testing and be certified free from hereditary eye defects, patella luxation and hip dysphasia.
3. Owners of stud dogs will give thoughtful consideration and use discretion when accepting bitches for breeding, breeding their stud dogs only to quality bitches free from known hereditary defects, serious faults, and breed disqualifications. The owner of the sire is as responsible as the owner of the dam in all matters of the welfare of the offspring.
4. No bitch shall be bred before her second season or before she is 18 months old nor shall she be bred after her eighth birthday.
5. No member will sell a dog or supply stud service to a pet shop, broker, to any person buying the dog for resale, or any person having an USDA number. No member shall have an USDA number.
6. No member will malign competitors or fellow club members by making libelous, slanderous, or malicious statements regarding another's dog(s). All action concerning the dogs, fellow members and the public must consider the best interests of the breed.
7. No member will make statements about his/her dogs, which are false or misleading, nor will he/she misrepresent stock to potential buyers.
8. The seller will put any guarantee in writing. The seller will provide the buyer with printed instructions concerning the care of the dog including vaccination records and all pertinent facts concerning the dog. The seller will provide the buyer a copy of the Code of Ethics.
9. Each puppy will be at least 12 weeks old before it is sold or released to a new home and will have proper inoculations for his/her age.
10. The seller will furnish the buyer with a three-generation pedigree and American Kennel Club registration application or certificate unless there is a written agreement stating that the buyer is not to receive papers.
11. Each member will be responsible for the welfare of every dog he/she breeds, sells, or places. This means following up on each dog to be sure, the new owners are happy with the dog and the dog has adjusted well to his/her new home. This also means having an understanding with the new owner that any time in the future the owner is unable to keep the dog, the owner is to contact the seller and the seller will have the responsibility to either take the dog back or find it a new home.
12. Each member owning a Brussels Griffon pledges to provide lifelong quality care for his/her animal(s), to give proper immunizations as recommended by their veterinarian, to carry out all terms of contracts signed by breeders, and, if one cannot keep a dog, return it to the breeder. If this is not possible, then the dog shall be neutered or spayed and placed in a loving home.

I have read the above National Brussels Griffon Club Code of Ethics and I agree to abide by this Code as a member of the National Brussels Griffon Club.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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Return this renewal form, with your check payable to NBGC, to:

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