

SPONSOR FORM



Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.

Member of the American Kennel Club

YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT IS CRUCIAL AS THE BOARD DEPENDS ON YOUR SPONSOR INFORMATION WHEN MAKING A DECISION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Before completing this form, we would like you to take a few moments to review the following requirements for sponsoring a new member.

- You must be a member of BFCA for at least one year.
- You must have known the applicants for at least two years.
- You may only sponsor three new voting members in a calendar year.

If you feel you cannot sponsor the applicant because of any of these requirements, please notify the applicant so that they may seek out a more suitable sponsor.

The future of the Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc. lies in the caliber of its membership. BFCA is committed to a membership base that includes Conformation, Performance, Rescue, Therapy and Serious Fanciers of our Breed. The Board of Directors, in its assessment of membership applicants, relies most heavily on the sponsor's assessment. The sponsor form questions and answers will give the Board some background on the applicant. **However, the most critical information is your narrative discussion as to why you support the applicant and why the applicant should be a member of the BFCA.**

You assume a great deal of responsibility when sponsoring an applicant. You are, in essence, attesting to the integrity and character of the individual. Therefore, we urge you to consider your sponsorship with much thought and concern.

Please do not hesitate to add further information that you feel would assist the Board in making its decision, using additional pages if necessary. You must keep in mind that the thoroughness of your response is as important as that of the applicant. The Board is relying on you, as sponsor, to acquaint us with the attributes of this applicant.

Thank you.

Kim Furlong
Membership Administrator



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If your answers will not fit in the spaces provided, please continue by using corresponding numbers on the blank page provided at the end of this form. **This form must be completed legibly so that it can be read easily by board members and not require verification. Substantial brevity or interpreted lack of concern in completion of this form may jeopardize the applicants' acceptance for membership in the BFCA.**

Name(s) of Applicant(s):

Date:

Name of Sponsor:

Address

Home Phone

City, State, Zip:

Cell Phone

Primary Email

Website URL

Kennel Name (if applicable)

1. In the space provided at the end of this form, please give some background information about this applicant and your relationship to him/her which will justify your sponsorship.
2. How long have you known the applicant, and what is the type and frequency of your contact with him/her?

3. Have you observed the applicant's conduct both in and out of the ring? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please comment:

4. Is the applicant active in:
- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Exhibiting | ☐ Breeding? | ☐ Judging? | ☐ Handling? |
| ☐ ? | ☐ Rescue? | ☐ Performance? | ☐ Therapy Work? |

5. How often have you observed the applicant when involved with any of the above? Please elaborate:

6. Are you familiar with the applicants background in and involvement with breeds other than the bichon?

☐ Yes ☐ No Please elaborate:

7. Have you sold dogs to this applicant?

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Has the applicant bred bitches to your stud dog?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Have you ever bred a bitch to the applicant's stud dog?

☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Have you personally seen the kennel facilities of the applicant?

☐ Yes ☐ No

11. How recently were you there?

12. Were the facilities adequate for the dogs living there?

☐ Yes ☐ No Please elaborate:

13. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been refused membership, or been suspended or expelled by any dog club? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain:

14. To your knowledge, is the applicant now, and has he/she always been in good standing with the American Kennel Club? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, please explain:

15. Do you think the applicant would be prepared to take back during its lifetime, or be involved in the rehoming, of any dog produced by them? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please elaborate:

16. Do you feel the applicant is knowledgeable about the Breed standard and could make an informed vote?

☐ Yes ☐ No

17. Do you feel the applicant will support our National Specialty through entries, catalog advertising, trophy donations, or monetary contributions even if unable to attend? ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. In the space provided at the end of this form, please give any other information which you feel would better assist the Board in voting on this applicant.

19. **YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO SERVE AS A MENTOR FOR THIS APPLICANT IF HE/SHE IS ACCEPTED FOR MEMBERSHIP. ARE YOU FULLY PREPARED TO DO SO?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

I do hereby certify that I have read the information included with this form on the responsibilities of Sponsors, and that I offer my endorsement of the applicant(s) of my own free will.

Signature

Date

Please return your completed form to the potential new member so that all forms can be submitted simultaneously.
If you experience problems filling out this form or have any questions, please contact:

Kim Furlong, Membership Administrator
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ADDITIONAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

Please use this section to write any additional information that was not fully explained earlier in this form.
Begin each comment with the line number of the question you are referring to.