



# Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida (ASCOCF)

## Membership Application Form

*Please check:*

- New Member Application
- Membership Renewal (Include Name, Signature & Renewal Type)
- Junior Member Application - *Non-voting*
- Associate Member - *Non-voting*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Interest:**

Pet	Breeding	Obedience	Conformation	Herding
Search & Rescue	Tracking	Agility	Judging	Handling
Ring Steward	Aussie Rescue	Dock Diving	Barn Hunt	Rally

Number of dogs: \_\_\_\_\_ **Member of USASA:** Yes No

Breed(s) of dogs owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a *brief* history of your dog related activities:

Club communications and updates are posted in the Facebook Group ASCOCF-Membership. Please include your Facebook account name so we can add you to the group:

If you prefer to receive ASCOCF notifications via email please check here:

*I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-laws and the Code of Ethics of the Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida and am in good standing with the American Kennel Club.*

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sponsors: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships are renewed yearly in January. Payment must accompany application (check or money order) US funds only. Dues are not tax deductible. All new applicants and current members must attend one General Meeting per year to retain active voting status.

*Please Check:*

Individual Membership	\$15.00	
Household Membership	\$25.00	
Junior Membership	\$10.00	<i>Non-voting</i>
Associate Membership	\$10.00	<i>Non-voting</i>

**Check payable to Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida**

Mail payment together with the application to:

Susan Landry Whiticar, ASCOCF Secretary, 18289 61<sup>st</sup> Road, McAlpin, FL 32062  
(386) 963-4494 [susanlandrywhiticar@gmail.com](mailto:susanlandrywhiticar@gmail.com)

As an AKC specialty club, the AKC requires that we identify members with designations of areas of experience. Below are the designations as defined by the AKC. Please check the designation(s) that apply to your experience. These designations (letters only) will appear on the membership list that we forward to the AKC.

“B” Breeder-someone who has registered a litter (AKC) within the past 3 years.

“E” Exhibitor-someone who has handled a dog at an AKC- licensed event within the past 2 years. Please note in which areas you have handled-

Conformation

Obedience/Rally

Agility

Herding

Other: Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

“DO” Interested Dog Owner-someone who, although not actively breeding or exhibiting, is a dog owner of an AKC registered dog and is active in the club.

“J” AKC licensed judge

*Thank you for joining us!*

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **The Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida**

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To achieve the objectives of the Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida (hereby referred to as “ASCOCF”), the following Code of Ethics is adopted as a statement of principles and standards for the membership. Our aim is to provide guidelines that will facilitate responsible breeding and selling of Australian Shepherds, further conscientious ownership of the breed, and foster cordial mutually supportive relations among the members. The areas addressed by this Code are Breeding, Selling, Ownership and Conduct. For all ethical questions a member shall act solely in the best interests of the breed and members shall aid any Australian Shepherd owner in upholding these interests.

As a member of ASCOCF, I will abide by the Club By-Laws and Support the standard of the Australian Shepherd as approved by AKC.

As a member of ASCOC, I will comply with all AKC rules and regulations where they pertain.

#### **BREEDING:**

The aim of any breeding shall to be to improve the breed.

- a. Dogs and bitches shall be at least 2 years of age, of general overall good health and intelligence;
- b. The dog and bitch should be both certified free from hereditary eye defects and hip dysplasia, of good temperament, and with sound structure and bite. DNA tests for hereditary disorders shall be utilized when planning breeding's to ensure that the mating does not product affected puppies;
- c. It is strongly advised that a written agreement be established between the owners of the stud dog and the brood bitch, stating the exact conditions of the breeding;
- d. Members will not agree to or purposefully breed any Australian Shepherd to non-registered Australian Shepherds, dogs of other breeds or mixed breeds.

#### **Selling:**

All Australian Shepherds shall be in good health and of a suitable age to leave litters (8 weeks old minimum age required by law).

- a. Each puppy/dog sold will be, to the best of the seller's knowledge, free of parasites and will have adequate immunizations for its age: 1. A record will be furnished with each dog sold which states the dates and types of immunizations given and information on further necessary immunizations as well as including the dates of fecal checks and worming medications. 2. It is strongly advised that written instructions be provided to the buyer on the feeding, health, training, and grooming needs for the proper care of the puppy/dog.

- b. No members shall sell, consign or donate dogs to commercial dog wholesalers, retailer (pet shops), laboratories, or raffles;
- c. Members will maintain high standards of health and care for their dogs;
- d. All advertising shall be of an honest and forthright nature and will not in any way be misleading;
- e. Members shall refrain from selling to unethical breeders or persons whose intentions are unknown or suspect;
- f. The price of a puppy/dog shall be reasonable and dependent on the quality of the animal;
- g. Members agree to give each buyer a pedigree of at least four generations;
- h. When the puppy/dog is sold the issuance of the registration and pedigree is then a matter of agreement between seller and buyer, but a signed statement showing the terms of sale must be held by both parties;
- i. Members are obligated to take back or help rehome any dog they sell, regardless of the reason necessitating return;
- j. Members shall make effort to educate any new owner or interested person, and to be both instructive and constructive in their comments.

### **Ownership:**

- a. Owners shall provide their Australian Shepherd with appropriate immunizations, any necessary veterinary care and adequate nutrition;
- b. Owners shall ensure their dogs receive proper socialization, training, and control, preventing any charges of public endangerment or nuisance;
- c. When dogs cannot be kept, the owner shall contact the Breeder for possible return or help in rehoming;
- d. All dogs shall be properly licensed according to community regulations.

### **Conduct:**

The objectives of ASCOCF shall be uppermost in the minds of members.

- a. All actions in regard to the dogs, fellow members and the general public shall consider the best interests of the breed;
- b. Conduct shall be positively directed towards educating the public about the breed, improving one's own knowledge about the breed, and demonstrating good sportsmanship;
- c. Degrading another members kennel or stock with malicious intent is prohibited;
- d. No member shall knowingly falsify pedigree or breeding information;
- e. Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Always behave in a manner that will be conducive to the advancement of our breed and ASCOCF;
- f. Whether in competition or a working situation, the welfare of the dog should be foremost.

### **Discipline:**

The Board of Directors of ASCOCF shall review all cases of alleged misconduct and shall make its judgement by a simple majority vote. Discipline under this code shall be based on the degree of misconduct. For minor infractions, a letter of warning may be all that is recommended and such a letter would be mailed promptly by the Secretary to the party or parties involved. This shall in no way preclude the Board or individual members from taking stronger action as provided in Article VI, Discipline, of the ASCOCF By-laws and such discipline shall be recommended in cases of repeated or flagrant misconduct.



I have read the ASCOCF Code of Ethics and agree to abide these as indicated by my signature below.

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Printed Name

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Member Signature

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Date