

Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.

Thank you for your interest in joining STCA. Please follow the checklist below when completing your application. If your application is received incomplete or not legible, it will be returned to you and this will delay the application process.

When a complete application is received, your request is published in our monthly newsletter. Thirty (30) days after publishing, your application is then submitted to our Board of Directors for a decision during their next monthly meeting, which is then published in our next monthly newsletter. The entire process can take up to 3 months.

1. Is your name and address on the application complete and legible?
2. Have you completed the SilkyTeen section?
3. Have you completed the **OTHER CLUB MEMBERSHIP** section?
4. Have you completed the **GENERAL INFORMATION** section?
5. Have **BOTH** of your **SPONSORS** signed & dated your application?
6. Have **BOTH** of your **SPONSORS** completed a **SPONSOR FORM**?
7. Have you signed the application?
8. Have you signed and dated the **CODE OF ETHICS** page?
9. Is your check made payable to **STCA** (the Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc)
10. The correct amount is **\$35.00** in U.S. Funds

After all of the above has been completed, mail your application, two (2) completed sponsor forms, and a check to:

Cheryl Kouski
3536 214th Street
Port Byron, IL 61275

goldnblu2@yahoo.com

May be downloaded from STCA Website: www.silkyterrierclubofamerica.org

- Bylaws
- Silky Terrier Standard
- It may take up to 3 months for approval, according to when your application is received

Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.

Membership Application

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

- **MEMBER DUES:** \$25.00 + one time initiation fee \$10.00 = \$ 35.00 (PER PERSON)
- **1 Vote** per paid membership
- **Overseas** members –(have *no voting privileges*) please remit additional \$10.00 U.S. Funds to ensure first class postage on mailings to you(unless you receive by emails)
- Make checks payable to S.T.C.A. (*Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.*) in U.S. Funds
- Approved applications received after Oct 31 cover membership for following year
- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.

Please circle one: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr.

First _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip +4 _____ Country _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

I wish to receive Club Newsletter and information by email. yes no

REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

I hereby agree to abide by the By-laws and Code of Ethics of The Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc. and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

Signed

Date

Two (2) members of S.T.C.A. in good standing must complete sponsorship forms

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CLUB USE BELOW:

Published in Newsletter: _____ Approved by Board: _____ Acceptance Letter sent: _____

INFORMATION SHEET

OTHER CLUB MEMBERSHIPS *(please circle answer)*

Are you a member of a Regional Silky Terrier Club? YES NO

If yes, name of club _____

Year joined _____

Are you a member of an All-Breed Club? YES NO

If yes, name of club _____

Year joined _____

Are you a member of an Obedience/Agility Club? YES NO

If yes, name of club _____

Year joined _____

Are you a member of any other type of dog club? YES NO

If yes, type & name of club _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

How many Silky Terriers do you currently own or co-own: _____

How many of your Silkys are spayed or neutered: _____

Year that you obtained your first Silky: _____

Year you obtained your current Silky: _____

I obtained my current Silky for: **(circle one)** Pet - Conformation - Performance Events

I obtained my current Silky from: **(circle one)** Breeder - Pet shop - Other

(Explain other: _____)

How many dog shows did you enter last year? _____

How many dog shows did you attend last year? _____

How far do you travel to shows? Average miles/Maximum miles _____

How many STCA Nationals have you attended? _____

How many other breeds do you currently own or co-own? _____

List the other breeds: _____

How many Champions do you own? Silkys or other Breeds _____

How many Silky Champions have you bred? _____

How many active Silky Stud Dogs do you own? _____

How many active Silky Brood Bitches do you own? _____

How many Silky litters do you generally breed a year? _____

How many litters (other breeds) do you generally breed a year? _____

Have you ever trained / shown a Silky in any of the following performance events ?**(circle)**

Obedience - Agility - Earth Dog - Tracking - Therapy - Flyball - Herding - CGC

other _____

What performance titles have you earned on your silky? _____

Have you ever been suspended from the AKC? No Yes

If yes, please describe the infraction: _____

Have you ever been denied membership or been suspended from an All Breed Club? Obedience

Club? Agility Club? Other? _____

If yes, please describe: _____

Why are you seeking membership and what do you hope to gain from this club? _____

What do you have to offer this club? _____

Signature

Date

SILKY TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
SPONSOR FORM (2 required)

1. Name of the applicant you are sponsoring: _____

2. How long have you known the applicant?

___less than 3 months ___less than 1 year ___more than 1 year ___years

3. What was your primary mode of communications with the applicant?

___face-to-face ___telephone ___e-mail ___other

4. How long has the applicant been involved in Purebred dogs?

___less than 3 months ___less than 1 year ___more than 1 year ___years

5. How long has the applicant been involved in Silky Terriers?

___less than 3 months ___less than 1 year ___more than 1 year ___years

6. In what aspect in the sport of dogs has the applicant been active in?

___Conformation ___Obedience ___Agility ___Earth Dog ___Field Trials

___Therapy ___Fly Ball ___Other _____

7. In what aspect in the sport of dogs does the applicant plan to be involved in?

___Conformation ___Obedience ___Agility ___Earth Dog ___Field Trials

___Therapy ___Fly Ball ___Other _____

8. Have you been involved in any dog-related activities with the applicant? If yes, please describe:

9. Do you feel the applicant will be an asset to the Silky Terrier Club and be a good example of responsible purebred dog ownership according to the STCA By-Laws and Code of Ethics? _____

Be Aware that by sponsoring the applicant named above, you are making a statement as to the character of this person. You are agreeing to act as an Advisor/Mentor and set example of responsible breeding and ownership of purebred dogs.

Therefore, I _____ can, on this date _____, without reservation, recommend the above mentioned for membership in the Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.

***Sponsor must be in good standing with STCA**

S.T.C.A. Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics is established in accordance with the objectives of the Silky Terrier Club of America as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.- It is intended to set forth minimum standards of practice to which the STCA would have its members adhere to as they strive to accomplish the goals and purposes set forth in the Club Constitution. Violators of the Code of Ethics may be subject to action under STCA disciplinary procedures.

Conduct:

- Members shall by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Silky Terrier Club of America and the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- All members, and those applying for membership, shall by their application and/or renewal of membership, agree to abide by and follow the guidelines outlined in the Code of Ethics.
- All members shall conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the club, the breed and the sport of purebred dogs. They should always keep in mind that they and their dogs represent the breed, the STCA and the sport of purebred dogs in general.
- Members are required to maintain good sportsmanship at all events and competitions, abiding by the applicable rules and regulations set forth by the governing bodies for such events and competitions.
- Dogs must be maintained with their safety and good health in mind at all times, including appropriate socialization, housing, grooming, feeding, exercise, and veterinary care.

Breeding and Sales:

- Every breeding shall be done with the intention of the preservation and betterment of the breed according to the STCA Breed Standard, taking into consideration matters of structure, health and temperament, as well as the ability of the breeder to be responsible for the puppies produced.
- Before deciding to produce a litter, the breeder should plan for proper placement of puppies. Breeders are responsible for the puppies they produce. Therefore they are responsible for taking back or helping re-home any dog they sell, regardless of the reason or circumstances necessitating return. *This is not the responsibility of STCA Rescue.*
- Members will only sell puppies, permit stud service and/or lease any stud dogs or brood bitches to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give proper care and attention to the animals concerned, and who may be expected to act within the intent of the statements of this code of ethics.
- A member of the Silky Terrier Club of America will not sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops, research facilities, commercial dealers, act as brokers for litter lot sales, or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in like activities.
- All stock leaving the breeder's possession should be at least eight weeks of age; breeder shall provide buyer (s) with written directions on feeding, general care, all health and vaccination records and written health guarantee of pups at time of placement. Puppies should have received at least one set of appropriate vaccinations before being placed and instructions on what other vaccinations are needed and when should be included.
- All breeding stock shall be of sound temperament typical of the Silky Terrier breed, in good health and condition, including freedom from communicable disease and internal and/or external parasites. It is suggested that no dog be used for breeding that is known to be affected with, or a carrier, of inherited health problems such as Juvenile Cataracts, PRA, hereditary epilepsy, Leggs Perthes, hereditary hypothyroidism, oxalate stones, hereditary luxating patellae, hip dysplasia or any other condition which can negatively affect the health of the progeny.
- All breeders are strongly encouraged to test and have all breeding stock certified clear of known inherited problems within the breed. This information should be made available to persons purchasing related animals. If a dog or bitch to be bred has produced hereditary health problems in past breedings it must be disclosed to the prospective breeding stock buyer or person receiving stud services. If a breeding animal is diagnosed with a hereditary health problem then reasonable efforts must be made to inform owners of offspring of that animal if it may affect the health or ethical breeding of those dogs.
- Breeding stock shall be kept under sanitary conditions, kept clean and free of mats & dirt and given maximum health care protection through worming, inoculations and close contact with veterinary care.
- Only healthy, mature bitches/dogs of quality are to be bred, preferably after 18 months of age and/or not before second season and it is encouraged that all non-breeding animals be spayed or neutered.

Registration:

- Breeding stock and puppies will be registered with The American Kennel Club, and/or the appropriate counterpart of the American Kennel Club within the country of its origin. All members will keep complete and accurate records of individual dogs, litters, breedings, pedigrees and puppy sales as required by that kennel club.
- Breeders shall provide a minimum three-generation pedigree on an appropriate form and will complete and deliver all forms necessary for registration and/or change of ownership. Such forms are to be provided to the new owner(s) in a timely manner. All transactions will be covered by written, signed sales agreement between the parties.

Sales:

- Silkys placed in non-breeding pet homes should be placed with spay/neuter contracts and/or on limited registration papers. If not done prior to placement, new owner must abide by a written agreement with the breeder to have the necessary procedure done in a timely manner and to furnish proof, either in the form of a written, signed statement from the veterinarian or in a copy of the invoice

submitted by the veterinarian for the services rendered. In either case, it is recommended the statement or the copy of the invoice be submitted on the official letterhead of the veterinarian or the clinic.

- Breeders should make themselves available and be mentors to all purchasers to help with silkys they have placed, be it health issues, training issues, or need to re-home a dog.

Advertising:

- All advertising must be factual. No offering of Silky Terriers at bargain prices, nor so worded as to attract undesirable buyers, or to encourage raising Silky Terriers as a '*money-making scheme*'.
- No silky terrier will be offered or sold for raffles, give-away prizes or other such projects.

Any person or persons in violation of the above is subject to suspension by the STCA Board of Directors and/or Disciplinary Committee as set forth in STCA By-Laws.

A written complaint must be submitted to the Code of Ethics Committee with a \$20 fee and any proof available. If allegation is found to have merit the fee will be refunded. A Committee will look into the allegations: first by letter to the person in violation of Code of Ethics, followed by letters and/or comments by interviewed people and lastly by a visit if necessary. (by someone in immediate area) Report will then be given to the Board along with recommendations. Committee will keep all complaints on file for future review if necessary

Signature _____ Date _____