



## Membership Requirements

The Somerset Hills Kennel Club meets the third Monday of March, April, June, August and October at 7:00 P.M. We also have an Awards Banquet in December for members.

1. Should you be interested in joining the Club, the requirements for membership may be obtained only after you have attended a minimum of two regular meetings within the preceding six months and worked at two club functions such as the Point Show, Match, Public Education, Agility Trial, Handling Classes or other functions approved by the Board. At least one of the two shall be the Club's Point Show, Agility Trial or Match Show. Membership applications and sponsor forms can be obtained from the Memberships Chairperson or the Secretary.
2. The completed application form may be submitted to the Membership Chairperson or the Secretary. The following items must be included with the application:
  - a) A signed Code of Ethics;
  - b) Two completed Member Sponsor forms. The two sponsors must be from separate households and have been members of Somerset Hills Kennel Club for at least one year.
  - c) A check covering membership dues made payable to, "Somerset Hills Kennel Club." Dues are \$20.00 per person.
3. The application will be read at the next meeting following receipt. Applicant's names will be published in the notice for the first General Membership Meeting after the reading, at which time, and after considering the recommendation of the Board, the membership will vote on the application.

New members will receive a copy of the Constitution and By-laws and a Membership List.

We look forward to seeing you at future club meetings. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Secretary of the Club, whose contact information is on the web site, [www.somersethillskc.org](http://www.somersethillskc.org).



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dates of Meetings Attended:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

List Club Functions and Dates Worked:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_;

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation, Business or Profession (List Husband and Wife Separately):

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What Breed(s) of dogs do you or have you owned and for how long: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a Breeder? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you exhibit in breed, obedience or performance events? If so, please provide a summary of those activities.

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Are you in good standing with the American Kennel Club? \_\_\_\_\_

In which Club activities will you be participating? \_\_\_\_\_

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I agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Somerset Hills Kennel Club, Inc., as provided in its Constitution and By-laws, and to abide by the Code of Ethics. I further agree to promote the objectives of the Club as far as shall be in my power.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### **CODE OF ETHICS**

I hereby make application for membership in the Somerset Hills Kennel Club and hereby pledge myself to accept and abide by the Code of Ethics of the Club, as follows:

To promote the welfare, improvement and advancement of pure-bred dogs.

To breed only when the times, facilities and financial circumstances warrant and to hold the well-being of my dogs above financial gain.

To breed according to the standard established by my breed club and approved by the American Kennel Club.

To maintain a clean, orderly kennel with all stock sold in healthy condition with adequate protection against disease.

To support ethical trade practices and sell only to responsible persons.

To have a sense of personal obligation to each new owner for honesty and fair dealing.

To abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Somerset Hills Kennel Club and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

To keep accurate accounting of records, registration papers and pedigrees.

To perform in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and promote good will among members.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## CONFIDENTIAL SPONSOR FORM

To be presented to Sponsor by Applicant and returned by Sponsor to the Membership Committee or the Secretary.

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **SPONSORS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE SOMERSET HILLS KENNEL CLUB.**

**Instructions to Sponsors:** We request that you provide complete and meaningful information to assist the Board of Directors decide an applicant's eligibility under the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics. Information provided will be kept confidential. It is recommended that sponsors know the applicant for at least one year and be able to attest to the applicant's experience and compliance with the above. Sponsors may be required to answer additional questions bearing upon applicant's qualifications and should not agree to sponsor unless they are willing to supply such confidential information.

1. How long have you known the applicant(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What relationship have you had with the applicant(s) to enable you to judge his/her experience and ethical qualifications? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Give a brief but specific statement on what you feel qualifies the applicant(s) for membership? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Give a brief statement regarding the character and/or ethical conduct of the applicant(s).

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Provide any further pertinent information which may bear on their acceptance

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I recommend the applicant(s) for membership in the Somerset Hills Kennel Club.

Signature of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date