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**VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
SIDE 1**

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To The Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership in the Vizsla Club of America, Inc. and agree to support the constitution and bylaws of the Club, the Code of Ethics as given below, and the resolutions of the Board of Directors; to encourage high standards in breeding, training and showing Vizslas, and to promote the welfare of the Vizsla breed. (Constitution and Bylaws available at <http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/thevca.htm>). Membership in the Vizsla Club of America entitles me to a subscription to the Vizsla News and the rights of the Membership Category I am entering. All adult applicants enter the Vizsla Club of America as an Associate Member.

Code of Ethics

Sportsmanship:

VCA members shall always conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves, their Vizslas and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of the location or circumstance. Protect and advance the development of the Vizsla through continued improvement of soundness, stable temperament, natural hunting ability and conformation as set forth in the official Vizsla Standard

Health:

VCA members shall maintain the best possible standard of canine health, cleanliness and veterinary care in an atmosphere conducive to the stable development of their dogs.

Breeding:

VCA members shall breed only with the intention of improving the breed by breeding only those Vizslas who conform to the standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club, exhibit soundness, stable temperament and natural hunting ability. Breed only those dogs who are free of serious hereditary defects including epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, Von Willebrand's, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy and who are over two years of age and have been x-rayed and OFA certified as free from hip dysplasia.

Sales:

VCA members shall not breed, sell, consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles. Honestly evaluate the quality of the Vizsla sold and fairly represent that evaluation and urge puppy purchasers to spay or neuter all pets which for any reason will not be used for breeding, not release puppies under seven weeks old, furnish details on feeding, care, inoculations, pedigrees and written sales agreements. Screen all prospective buyers to assure that puppies have safe and loving homes, supply assistance and support to puppy buyers for the life of the dog. Encourage owners to become involved in Vizsla activities, the Vizsla Club of America and regional Vizsla Clubs.

The breed's parent club, the Vizsla Club of America, in recognizing its responsibility in protecting the breed has also adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution:

The Vizsla Club of America has resolved that all breeding stock is to be radiographed and that only those animals certified free of hip dysplasia are to be used for breeding purposes. Prospective breeders and puppy buyers are urged to inquire as to the OFA certification of both the sire and the dam prior to any purchase. Breeders in the Stud Dog Listing/Breeders Directory must be VCA members. Instructions for OFA diagnosis may be obtained for a fee, from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, 2300 E. Nifong Blvd., Columbia, Missouri 65201-3856, (573) 442-0418.

Resolution:

The officers and board of directors of the Vizsla Club of America, in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn crossbreeding of purebred vizslas and falsification of registration documents. All persons following the vizsla fancy are enjoined to subscribe to this ethic in the best interest of the breed.

Resolution:

The officers and board of directors of the Vizsla Club of America, in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn the breeding of dogs with serious genetic defects including: epilepsy, PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy), von Willebrand's Disease, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy.

All adult new members must enter as associate members for the 2 year probationary period before applying for a Voting Membership. (Membership Description in the *Vizsla News* and at <http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/thevca.htm>.)

NON-VOTING (ENTRY LEVEL) OPTIONS

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| Associate Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership |
| Non-US Citizen Associate Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership |
| Junior Membership (Individual membership for youth 9-18 years) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership |
| UPGRADE APPLICATION AFTER TWO YEARS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP | | |
| Full (Voting) Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership |
| Non-US Citizen Full (Voting) Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership |

Member 1 Name: _____
 Signature: _____ Occupation: _____
 Member 2 Name: _____
 Signature: _____ Occupation: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home phone #: _____ Work phone #: _____ Fax#: _____

Do not publish (home / work / fax) numbers in the **membership directory**. (Circle all that apply.)

Kennel Name (if any): _____ Web Site (if any): _____

e-mail address: 1. _____ 2. _____ OK to publish E-mail address in the **membership directory?** **Y N**

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VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SIDE 2

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The VCA Sometimes releases its membership list to outside organizations (i.e. clubs, pet food companies, etc.).

Check box if you do not want your name included on such lists.

I now own: #male #female Vizslas

I am a member of the following regional vizsla clubs:

I/We currently participate in the following activities with our dog(s). (Check all that apply.)

- agility breeding conformation field trials hunt tests hunting obedience rally therapy tracking rescue/fostering other

SPONSOR SIGNATURES. Signatures and Narratives from two sponsors are required****.

1st. Sponsor's Name: Attach a narrative stating the conditions under which you know applicant and length of acquaintance.

Sponsor's Signature (REQUIRED) ****

2nd. Sponsor's Name: Attach a narrative stating the conditions under which you know applicant and length of acquaintance.

Sponsor's Signature (REQUIRED) ****

****Section 5. Sponsorship of New Members. In order to sponsor a new member of the VCA, one must be a FULL member of the Club for a period of three (3) years and in good standing with the American Kennel Club. A narrative must be included stating the conditions under which they know applicant and length of acquaintance

MEMBERSHIP FEES and MAILING FEES:

Each Applicant must include a \$10.00 non-refundable application fee in addition to the appropriate membership fee.

All Payments must be made in U.S. Funds and/or should be submitted via international money order. Make all checks payable to: VCA. Members who live outside of the United States are required to remit the extra postage as indicated below:

VCA WELFARE FOUNDATION DONATION \$

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (US and Non-US Citizen)

- Associate Single Member \$30
Associate Household Members (2 adults at one location) \$35
Associate (Non-US Citizen) Single Member \$30
Associate (Non-US Citizen) Household Members (2 Adults) \$35

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (10 years to 18 years)

Junior Single Member \$20

FULL (VOTING) MEMBERSHIP (all mailings First Class) - Must be Associate for 2 years prior to application for Full Membership

- Voting Single Member \$40
Voting Household Member (2 adults at one location) \$45
Voting Non-U.S. Citizen Single Member \$30
Voting Non-U.S. Citizen Household Members (2 adults) \$35

ADDITIONAL POSTAGE REQUIRED FOR MEMBERS LIVING OUTSIDE U.S.: \$35

FIRST CLASS POSTAGE OPTION FOR ASSOCIATE AND JUNIOR MEMBERS:

First Class delivery in the U.S. \$12

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEE- REQUIRED and NON-REFUNDABLE \$10.00 <--- REQUIRED!

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

Send Application for Membership, Narratives and Payment (made out to VCA) to: VCA, c/o Shella A. Fuhrman 185 Goldenrod Lane Friendsville, TN 37737-3141 (865) 995-1385

Do not send applications via any means that requires a signature for delivery. If you wish confirmation of delivery of this form, email vizmom1@yahoo.com or enclose a stamped and addressed postcard with the application.