



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. After attending one meeting or working a club event a prospective member may submit an application to the Secretary with the initiation fee and dues payment for the current year.

Submission of dues with application does not necessarily guarantee election to membership. If membership is denied, the initiation fee and dues will be refunded. The application must be signed by two member sponsors. The applicant must then attend two more Club meetings or club events. The application will be read at two club meetings following its receipt and will be voted on by the membership at the second meeting. An affirmative vote of three-quarters of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of even numbered months. Unless otherwise noted meetings are at 7:30 PM at American K-9 Country on Route 101 in Amherst, NH.

Questions regarding membership can be addressed to Kathie Rizzo at (603) 384-3638 or [souhegankcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:souhegankcsecretary@gmail.com).

Check the Souhegan Kennel Club web site at <http://www.souhegankennelclub.org> for updates and additional information.

### CONSTITUTION

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsman-like competition at matches, dog shows, obedience trials and tracking tests.
- b. To conduct sanctioned matches, all-breed shows, obedience trials and tracking tests under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

### CODE OF ETHICS

- ◆ I will follow the rules of good sportsmanship in all dog related activities.
- ◆ I will promote humane treatment for all dogs.
- ◆ I will consistently provide adequate food, shelter, and health care for my dogs.
- ◆ I will work persistently to improve the quality of my breed in both temperament and conformation, including refusing the use of my stud dogs when necessary.
- ◆ I will try to educate every prospective purchaser in the responsibilities of dog ownership.
- ◆ I will fully explain to all prospective purchasers the disadvantages as well as the advantages of owning my breed.
- ◆ I will refuse to sell to wholesalers or pet shops and I will require the owners of bitches using my stud dogs to do the same.
- ◆ I will use written documents such as bills of sale, contracts, and current health certificates in my transactions.
- ◆ I will promote neutering or spaying of all pet quality puppies I sell.

Please fill out the attached and submit to

Kathie Rizzo  
Secretary  
171 Clough Park Road  
Weare NH 03281  
[souhegankcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:souhegankcsecretary@gmail.com)

Please print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s) Owned \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your interests, previous experience and future plans related to the sport of pure bred dogs. Please check the items that apply to your interests. (Use separate piece of paper if needed.)

Showing \_\_\_ Obedience \_\_\_ Agility \_\_\_ Tracking \_\_\_ Field Work \_\_\_ Stud Service \_\_\_ Breeding \_\_\_ Therapy Dogs \_\_\_  
Sled dogs \_\_\_ Lure Coursing \_\_\_ Search & Rescue \_\_\_ Water Rescue \_\_\_ Just own and admire dogs

I am an AKC approved judge \_\_\_ Breeds approved \_\_\_\_\_

List any professional dog-related activities (groomer, boarding, dog food distributor, dog behavior consultant, show handling/ obedience instructor, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe membership, offices held and activities in other dog clubs, with dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate those Souhegan Kennel Club activities, committees, or assignments for which you would like to volunteer.  
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I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE SOUHEGAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, CODE OF ETHICS, AND THE RULES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB.

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

Sponsors must have been Club members themselves in good standing for at least three (3) months. Sponsors must be personally acquainted with the applicant.

Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Types of Membership Annual Dues: Individual \$20.00  
Husband and Wife \$30.00

Dues payments tendered with applications submitted after August shall be applied to the succeeding fiscal year. Make check payable to Souhegan Kennel Club, Inc. and return completed application, initiation fee and membership dues to:

Kathie Rizzo  
171 Clough Park Road  
Weare NH 03281

For club use only: Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting/Event Attended Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Reading Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Reading Date \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_