

## YORK COUNTY KENNEL CLUB OF MAINE, INC.

The York County Kennel Club of Maine was founded in the 1980s as a not-for-profit organization of dog enthusiasts, breeders, exhibitors, and pet owners, committed to protecting and advancing the interest of all breeds of purebred dogs. With just a handful of members, the meetings in the beginning were held at the Lions Club on Eldridge Road and then moved to the Wells Firehouse on Shore Road in Wells, Maine. The club was in existence for one year before it held its first match show. It then held one show per year for the next six years.

In November 2001, the York County Kennel Club of Maine became incorporated.

YCKC is licensed by the American Kennel Club and is governed by its rules and regulations. The club has been working to establish good relationships between dog owners and the non-dog owning public, to promote sportsman-like behavior, to promote the welfare of dogs in general, and with other dog clubs provide community education activities. YCKC has offered educational programs on dog related topics, engaged in community work with visits to elementary schools to educate fifth graders about the responsibilities of pet

ownership (American Kennel Club Best Friends Program), and Adult Education for Dog Ownership Responsibilities and Safety. YCKC has also participated in parades and held booths at community festivals.

The YCKC sponsors successful all breed dog shows, rally, and obedience trials annually, as well as a fall match. The club also co-hosts the annual Meet the Breeds Showcase where members present their dogs and various information about their breeds and field questions that everyone should ask when searching for a specific dog.

YCKC welcomes all dog enthusiasts, breeders, exhibitors, and companion dog owners who ascribe to the purpose of the club and are in good standing with AKC. Residence in York County is desirable but not a prerequisite for joining. YCKC offers four membership options, Regular, Household, Associate, and Junior. YCKC holds its membership meetings on the last Monday of the month, via Zoom. Please contact Gloria Pasquini at [bonniebay@roadrunner.com](mailto:bonniebay@roadrunner.com) for more information and an invitation. We extend an invitation to all past and future members to come and see how much we have grown and to consider joining.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS AND DUES

All Membership Levels are welcome at the Club's monthly business meetings and are encouraged to be working participants in at least one club activity and function per year.

**REGULAR** – Dues are \$15 per year. Available to individuals 18 years or older. Entitled to vote, hold office, and receive club awards.

**HOUSEHOLD** – Dues are \$20 per year. Available to households consisting of two adults, with or without children under 18, residing under one roof. Entitled to one vote per adult over 18; hold office, and receive club awards.

**ASSOCIATE** – Dues are \$20 per year. Available to individuals and households. Cannot vote or hold office and not eligible to receive club awards.

**JUNIOR** – Dues are \$10 per year. Open to individuals who are 10-17 years of age. At the end of the calendar year in which they attain their 18th birthday, Junior members must apply for membership as Regular or Associate members.

All applications must be accompanied by a nonrefundable \$5 application fee. Applications will be read to the membership at the first two meetings in which the applicant is present and will be voted upon at the second reading.

Dues will be payable upon an applicant's notification of election to the membership. Those who join between January 1 and June 1 will be responsible for a full year's dues. Those who join after June 1 will be responsible for a half year's dues.

**CRITERIA** – All applicants must:

- ◆ Be sponsored by two (2) YCKC members,
- ◆ Attend: - two membership meetings,  
- or one membership meeting and one club sponsored event as a volunteer.

The above criteria must be met after the application is submitted but before it can be approved.

## CONTACT THE CLUB

Mail this entire, completed application to:

**York County Kennel Club of Maine**  
ATTN: Membership  
PO Box 214  
Alfred, ME 04002

*For more information on membership, please contact us at: [yckcmaine@gmail.com](mailto:yckcmaine@gmail.com)*

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeds owned (present and past): \_\_\_\_\_

Litters bred, if any, within the past 3 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you exhibited at matches, shows, trials?  No  Yes If yes, when and where?

List membership(s) in other dog clubs and offices held (if any)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been refused membership in another dog club or organization?  No  Yes

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been reprimanded, expelled or placed on probation by the AKC or any other governing Club.

No  Yes If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

State your interest in dogs:  Breeding  Conformation  Obedience  Rally

Agility  Tracking  Field/Hunting  Therapy/Visitation  Companion

Herding  Earthdog  Lure Coursing  Schutzhund  Other

What do you hope to get out of membership in the Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Keeping in mind that a willingness to work on club committees is the backbone of any organization, please list any skills that you feel you could contribute: \_\_\_\_\_

Which committee(s) would you be interested in participating on:  Newsletter  Match

Eye Clinic  Public Education  Class  Handling  Obedience instruction

Legislature  Other \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF FIRST SPONSOR (must be a club member)

SIGNATURE OF SECOND SPONSOR (must be a club member)

Current bylaws posted on the club's site: <http://www.yckc.org/>

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the York County Kennel Club of Maine. I (we) agree to abide by the club's rules and bylaws and certify that I am (we are) in good standing with the American Kennel Club. I (we) certify that all the above information is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT and DATE

SIGNATURE OF SECOND APPLICANT and DATE

(Do not write below this line.)

Application fee paid on: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership fee paid on: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval:  Yes  No Date: \_\_\_\_\_