AMERICAN SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION

Member of the American Kennel Club

Application for Foreign Membership

STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Because the primary function of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association (ASSA) is the preservation and improvement of the Shetland Sheepdog in accordance with the American Kennel Club (AKC) Standard, membership is suggested for serious fanciers who have demonstrated a lasting interest in the breed. Application for Foreign Membership is open to persons 18 years of age and over who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, subscribe to the purposes of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association, and agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association and the Rules of the American Kennel Club.

The American Shetland Sheepdog Association is dedicated to promoting the breeding and exhibiting of Shetland Sheepdogs that conform as closely as possible to the official Standard and to preserve the unique qualities and characteristics of the breed. The American Shetland Sheepdog Association is the only body that determines the Standard accepted by the American Kennel Club. The American Shetland Sheepdog Association is dedicated to the concept of good sportsmanship and expects this of all members.

APPLICANTS

Individuals who reside in foreign countries qualify for Foreign Membership. This class of membership shall be non-voting and non-office holding.

Applicants must have owned and exhibited a Shetland Sheepdog in conformation and/or performance events under a recognized registry in their country for a minimum of five (5) years, not necessarily over a continuous period. Exhibition at AKC events and AKC title achievement are not required; however, the applicant is encouraged to provide a list of titles earned in their country and/or the United States.

Applicants must have the written endorsement of two (2) ASSA members in good standing of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association (see Sponsor rules below). Sponsors may be either two (2) Individual Members or one (1) Individual Member and one (1) Foreign Member. Dog breeders who sell dogs to commercial outlets will not be considered for membership. Membership in a Shetland Sheepdog club in the applicant's country of residence is recommended.

SPONSORS

Sponsors must be members in good standing of the ASSA and must have known the applicant for a minimum of one (1) year. Sponsors may not be from the same kennel prefix or family. Each Sponsor must provide a Letter of Endorsement to the application and attest to applicant's interest in the breed; ethical conduct, eg, sportsmanship; methods by which the individual assumes responsibility for dogs produced; estimated number of litters produced annually; breeding and showing activities; titles earned; and club participation. Sponsors should state basis for his/her opinion the applicant would be a valuable member of ASSA. Sponsors must have been a member of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association for **three (3) years**, and may only endorse two (2) applicants per calendar year.

Sponsors are not required to reside in the applicant's geographical area or to inspect the quarters where the applicant maintains his/her dogs. If Sponsor has personally visited the applicant's quarters, Sponsor should attest to conditions being acceptable.

PLEASE NOTE: New Membership applicants must be posted on the ASSA Website for sixty days prior to a Board meeting. The Board meets at the National and in September to vote on applicants.

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Sponsorship should be viewed as a personal endorsement of the applicant and not just a signature. Sponsor endorsement should signify that Sponsor is personally knowledgeable of the individual and is confident the applicant would be a member the ASSA would be proud to have on its roster. Sponsor should be willing to lend guidance and mentoring to the applicant, in ASSA membership, should the applicant be elected to membership.

APPLICATIONS

Applicant's name, address, and telephone number will be posted in the Members Only section of the ASSA Website for 60 days and screened initially by the ASSA Membership Chairman. The By-Laws of the Association require secret affirmative votes from two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors present at a meeting of the Board in order to elect an applicant. Applicants will be submitted to the ASSA Board of Directors for consideration at the first, regularly scheduled Board Meeting (Spring or Fall) following expiration of the 60-day Website posting.

Per the By-Laws of the organization, if an applicant is not elected by the sitting Board of Directors, the sponsor may elect to present the applicant at an Annual Meeting of the ASSA to be voted on by the members in attendance. A favorable vote of 75% of the members in attendance will override the Board's decision not to accept the applicant and vote the applicant into membership, provided the applicant meets the residency and sponsorship requirements of the ASSA.

An application fee of $25.00 and dues payment of $35.00 for the current fiscal year (9/1-8/31) **($60.00 total) must accompany application along with two (2) Sponsor Letters of Endorsement**. If an application for membership is not approved, the application fee will not be refunded.

All applications are acknowledged. Incomplete or ineligible applications will be returned with explanation. Send the complete application to Membership Chairperson Sandy McCambridge

Please write legibly.

Diane L. Ambrose
ASSA Membership Chair
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The American Shetland Sheepdog Association welcomes membership applications from serious fanciers of the Shetland Sheepdog that are dedicated to breeding and exhibiting Shelties that conform to the American Kennel Club Shetland Sheepdog breed standard; engage in ethical breeding and exhibiting practices; and demonstrate an active interest in promoting shelties, ASSA, and the sport of dogs in a positive and constructive way. ***Please write legibly.***

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

WEB site url: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Number of dogs currently owned or co-owned	
Breeds owned or co-owned	
Number of litters bred in past five years – all breeds	
Date of first Sheltie purchase (mo/year)	
Date of first dog show entry for a Sheltie in any venue (mo/year)	
Have you ever sold dogs to a commercial outlet?	☐ No ☐ Yes
Number of ASSA National Specialties attended	

TITLES ACHIEVED

Exhibition at AKC events and AKC title achievements are not required for Foreign Membership; however, your accomplishments with Shetland Sheepdogs owned or co-owned by you are of interest. Please provide a list of titles earned in your country of residence and/or the United States.

PARTICIPATION/EXPERIENCE IN EACH VENUE

Please indicate your level of experience in each of the following venues. Please also list if you have been listed as the Trial or Show Chair or Secretary for any venue within the past three (3) years.

	Active (Within 1 year)	Work Experience (steward)	Chair-person	Secretary	Spectator	Interested	Not Interested
Conformation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Obedience	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rally	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Agility	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Herding	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tracking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Junior Showmanship	☐	☐	Years competed:		Parent of Junior ☐	☐	

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CLUB EXPERIENCE

List all recent club memberships. Please list current Sheltie Specialty club(s) first.

Name of Club	Year Joined	Position(s) held

RESCUE

Please indicate your level of support of either your local or national Sheltie rescue organizations.

- ☐ Rescue Coordinator
- ☐ Rescue Volunteer
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Short-Term Boarding
- ☐ Grooming
- ☐ Long-Term Fostering
- ☐ Donated funds
- ☐ None of these

EDUCATION/ SEMINARS

Please list the most recent sheltie-related seminars you have attended, if a seminar was attended more than once, please list the most recent year.

Name of Seminar	Presenter	Year

SERVICES

What services can or do you offer at a local level?

- ☐ Stud service
- ☐ Whelping
- ☐ Puppies
- ☐ Dog evaluation
- ☐ Mentoring at specialties
- ☐ Mentoring, general dog information
- ☐ Grooming
- ☐ Boarding
- ☐ Handling
- ☐ Training, any venue
- ☐ Legislation activism
- ☐ None of these

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Please attach a letter to introduce yourself and describe why you wish to become a member of ASSA.

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BY SIGNATURE BELOW, APPLICANT CERTIFIES:

1. I am 18 years of age or older, and a resident of a foreign country.
2. I am not nor have I ever been under suspension by the American Kennel Club. If you have, please explain here:
3. I am not in debt to the American Shetland Sheepdog Association for sums pledged or contracted for any purpose.
4. I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association and the Rules of the American Kennel Club.
5. I agree at all times, and under all circumstances, to consider the welfare and best interests of the breed and of the dogs I keep, breed, exhibit or sell; and maintain, in all such activities, the highest standards of ethical conduct. I have read and understand the AMERICAN SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MEMBERSHIP POLICY and do share and uphold the objectives stated therein.
6. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Guidelines for Ethical Behavior.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Please use this checklist to ensure that all items are included. Incomplete applications will be returned.

- ☐ Application, signed and dated
- ☐ Applicant's Letter of Introduction
- ☐ Sponsor #1 Statement of Endorsement
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- ☐ Sponsor #2 Statement of Endorsement
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- ☐ List of titles earned in your country of residence and/or the United States
- ☐ Application fee of $25
- ☐ Dues payment of $35 for the current fiscal year (ie, September 1 to August 31)

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SPONSOR # 1 ENDORSEMENT

Name of Applicant: _____

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Statement of Endorsement

To the best of my personal knowledge, the applicant's statements are true and correct, and do not omit to state any fact which would be relevant in the ASSA's membership determination. I believe the applicant under all circumstances, will consider the welfare and best interests of the breed and of the dogs they keep. I believe the applicant will fully support the objectives of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association and do therefore endorse this application, stating the following from actual personal knowledge:

1. I have been a member in good standing of the ASSA for three (3) years
2. I have been acquainted with the applicant for at least one (1) year
3. I have checked the information and found it to be true

Signature of Sponsor: _____

Date: _____

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SPONSOR # 2 ENDORSEMENT

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