

# GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check the appropriate box below. Dues are per calendar year, regardless of application date.

- Full Individual Membership - \$30/year
- Full Household Membership (two members per household) - \$45/year

**Applicants must be U.S. citizens or residents over 18 years old, own at least one GSMD, and be sponsored by two currently full members in good standing with the GSMDCA.**

- Associate Membership - \$30/year
- Associate International Membership (Canada) - \$45/year + \$10 a year postage assessment
- Associate International Membership (All other Countries) - \$45/year + \$25 a year postage assessment

*Associate members do not need sponsors and are not eligible to vote or hold office in the GSMDCA.*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*For more than one GSMD, supply the same data required below for all other GSMDs owned on a separate sheet.*

AKC Registered Name of your GSMD \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  M  F

Sire's AKC Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dam's AKC Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*I (we) agree to abide by the constitution, bylaws, and rules of the American Kennel Club and those of the GSMDCA.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORS:**

Name:	Name:
Phone:	Phone:
Address:	Address:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:

Check the boxes below for those areas in which you are interested in helping to promote our breed.

- Health Committee  Breeding Information/Experience  Publicity  Newsletter Articles  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other (talents, interests, and/or experiences you would like to share). Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

**Send a check payable to "GSMDCA, Inc." with this application and a signed copy of the Members Guidelines to: Liz Coit, Membership Chair, 8615 West 46th St. Indianapolis, IN 46234**

**GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA,  
INC. MEMBER GUIDELINES**

1. Whether at home or away, members shall conduct themselves as good ambassadors of the Club and of the breed by displaying good sportsmanship and safe, sensible behavior. Members shall:
  - a.) Be diligent in properly handling their appropriately restrained GSMD/s to minimize being a nuisance, causing a risk of trauma, or placing any person or animal in danger.
  - b.) Protect the name and reputation of the breed.
  - c.) Respect members and ensure that publicly shared assessments (including, but not limited to, social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, websites and the like) of a member's GSMD are constructive, refraining from destructive criticism of another's dog and personal attacks upon fellow members.
  - e.) Represent the breed with honesty when promoting the breed. Education involves both good and bad. f.) Educate themselves and others by seeking the advice and assistance of others and offer advice, support, and cooperation to fellow members.
  
2. All GSMDs owned or in the care of members shall be given a healthy environment, good nutrition, veterinary care, and proper training which include regular contact with people and the outside world.
  - a.) No member's GSMD may be treated in an inhumane manner, abused, or subjected to any conditions that endanger the animal's life.
  - b.) No member shall have more GSMDs than their facilities adequately hold.
  - c.) Members placing a dog in another home should have reasonable assurance that each individual receiving a dog will provide a home with appropriate shelter, restraint, control and responsible care.
  - d.) Members shall not sell, supply, donate or surrender any GSMD/s for raffle prize purposes, or to any dog wholesalers, pet shops, other retailers, catalogue house, Humane Society or Shelter, or any live dog to a research laboratory.
  - e.) If members become aware of the maltreatment, misuse, or need to relocate any GSMD, they will notify any or all of the following for resolution of the problem: the breeder, GSMD Rescue Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors, or the appropriate authorities in their area.
  
3. Members are encouraged to track the health of puppies/dogs owned/sold and participate in club health surveys. In the event of a GSMD death of unknown cause, it is suggested a necropsy be performed.
  
4. Members who breed a litter are encouraged to follow the GSMDCA Breeding Guidelines as a means of promoting high standards for breeding.

I/We have read the above guidelines and promise to adhere to the principles outlined therein as well as the Constitution and Bylaws of the GSMDCA, INC.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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