

**AMERICAN BOERBOEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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

Address (include +4 zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to publish e-mail in Membership List: Yes No

Occupation(s) (If self-employed, be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own one or more Boerboels? Yes No How long have you owned Boerboels?

Interest and Abilities you can contribute to the ABC: \_\_\_\_\_

**If under 18 years of age:**

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we hereby apply to the American Boerboel Club for membership as (check one): **DUES ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

**Active Membership (\$25 per year):** 1 person, 18 years or older, who is in good standing with the American Kennel Club and subscribes to the purposes of this club. Member is entitled to one 1 vote; 1 newsletter

**Foreign Membership (\$35 per year):** 1 person, 18 years or older, who currently resides outside of the United States or Puerto Rico, and is in good standing with the American Kennel Club. Individual is not entitled to vote or hold office; entitled to 1 newsletter \*. May change status to Single Membership when he/she becomes a resident of the United State or Puerto Rico and proof of residency is provided to the New Membership Chairperson.

(\* Newsletter is published quarterly and is sent Bulk Mail: 2-4 weeks delivery time.)

If you cannot find two members to sign for you, the membership will be voted on at the next board meeting

ABC Member Endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name, Sign and Date

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**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO READ & SIGN REVERSE SIDE.**

## ABC CODE OF ETHICS

This code is established in accordance with the objectives of the American Boerboel Club as set forth in Article 1, section 2, of the club constitution and is presented as a guideline for use of the ABC members when buying, breeding, selling and exhibiting Boerboels. It is intended to set forth minimum standards of practice to which ABC would have its members adhere to as they strive to accomplish the goals and purposes set forth in the club constitution.

1 All members shall abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the American Boerboel Club and the rule of the American Kennel Club.

2 Members are advised to keep accurate breeding records

3 All services and sales arrangements should be mutually agreed upon, stated in writing and signed by all parties involved, including all adjustments, replacement conditions, etc. ABC members are encouraged to support and conduct only ethical trade practices.

4 All advertising should be honest and not in any way misrepresentative, fraudulent, or misleading

5 ABC members are encouraged to support the efforts of the ABC relative to health issues concerning the breed and to have their dogs tested with respect to health disorders known to affect the breed.

6 ABC members should test their dogs for hip and elbow dysplasia. We recommend confirmation that the dog is free of HD or ED before breeding. We encourage and recommend that all dogs should be tattooed or micro chipped in an individual and identifiable manner before being x-rayed.

7 We recommend foreign dog imports not certified by FCI or BVA testing method be retested using either the OFA or Penn Hip Method with Penn Hip being preferred.

8 ABC breeders and members should test their Boerboels for Entropion, Ectropion, and hyperplasia and the Boerboel should be found free of such prior to breeding. Also encourage the recommendation that all dogs have their eyes checked yearly by a veterinary ophthalmologist and that the presence of other hereditary diseases such as hypothyroidism is checked for prior to breeding.

9 ABC breeders and members should encourage working titles to retain the breed's correct working temperament. Encourage the showing of future breeding animals in the conformation ring, keeping in mind that the purpose of such shows is to improve the breed by objective evaluation of the animals in competition according to the breed standard.

10 ABC breeders should encourage the use of temperament testing venues such as CGC, ATTS and BH for all Boerboels used in breeding programs. Breeders should also encourage all Boerboel owners to train, socialize and have their Boerboels temperament tested.

11 Stud dogs should be in good health and free from communicable diseases and disqualifying faults. It is the ABC's position that stud owners are responsible for puppies produced by their studs, and it is therefore recommended that they verify that the bitch owner is a responsible owner and breeder. Any bitch accepted for stud service should be at least 18 months of age, in good health and free from communicable diseases and disqualifying faults. All breeding that occurs should be done with the intention of the preservations and betterment of the breed, taking into consideration matters of structure, health and temperament as well as the ability of the breeder to be responsible for the puppies produced.

12 Breed only AKC registered or AKC register able dogs and bitches. Although, any Boerboel may belong to more than one registry or organization.

13 No stud dog should be bred to any bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, pet shop, litter or lot sales, or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in like activities.

14 Breeders of litters are responsible for the puppies produced by their bitches. Therefore it is recommended that the breeders verify the purchasers of the puppies will be responsible owner who will provide proper homes can care. All breeding that occurs should be done with the intention of the preservation and betterment of the breed, taking into consideration matters of structure, health, and temperament as well as the ability of the breeder to be responsible for the puppies produced.

15 No Bitch should be bred for commercial reasons

16 No Boerboel will be sold to commercial facilities, businesses or agents.

17 Each member should honestly evaluate the structural and mental qualities of all Boerboels sold and fairly represent that evaluation including results of any temperament testing. Each member should fully disclose any known health issue affecting the Boerboel being sold.

18 Prices of Boerboels should be based upon individual quality. Members should maintain prices so as not to be injurious to the breed. When appropriate, some animals should be sold on limited registration or with written agreement to have the animal altered and papers withheld pending alteration.

19 At the time of sale, members should furnish records to each buyer of all shots, worming, pedigree and AKC registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that the papers are being withheld.

20 All members should conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dog activities and Boerboels in particular. This includes respect for the show site, convention and overflow facilities and all other aspects of responsible dog ownership.

I (We) have completed this application in a true and accurate manner. I (We) declare that I am (we are) 18 years of age or older, in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and agree to abide by their rules and by the Constitution and the By-Laws of the American Boerboel Club. I (We) have read and by signing below, agree to abide by the ABC Code of Ethics.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sign and Date

Make checks/money orders payable in U.S. Funds to  
American Boerboel Club & Mail to:

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Blue Ridge, GA 30513  
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ksdale@gmail.com

