

Brief synopsis for Individual Membership in Poodle Club of America:

Applicant must be actively breeding and/or exhibiting for at least 8 years immediately preceding the submission of their application.

Applicant must have bred at least four litters out of which at least 3 poodles finished their American Championship.

The applicant must demonstrate a desire to follow the Poodle Club of America's established breed standard and have demonstrated active concern for the elimination of genetic anomalies in Poodles. The applicant will be asked for proof of appropriate genetic testing. .

Applicants must have been an active member of their local Affiliate Club (if any) or otherwise a local all-breed club for at least 4 years immediately preceding their application. The applicant must be generally characterized as:

- Ethical in breeding and exhibition
- Providing proper care for their dogs and the dogs of others under their care if applicable
- Setting a good example as a leader and mentor

The most important objective PCA has in looking for Individual membership is to find and admit applicants who have acquired expertise and knowledge of breeding and exhibiting poodles in order utilize their knowledge to make important club decisions, maintaining the breed standard and lending future direction to the Poodle Club of America.

Applicants who are successfully elected to Individual membership are expected to be active in PCA by meeting one or more of the following criteria on an ongoing basis:

- Owning or competing with a Poodle at PCA National or Regional events
- Attending a function sponsored by PCA or the PCA foundation
- Serving on a club or show committee, advertising in a PCA catalog, or a donation to PCA, PCA Foundation, trophy fund or some other function sponsored by PCA

The application process takes some time and will reveal a detailed part of your life with Poodles, as it should. The intent of the process is not exclusionary, rather to include all those who seriously dedicate their lives to bettering our wonderful breed! PCA is the caretaker of the Poodle in the United States, but is made up of caring and dedicated individuals with a common goal. If your goal aligns with PCA, we urge you to consider beginning the application process. Our club and breed is only as good as those who take the time and make the effort to make it all that it can be.