

## **BRIEF SYNOPSIS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP IN POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA**

Applicant must be actively breeding and exhibiting for at least eight (8) years in AKC events, immediately preceding the submission of their application.

Applicant must have bred at least four (4) litters, out of which at least three (3) Poodles finished their AKC 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, and/or a local AKC All-Breed club for at least four (4) years immediately preceding their application. The applicant must be generally characterized as:

- Ethical in breeding and providing proof of required genetic testing.
- Providing proper care for their dogs and the dogs of others under their care, if applicable.
- Following the Code of Good Sportsmanship as an exhibitor and/or spectator.
- Setting a good example as a leader and mentor.

PCA's objective in looking for Individual membership, is to find and admit applicants who have acquired expertise and knowledge of breeding and exhibiting poodles. It is PCA's goal to utilize their knowledge in order to make important club decisions, maintain the breed standard and lend future direction to the Poodle Club of America.

Applicants who are 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 functions sponsored by PCA, and serving on a club or show committee,
- Advertising in a PCA catalog, and/or donating to the PCA Trophy Fund or PCA Juniors Program, or participating in the PCA Raffle, and
- Demonstrating support of the PCA Foundation and/or PCA Rescue Foundation.

The application process takes time and will reveal a detailed part of your life with Poodles. The intent of the process is not exclusionary, rather it is 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, and 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.