

ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC



Established 1970
AKC Recognized Parent Club

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Thank you for your interest in joining the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America (ASDCA). The ASDCA is the American Kennel Club (AKC) Parent Club of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog breed in the United States. We welcome new members who wish to work with us to preserve the working ability, breed standard and health of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog.

The ASDCA offers its members:

- Educational materials
- Breed-centered community across the country
- The Anatolian Times – ASDCA magazine published digitally 3x's per year filled with articles about Anatolian Shepherd at work, at home, and in shows.
- A Code of Ethics Breeder's Listing for eligible members
- An Awards Program
- Support of AKC shows through yearly National Specialty and Regional Specialties

The membership application package consists of the current ASDCA Membership Application, the ASDCA By-Laws, and the ASDCA Code of Ethics. Be sure to read the By-Laws and Code of Ethics prior to completing the membership application since they explain the purpose of the ASDCA and outline the eligibility requirements for membership.

In order to be considered for membership, all of the fields of the membership application must be completed in full. Please print clearly on your membership application. It must be signed by the applicant(s) acknowledging familiarity with and acceptance of the ASDCA Code of Ethics and By-Laws. Two persons living in the same household may apply for Family Membership on a single application as long as both parties are identified on the application and both individuals sign the application. If you are applying for a Regular Membership (either Individual or Family), two ASDCA Regular Members in good standing must sponsor you by signing the form. The first year's dues must accompany the application – the dues are listed on the membership application. There is a non-refundable \$5.00 application fee. Checks and money orders must be made payable in U.S. funds to the ASDCA. Please note that your check may be cashed prior to your being accepted to full membership. This does not automatically accept you to membership. If for any reason, you are not accepted to full membership; you will receive an associate membership.

Once your application has been received, it will be reviewed by the ASDCA Secretary. She will send you a short note indicating that we have received your membership packet and that everything is in order (or if not, what is missing). Once all required information is complete, your name and address will be printed in the Members Only area of the ASDCA.club website for review by the membership. All objections to an applicant's membership shall be forwarded to the ASDCA Secretary in writing within 45 days of an applicant's name being added to the website. These written comments regarding applicants will be considered confidential communications to the Board. The secretary will report to the Board any comments received regarding your application, and within 60 days of an applicant's name being published for member review online, a motion will be made by a member of the ASDCA Board of Directors to vote upon the applicants for membership in the ASDCA.

Each applicant will then be voted upon by the Board for approval of membership. Each applicant will be notified shortly thereafter if they have been accepted for membership in the ASDCA and what type membership they have been granted.

Per ASDCA By-Laws there are four types of new membership:

Individual Membership: Application open to persons eighteen (18) years and older, who owns an ASDCA or American Kennel Club (AKC) registered Anatolian Shepherd Dog. These applicants cannot be an Officer or Director of an Anatolian Shepherd Dog club that is not AKC accredited or eligible. Regular members enjoy all the privileges of the club, including voting and holding office. A Regular Membership requires the endorsement of two (2) regular members in good standing.

Family Membership: Open to any two individuals who reside in the same household, 18 years or older, each of whom comply with the same requirements as that of the Individual Membership. Each must own (be an owner of record on the registration papers) of an AKC and/or ASDCA registered Anatolian Shepherd Dog.

Associate Membership: This type of membership is open to persons eighteen (18) years and older who express an ongoing interest in the Anatolian Shepherd Dog. These individuals are entitled to all privileges except voting, holding office and listing on the Breeder's List. This type of membership does not require any endorsement.

Junior Membership: This type of membership is open to persons 10-17 years of age. Junior members cannot vote or hold office. Upon reaching their 18th birthday, Junior members may convert to an adult membership under the conditions of their chosen membership type listed above.

The ASDCA is a private club and has the right to accept or reject a membership application at its discretion for what it considers good cause.

If you have any questions regarding the application procedure or your membership status once you have applied, please contact me at the email address and phone number listed below or the Secretary as listed on the application.

Sincerely,

Natalie Thurman

ASDCA

President

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Enclosures:

- 1) ASDCA Code of Ethics
- 2) ASDCA Bylaws
- 3) Membership Application Form

ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA CODE OF ETHICS

The Anatolian Shepherd is a very special breed of dog, developed over many centuries under rigorous working conditions to perform a specific job – protect livestock. As owners and breeders of these dogs, we are dedicated to maintaining the working ability, temperament, soundness, and overall conformation these dogs have exhibited for millennia in their native lands.

This Code of Ethics is established in accordance with the objectives of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America (ASDCA) as set forth in the By-Laws. It is established to set a standard of conduct by all members of the ASDCA. It is presented as a guideline for the use of ASDCA members and the general public when buying breeding, selling and exhibiting Anatolian Shepherd Dogs. The Code of Ethics outlines the essentials of responsible behaviors for Anatolian Shepherd owners, breeders, and potential breeders whose foremost aim should be the health and welfare of their dogs and the breed.

Members of the ASDCA agree to abide by the Club's Constitution which, in Article 1, Section 2 defines the objectives of the Club as:

- a) To encourage and promote quality in breeding of purebred Anatolian Shepherds.
- b) To encourage the organization of independent local Anatolian Shepherd Clubs where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed.
- c) To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America as the standard of excellence by which the Anatolian Shepherd Dog shall be judged.
- d) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- e) To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, and obedience trials under the Rule and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

As a member, breeder, or potential breeder, in good standing of the ASDCA, I hereby agree:

- 1. To abide by the ASDCA By-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.
- 2. To maintain the highest standard of canine health, cleanliness, and care.
- 3. That all advertising and social media shall be honest and not in any way fraudulent or misleading. Members should be responsible, respectful and professional on social media.

4. That no ASD will be knowingly sold to franchised commercial facilities, puppy brokers, puppy mills or agents. No stud dog will knowingly be bred to any bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in like activities. No ASD will be sold or donated to a research laboratory. No dog will be offered as a prize or sold at auction.
5. All breeding will be done with the intention of preserving the breed and not for purely commercial purposes. No registered Anatolian will be intentionally bred other than to a registered ASD.
6. All breeding Bitches and Dogs must be certified radiographic free of hip dysplasia by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or comparable agency. Preliminary results are not accepted. Copy of this certification to be provided to puppy buyers upon request.
7. All breeding Bitches and Dogs should be physically mature and at least two years of age with no disqualifying faults per the AKC standard. It is **recommended** that Bitches be limited to 3 litters in their lifetime and should not be bred after the age of 8 without Veterinary approval.
8. Puppies should not be removed from their mother and siblings before they are at least eight weeks old.
9. To realistically evaluate all puppies and to sell or place non-breeding ASDs on contracts with limited registration papers (offspring cannot be registered with the AKC).
10. All breeders will take responsibility for all offspring produced and will assist in their lifetime placements and re-homing if necessary.

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BYLAWS
Amended September 4, 2024
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Club Name and Objectives

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America (ASDCA).

SECTION 2. The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred Anatolian Shepherds;
- b) To encourage the organization of independent local Anatolian Shepherd clubs where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed;
- c) To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America as the standard of excellence by which the Anatolian Shepherd Dog shall be judged;
- d) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials;
- e) To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, and obedience trials under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

ARTICLE II
Membership

SECTION 1. *Eligibility* There shall be five types of membership open to persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the ASDCA and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club, the Club Bylaws and Club Code of Ethics. Applicants are required to complete and submit an ASDCA approved application requesting membership.

- a) Regular Individual membership. Application is open to persons eighteen (18) years and older, who own an ASDCA or AKC registered Anatolian Shepherd Dog and who are not an Officer or Director of an Anatolian Shepherd Dog club that is not an AKC-accredited or AKC eligible Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club. Such dog clubs shall include but are not limited to the following dogs considered by the ASDCA to be Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, commonly referred to as: Kangal, Akbash, or Karabash. Regular members enjoy all the privileges of the Club, including voting and office holding.
- b) Family membership. Two persons (adults) eighteen (18) years of age or older who reside in the same household, each of whom comply with the same requirements as that of the Regular membership. The two adult members shall be identified by name on the

membership application form and the procedures for election to membership shall be the same as provided in Section 1, subdivision (a) of Article II. Each adult is entitled to one vote but receives only one copy of any gratis ASDCA publication. Each adult shall have the ability to hold elected office.

- (c) Associate membership. Application open to persons eighteen (18) years and older who express ongoing interest in the breed. Application open to Officers and Directors of Anatolian Shepherd Dog clubs that are not an AKC-accredited or AKC eligible Anatolian Shepherd Club. These individuals are entitled to all privileges, except voting, office holding, and being on the Breeders' List. Associate members are not computed in determining a quorum. Applications should be filed with the Secretary but need not require sponsors or approval process applicable to prospective regular member applicants.
- (d) Junior membership. Open to persons 10-17 years of age. Junior members cannot vote or hold office. Upon reaching their eighteenth birthday, Junior members may convert to regular membership in accordance with the requirements for regular membership set forth in Article II, Section 1(a). Applications should be filed with the Secretary but need not require sponsors or approval process applicable to prospective regular member applicants.
- (e) Lifetime membership. Lifetime membership is a special category for current ASDCA Regular members in good standing with at least 25 continuous years of membership. It recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the ASDCA, including but not limited to dog shows, breeding practices, livestock guardian dogs, and breed health. Differentiating itself from Regular and/or Family membership, Lifetime membership requires the member to be nominated by another ASDCA Regular member and must be approved by the ASDCA BOD. In addition, Lifetime membership does not require the member to currently own an AKC registered Anatolian Shepherd Dog nor does it require the Lifetime member to pay annual dues. However, it does require the member to not be an Officer or Director of an Anatolian Shepherd Dog club that is not an AKC accredited or AKC eligible Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club. Such dog clubs shall include, but are not limited to, the following dogs considered by the ASDCA to be Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, commonly referred to as: Kangal, Akbash, or Karabash. Lifetime members enjoy all the privileges of the Club, including voting and office holding. No member can be made a Lifetime member without his/her consent.

SECTION 2. Dues.

- (a) **Membership Dues.** Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors by October 1 of each year. If the Board of Directors does not change the dues, the dues from the previous year shall continue in effect. Membership dues shall not exceed Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per year, payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. By the 15th of November, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. New members elected to Membership on, or after, October 1 shall not be required to pay dues in the year to follow but thereafter will pay the required dues.
- (b) **Application Fee.** The application fee shall apply to new applications for club membership and renewals of lapsed memberships. The application fee shall be set by the Board of Directors and announced when a fee change has occurred.

SECTION 3. Election to Membership. The ASDCA is a voluntary association. The Club's membership application process, procedures and forms shall be those adopted by the Board of

Directors, subject to the following requirements.

- a) Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and the rules of the ASDCA, as well as the rules of the AKC. The application shall state the name, mailing as well as physical address, phone number, Email address, occupation and interests of the applicant, the type of membership applied for, and shall carry the endorsement of two regular members in good standing of the ASDCA. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues and application fee payment for the current year.
- b) Applicants may be elected/approved for club membership by ballot at any meeting of the Board of Directors or by vote of the Directors by mail. Affirmative votes of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board or of two-thirds (2/3) of entire Board voting by mail shall be required to elect an applicant.
- c) An application which has received a negative vote by the Board may be presented by one of the applicant's endorsers at the next annual meeting of the Club. The members may elect such applicant by a favorable vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of the members present and voting by secret ballot.

SECTION 4. Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated:

- a) *By Resignation.* Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.
- b) *By Lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty-one (31) days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional sixty (60) days of grace to such delinquent members upon a showing of good cause. If a request is made for an additional 60 days to send in payment of dues, the Board will review and vote upon such request within thirty (30) days of the request being made. The request must be in writing and sent to the Secretary via mail (United States Postal Service [USPS], Email, or fax). The request must contain an explanation regarding the delinquent dues. The decision of the Board will be final. In no case may a person whose dues are unpaid be entitled to vote at any Club meeting.
- c) *By Expulsion.* A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of these Bylaws.

SECTION 5. *Good Standing.* A member in good standing is a Regular Individual whose dues are current, and who is not under suspension by the ASDCA or the AKC.

SECTION 6. *Indebtedness.* No individual member or member club may incur indebtedness on the part of the ASDCA without the approval of the ASDCA Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. *Reinstatement of Membership.* A person whose membership has lapsed may apply for reinstatement within the same calendar year. Any request for reinstatement should state the reason the membership was permitted to lapse and must include payment of dues for the current year and any application fee then in effect. At the next Board meeting the Treasurer shall notify each member of the Board of the request for reinstatement, seeking approval or disapproval of the application. A member who fails to apply for reinstatement within the specified time period may reapply for Club membership in the manner provided in Article II, Section 3 of

these By-laws.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

SECTION 1. *Annual Meetings.* The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in conjunction with the Club's National Specialty Show, if possible, at a place, date, and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Secretary to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the annual meeting shall have ten (10) percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by ten (10) percent of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such other meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be ten (10) percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. *Board Meetings.* The first meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the installation of the Officers and Directors on or about October 1st of the election year. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly and at such times and places as are designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of such other meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary, either by USPS or email (provided all Board members have access to Email; See Article III, Section 5). to each member of the Board at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board Meeting shall be a majority of the Board voting in person, by mail, email, and FAX or telephone conference call. The meetings may be held either by teleconference or in person. Teleconference meetings will be initiated by the Secretary who will provide an agenda to each Board member.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail, email, fax or telephone conference calls through the Secretary provided it does not conflict with any other provision of these bylaws. Items voted on by mail, email, fax or telephone conference call must be confirmed in writing by the Secretary within fifteen days. All business conducted via email shall be done so as outlined by the AKC's policy regarding the use of email (See Article III, Section 5).

SECTION 5. Club email communications shall be in accordance with current American Kennel Club policy.

ARTICLE IV

Directors, Officers, AKC Delegate and Honorary President

SECTION 1. *Board of Directors.* The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the five (5) Officers and six (6) other persons (Directors), all of whom shall be Regular or Lifetime members in good standing with the ASDCA, who are residents of the United States and who have been

regular members of the Club for at least three consecutive years, prior to the date of the election. They shall be elected for four (4) year terms in the manner provided in Article V, the Officers and Directors terms being staggered into two groups. The President, Treasurer, and three Directors will be elected every four years. The Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and three Directors will be elected two years following the election of the President, Treasurer and three Directors effective 2010. Each group will be elected in alternating even-numbered years and shall serve until their successors are elected. Officers and Directors may succeed themselves. If an Officer or Director misses two (2) or more Scheduled Board meetings in a Fiscal Club year without just cause, as determined by a vote of the Board of Directors, he/she may be replaced on the Board per Article IV, Section 4.

SECTION 2. Officers. The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

- a) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of the President in addition to those particularly specified in these Bylaws. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and a voting member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. Upon completion of a 4 year term, the immediate Past President may become a nonvoting member of the Board of Directors and may become an ex officio (advisory status) for the two years following his or her term in office.
- b) Vice President. The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the President or Board of Directors.
- c) Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all votes taken by mail, email, fax, telephone conference calls, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club, notify members of meetings, and set the agenda for meetings, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws.
- d) Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the general correspondence of the Club, respond to all membership inquiries and correspondence, will keep a membership roll of the members of the Club, shall notify new members of their election to the Club, notify Officers and Directors of their election to office, and shall have charge of all general correspondence as are prescribed in these Bylaws and not otherwise assigned by these Bylaws.
- e) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club and disperse all monies payable by the ASDCA. Monies shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club. The ASDCA's financial transactions shall be recorded using standard accounting practices and procedures. The books shall always be open to inspection of the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported. At the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall carry out such other duties as prescribed in these Bylaws. All expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be covered with a Crime insurance policy in such amount as the Board of Directors may determine.
- f) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by same person
- g) AKC Delegate: The Delegate shall report to the Club in writing all actions and matters discussed at the AKC's Quarterly Meetings within 30 days of the AKC meeting. The AKC Delegate shall be a regular member in good standing with the ASDCA. He or she may,

but need not be a Director or Officer of the club. The delegate shall be appointed by the Board to represent the club at AKC meetings. The Delegate shall advise the Board of any items to be voted on by AKC, especially those matters which would directly affect the Anatolian Shepherd Dog breed or the ASDCA. The term of appointment will be reviewed annually by the Board during the annual meeting. Unless the appointment has been withdrawn by the Board, or the delegate has resigned, the delegate shall serve until the credentials of his successor have been approved by the AKC.

- h) Honorary President: The Founder of the ASDCA shall serve on the ASDCA Board of Directors in an honorary capacity as a non voting member.
- i) All Officers and Board members will adhere to the Duties, Expectations and Responsibilities for the Officers and Board of Directors of the ASDCA.

SECTION 3. *Duties, Expectations & Responsibilities for the Officers and Board of Directors of the ASDCA.* Minor changes to the Duties, Expectations and Responsibilities for the Officers and Board of Directors of the ASDCA may be approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board.

SECTION 4. *Vacancies*

- a) A vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the death, resignation or removal of a Director; (2) an increase of the authorized number of Directors created by an amendment to the Bylaws; (3) the declaration by resolution of the Board of a vacancy in the office of a Director who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court, or convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving abuse of a dog.
- b) Any vacancies occurring on the Board among the Officers or Directors or in the AKC Delegate position during the year shall be filled by a regular club member in good standing. A majority vote of the remaining members of the Board will be required to select that club member. The selected club member will serve for the remainder of the unfinished term. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of the Vice President shall be filled by a Board member.

SECTION 5. *Business Procedure.* Any action that may legally be taken by the Board of Directors on a duly called and held meeting may just as effectively be taken by the Board of Directors by mail, email, fax, or teleconference. All electronic activities (correspondence) must have a copy of the correspondence on file with the Secretary.

SECTION 6. General Management of the club's affairs is entrusted to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections

SECTION 1. *Club Year.* The Club's Fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December. The Club's Official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the annual meeting and shall continue through till the next annual meeting. The elected officers and directors shall take office on the first day of the month following the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after the election, unless an extension is granted by the Board. If the properties and records belonging to the Club are not turned over in 30 days, that member may be suspended following a hearing in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article VII.

SECTION 2. *Voting.* At the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those regular members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the election of Officers and Directors (held every two [2] years) and amendments to the constitution and bylaws and the standard for the breed which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail or electronic ballot. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail or electronic ballot. Members will be able to participate in all ASDCA balloting through electronic ballots concurrent with all paper ballots.

SECTION 3. *Election of Officers and Directors.* The election of Officers and Directors shall be conducted by secret ballot. To be valid, the Secretary must receive ballots on or before September 1 of the election year. The Board may designate an independent professional firm to send, receive and/or count the ballots apart from the Annual Meeting. If an independent professional firm is not used, then three inspectors of election, who are Regular members in good standing and neither members of the current Board nor candidates, shall count ballots. Newly elected officers and/or directors will be installed in office on October 1st of the election year. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the meeting, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article IV, Section 4.

SECTION 4. *Nomination and Ballots.* No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these Bylaws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors on or before February 1 of the election year. The Committee shall consist of three (3) members from different areas of the United States and two (2) alternates, all regular members in good standing, and no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business in person, by fax, by mail, by teleconference or by email in accordance with the policy approved for the Board of Directors.

- a) Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office and for each Director's position open and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practical to do so. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary on or before April 1 of the election year who shall mail the list, including the full name of each candidate and the name of the state in which he or she resides, to each member of the Club on or before May 1 of the election year, so that additional nominations may be made by ASDCA regular members in good standing if they so desire. The Slate submitted to the Secretary shall contain the individuals recommended by the Committee and a copy of their ASDCA Nominating Committee Questionnaire.
- b) Each candidate seeking an ASDCA club office shall complete an ASDCA Nominating Committee questionnaire. The questionnaire shall be approved by the Board of Directors and will include the written acknowledgement of acceptance of the nomination by the candidate if selected.
- c) If a regular club member eligible for an ASDCA office was not selected by the Nominating Committee, he or she may still be nominated for an ASDCA office. Additional nominations of eligible regular club members in good standing may be submitted by completing the ASDCA Nomination - Biography form and mailed to the Secretary. The

form must be received on or before July 1 of the election year. The form must be signed by five (5) Regular members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate. Except for the position of Delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position.

- d) If no valid additional nominations are received on or before July 1 of the election year, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.
- e) If one or more valid additional nominations are received on or before July 1 of the election year, the Secretary (or an independent professional firm designated by the Board) shall, on or before August 1, send to each regular member in good standing a paper or electronic ballot listing all the nominees for each position, in alphabetical order and with the names of the states in which they reside. ASDCA BOD will choose a reputable e-ballot platform with robust security features like encryption, user authentication, and audit trails. In addition, we will implement measures to verify voter identity and eligibility, such as unique login credentials or two-factor authentication. Importantly, ballot secrecy is critical to ensure voters cannot be pressured or tracked while casting their ballots.

ASDCA BOD will provide clear and concise instructions on how to access and cast votes electronically.

If a member prefers to vote via paper ballot, ASDCA BOD will mail the ballot package that will include, the ballot, a blank envelope and return envelope addressed to the Secretary (or designated professional firm) marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter using a paper ballot will mark their ballot and seal it in the blank envelope which, in turn, shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Secretary (or designated professional firm). The inspectors of election (or designated professional firm) shall check the returns against the list of members whose dues are paid for the current year prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes and shall certify the eligibility of the voters. The results of the voting shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting and/or published on the ASDCA website and in the ASDCA Newsletter upon certification of the election and after the candidates have been notified of the results.

- f) For paper ballots, when the deadlines referenced by the dates listed in Article V, Sections 3 and 4 fall on federal holidays and U.S. mail is not delivered, the deadline shall be extended to the next day when U.S. mail is delivered.
- g) When the deadlines referenced by the dates listed in Article V, Sections 3 and 4 fall on federal holidays and U.S. mail is not delivered, the deadline shall be extended to the next day when U.S. mail is delivered.
- h) Nominations for election of Officers and Directors cannot be made at the Annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it

on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

ARTICLE VII Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Actions

SECTION 1. *American Kennel Club Disciplinary Action.* Any member who is suspended from any or all privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Harassment, intimidation, or any form of bullying will not be tolerated by the ASDCA. This includes but is not limited to physical bullying, verbal bullying, and cyber bullying as well as conduct determined to be prejudicial to the breed or the club.

SECTION 3. This includes behavior such as:

- a) When someone uses aggressive acts or comments meant to intimidate, humiliate, embarrass, or degrade someone (or a group of people). It's often, but not always, repetitive through ongoing actions or a pattern of behavior. This may lead to physical, psychological, and social harm.
- b) Any form of discrimination and retaliation against an individual who reports or assists in the investigation of an act of bullying is also strictly prohibited.

SECTION 4. Definition of terms:

- a) *Bullying:* The use by one or more members of a written, oral, or electronic communication, such as cyberbullying, directed at or referring to another member. A physical act or gesture by one or more members directed at another member that:
 - i. Causes physical or emotional harm to such member or damage to such member's property,
 - ii. Places such as a member in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself, or of damage to his or her property.
 - iii. Creates a hostile environment at ASDCA events.
 - iv. Infringes on the rights of such member at ASDCA events or
 - v. Substantially disrupts the sportsmanship or the orderly operation of an ASDCA event.
- b) *Physical Bullying:* Is a malicious attack on a member with the intent to cause physical harm.
- c) *Verbal Bullying:* Demoralization of a person's character in person whether one on one or in a group setting.
- d) *Cyber Bullying:* Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices such as cell phones, computers, and tablets. Some of the ways cyberbullying can occur, but not limited to, is via SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying may cross the line into unlawful or criminal behavior.

SECTION 5. Any ASDCA member who engages in bullying as defined in this Code of Conduct may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion from the Club. Consequences will be taken against any member of the Club who participates in any form of this behavior.

SECTION 6. ASDCA is required to take specific steps when an incident as defined in the ASDCA Code of Conduct is reported. For information on ASDCA's procedure for reporting, go to the ASDCA website ASDCA Code of Conduct and scroll down to the ASDCA Complaint Form.

- a) *Step 1: Charges.* Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged misconduct for bullying an individual or misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary no later than thirty (30) days of the incident, together with a deposit of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board of Directors following a hearing. If the charges are sustained, the filing fee of one hundred (\$100.00) will be refunded to the Member.

Within 24 hrs. of receipt of the complaint, the Secretary shall send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club, Breed, or member. If the Board of Directors considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to any of the above, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction.

- b) *Step 2: The Investigation.* After receiving the complaint, the Board of Directors must start an investigation of the complaint at a Special meeting or their next regular Board meeting. If the Board of Directors entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for the Hearing by the Board of Directors or a committee of not less than three (3) members of the Board of Directors. The Corresponding Secretary shall within 48 hours send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail, together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear via teleconference or videoconference in their own defense and bring witnesses if desired. The Board of Directors and/or committee may conduct the Hearing via teleconference or videoconference if an Annual Board meeting is not scheduled to occur during the designated Hearing period.

- i. Length of the Investigation – The investigation will be completed within four (4) weeks of the date of the written complaint report. If there is information related to the investigation that is received after the 7-day deadline, the filing ASDCA member may amend the original contents of the report to include the information. There is a 72-hour deadline for making an amendment to the report. The Board of Directors will decide on the way to respond to the additional information.

- c) *Step 3: Board Hearing.* The Board of Directors shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. The Board Hearing will be held at least 21 days no more than eight (8) weeks after the accused has been notified of the charges he/she is accused of. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, the Board of Directors may, by a majority of those present, reprimand the defendant, and/or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing or until the next Annual Meeting if that will occur. If the Board of Directors deems that punishment is

insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. Any reprimand or suspension will take effect *five (5)* days following the completion of the Board Hearing. If the Board recommends expulsion, this will be presented for a membership vote at the next Annual Club meeting. Within 48 hours, the results of the AGM vote will be shared with the accused member. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before the membership at the ensuing Annual Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board of Directors. Immediately after the Board of Directors has reached a decision, its findings shall be filed, in written form, with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 7. Expulsion. The expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors or Committee as provided in Step 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing on his or her own behalf although no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges, the findings and the recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak on his or her own behalf. The regular members present at the meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the Annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand. Once a member is expelled from the ASDCA, they will no longer be eligible for reinstatement to the club.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and to the Standard for the breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty (20%) percent of the regular membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted by the Secretary to the members with recommendations of the Board of Directors for a vote within three (3) months of the date the petition is received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The Constitution and Bylaws and the Standard for the breed may be amended at any time, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent by the Secretary to each regular member in good standing via mail or electronic ballot on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Dual-envelope procedures described in Article V, Section 4 (e) shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of the paper ballot postmarked by which the ballots must be returned to the Secretary. The favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the regular members in good standing who return valid paper or electronic ballots within the time limit shall be required to impact any such amendment.

SECTION 3. No amendment to the ASDCA constitution, Bylaws, or the Standard for the Anatolian Shepherd Dog breed that is adopted by the ASDCA shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.]

ARTICLE IX

Dissolution

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club, nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club. After payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs to be selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

Order of Business

SECTION 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the Character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows.

Roll Call
Minutes of the last meeting
Report of the President
Report of the Secretary
Report of the Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board of Directors, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of the minutes of last meeting
Report of the Secretary
Report of the Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.



ASDCA 2026 Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America and our mission! Please complete this form and return it with appropriate payment to apply for membership with the ASDCA.

Applicant Information

Last Name:

First Name:

Occupation:

Physical Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Preferred Contact Method:

Kennel Name:

Yes, I would like my name, address, email & phone number published in the membership roster.

No, I do not want my information listed in the membership roster. I understand my Name will be published.

*Note: If you do not check either box above, that constitutes authorization for your name, address, email and phone number to be published in the membership roster.

AKC/ASDCA Registered Anatolian(s) currently owned: (Registered Name & Registration Number)

Other Dog Clubs or Animal Clubs you belong to and offices held:

Special Skills or abilities you can use to assist the ASDCA:

Areas of Interest (check all that apply)

Breeding

Obedience

Therapy Dog

Showing (Conformation)

Public Education

Personal Companion

Working

Rescue

Do you use your Anatolians on a working farm/ranch?

Special skills/abilities I can contribute... (check all that apply)

Online technology (Divi builder, web security, etc.)

Writing (educational and entertainment)

Publishing (educational materials)

Teaching (public education, mentorship)

Research/Data Entry

Working dog resources

ENDORSEMENTS BY TWO ASDCA MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING REQUIRED FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:

Sponsor Name Signature

Sponsor Name Signature



Membership Types and Fees, Including \$5 Application Fee (Pick One)

Individual Membership

INDIVIDUAL (REGULAR) MEMBERSHIP open to any owner, 18 years or older, of an AKC and/or ASDCA registered Anatolian Shepherd Dog. *Requires endorsement by two ASDCA regular members in good standing (see page 2) AND must be voted upon by the Board of Directors. Associate Member status granted until applicant is accepted by the Board of Directors.

\$45

Family Membership

FAMILY (REGULAR) MEMBERSHIP open to any two individuals who reside in the same household, 18 years or older, each of whom comply with the same requirements as that of the Individual Membership. Each must own (be an owner of record on the registration papers) of an AKC and/or ASDCA registered Anatolian Shepherd Dog. *Requires endorsement by two ASDCA regular members in good standing (see page 2) AND must be voted upon by the Board of Directors. Associate Member status granted until applicant is accepted by the Board of Directors. Each adult is entitled to one vote but receives only one copy of any ASDCA publication.

\$55

Associate Membership

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP open to persons 18 years or older who has an ongoing interest in the Anatolian Shepherd Dog. DOES NOT require endorsement by two ASDCA regular members in good standing.

\$35

Junior Membership

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP open to persons 10-17 years of age. DOES NOT require endorsement by two ASDCA regular members in good standing. FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: DATE OF BIRTH IS REQUIRED: _____

\$25

No individual member will enjoy voting if his/her dues are in arrears. All dues shall become due January 1 of each year. Dues not received by February 28th shall be arrears. There are no half-year dues. An Associate Membership does not include voting privileges. All memberships include one yearly subscription per household (3 issues) to the ANATOLIAN TIMES. Note: The names of new applicants are published on the ASDCA members only section of the website to allow for comments from the current membership. Membership will be voted on by the ASDCA Board of Directors 45 – 60 days after posting.

I/WE HAVE READ THE ASDCA BY-LAWS AND THE ASDCA CODE OF ETHICS. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE BY-LAWS AND CODE OF ETHICS AS ADOPTED BY THE ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. AS WELL AS TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB. I/WE CERTIFY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THIS FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROVIDED INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION BY THE ASDCA.

Signature

Date

Second Signature

Date

Additional Options (Check all that apply)

Foreign Membership

For our members in Mexico and Overseas.

\$20

Printed Anatolian Times Subscription

Get all 3 editions printed and mailed to your house this year.

\$45

By returning your membership renewal you are agreeing to follow the ASDCA By-Laws and the ASDCA Code of Ethics.

Send check /money order
PAYABLE to ASDCA, Inc. to:

Molly Akin – ASDCA Treasurer
P.O. Box 531
Valley Center, CA 92082

Total Amount Enclosed:

\$ _____