

The Constitution of **The Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.** contains the following: “The objects of the club shall be:

- a. to further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs
- b. to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all ethical breeders of purebred dogs
- c. to encourage sportsmanlike competition
- d. to conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests and performance events for which the Club is eligible under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club
- e. to educate the public about the care of purebred dogs and to prevent acts of cruelty to dogs. The Club shall be involved in rescue and provide money and assets to other exempt organizations, such as veterinary schools, local humane societies, educational institutions, foundations and public charities dedicated to the health and welfare of purebred dogs.”

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

Here are the requirements:

1. You must attend two meetings as a guest within a six month period. Remember the dates; you will have to put them on your application.
2. At your second meeting you may request a membership application from the Secretary. This must be done in writing and must contain your name, address and phone number. Each prospective member must fill out an application even in the case of a couple applying for a household membership.
3. You must have two members in good standing act as your sponsors. You should take advantage of your meetings as a guest to talk to members and find sponsors. They also have forms to complete.
4. All the forms (yours and your sponsors) along with your dues are to be returned to the Secretary. No action will be taken until all the forms are in.
5. Once all the forms and your dues are turned in, your name, address and the names of your sponsors will be published in the next month’s meeting notice to the entire membership as going to be “read and voted on”. At this meeting your application will be read to the membership and a vote will be taken.
6. You may attend this meeting but must leave the meeting room while the vote is taken. The Membership Chair will come out and give you the results of the vote at which time, provided you are voted in, you may return to the meeting as a member.
7. If not voted in, and you wish to try again, you must wait six months before reapplying. You may continue to attend meetings as a guest.

NOTE;

From the WKC Bylaws: “The quorum for a Club meeting shall be twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing”.

If you think you may not be able to attend meetings on a regular basis, please consider applying for an Associate Membership. This type of membership entitles you to all the benefits of membership except voting and holding office. Because they don’t vote Associate Members do not count towards the quorum. If there is no quorum, we can’t hold a meeting.

