

# American Azawakh Association, Inc. Application for Regular Membership

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Azawakh Association, Inc. and The Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club, AKC's Code of Sportsmanship and the American Azawakh Association's Code of Ethics

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorser Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorser Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: Regular Membership \$25.00 per year. Regular members have voting privileges and are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. Return completed application and a signed copy of the AAA Code of Ethics & Guidelines together with a check payable to American Azawakh Association and mailed to:

Jan Butterworth,  
245 Grove Street,  
Kingston,  
MA. 02364

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Please update the following information:

I currently own the following Azawakhs:

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Other breeds: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I offer the following:

Stud Service:    Rescue:    Puppy Sales:    Fostering:    Adult Sales

I am currently a member of the following clubs and organizations:

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Have you bred and registered litters within the last three years?

Have you exhibited in AKC approved events within the last two years?

- What type
- CONF; OB; RLY; AG; FT; HT; LC; ED; TK; HE; SW;

Are you a Judge? What are you approved to judge?

Do you have event committee experience? What was your position?

What breed/s do you exhibit/own?

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**For Club Use:**

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by a quorum of the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

## **American Azawakh Association CODE OF ETHICS & GUIDELINES**

As a member of the American Azawakh Association (AAA), I recognize that I am often faced with decisions about courses of action that can impact the health and well-being of my own dogs and the preservation of the Azawakh breed as a whole.

To that end, the AAA Code of Ethics & Guidelines are for both owners and breeders to:

- Protect the welfare of individual Azawakhs.
- Strive to insure that Azawakhs are not bred or used for purposes detrimental to the breed.
- Place the well-being of an Azawakh as a top priority. This includes ensuring sanitary warm housing, fresh food and water, abundant supervised free exercise, and a stimulating environment. An Azawakh's health and well-being should never be compromised by breeding or competitive objectives.
- Comply with all AKC rules and regulations, and abide by the AKC Code of Sportsmanship
- Treat and represent other members with respect, positive regard, and generous spirit.
- Urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club (AKC) as the only Standard of Excellence by which Azawakhs shall be judged.
- Abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Azawakh Association and to understand and abide by all Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.
- Require that any agent, employee or other person acting on behalf of the member comply with all principles outlined in this Code of Ethics and Guidelines.
- Conduct oneself in a manner to reflect credit upon them, the breed, and the Club whether at home, at shows, or traveling by:
  - The display of good sportsmanship at all times.
  - Refrain from false or malicious criticism (hurtful or mean-spirited comments) about a competitor's dog, a breeder, an owner, or a judge's decision.
  - Practice and promote responsible dog ownership, to include the control of your dog's conduct in public places. Respect the property of others, including facilities used for dog events, especially by use of proper sanitary measures.

- Never communicate in a false or misleading manner by means of the Internet, telephone or mail. Members are reminded that they should be especially careful of the image of the Azawakh, the AAA, and themselves when communicating by these instantaneous and far reaching media. In the interest of good sportsmanship, one's opinion should always be presented as only one's personal opinion, and presented without malice.
- Understand that these principles are to encourage cooperation among owners and breeders of Azawakh. I will strive to be ethical in all matters with the public and with my peers.

**As an Azawakh owner I will:**

- Maintain a high standard of health, care and cleanliness for Azawakhs in my care.
  - Study and learn the conformation and character of my Azawakhs, looking to their structure, health, temperament, and their ability to guard and to hunt.
  - I shall make every effort to see that my Azawakhs have the socialization necessary to allow their natural love and acceptance of human companionship to be developed to the fullest extent.
  - Under no circumstances, surrender an Azawakh to a humane society or shelter.

**As an Azawakh breeder:**

- I shall, with the knowledge that the demand for Azawakh puppies may not meet the supply potential, refrain from breeding for the sake of producing puppies, but shall be conservative and selective in my breeding program. Before the breeding of my bitch, I shall have adequate facilities to keep and care for all puppies until the proper homes are found for them
- Place Azawakhs in homes that have been carefully assessed for overall suitability. Members should make every effort to determine that a potential owner is committed to satisfying the breed's unique requirements. It is the responsibility of both the owner of the stud dog and the brood bitch to place puppies in suitable homes.
- Truthfully and realistically represent the Azawakh being bred, sold and/or placed in terms of temperament, quality, health, and genetic history.

- Consult with my breeder and/or with a knowledgeable, experienced mentor, to broaden my understanding and knowledge of the breed before beginning an Azawakh breeding program.
- Be discouraged from breeding an Azawakh that is known to have serious inheritable defects or genetic diseases, such as but not limited to:
  - Canine hip/elbow dysplasia
  - Primary epilepsy
  - Seizure disorders
  - Thyroid disorders
  - Masticatory Myositis
  - Spinal Stenosis
  - Autoimmune disease
  - Eye disorders
  - Heart defects
  - Undescended testicles
  - Extreme shyness or viciousness
- Be encouraged to only breed Azawakhs that have been certified free of hip dysplasia. In addition OFA elbow/patella, cardiac and thyroid tests are strongly recommended. Other health tests such as brucellosis, and other unspecified tests should be declared in agreement between the owners of the sire and dam prior to breeding.

The testing and registries should not be limited to those listed here. As veterinary medicine advances in areas such as genetic mapping and in the development of newer or better testing tools for a wide variety of genetic issues, these tests may be superseded by new ones at some future date.

**As a breeder, I am also strongly encouraged to:**

- Refrain from breeding Azawakhs until they are a minimum of 2 years old.
- Refrain from breeding with a complete Coefficient of Inbreeding (COI) of greater than 6%.
- Refuse to knowingly sell to commercial wholesalers, retail brokers, or research laboratories.
- Accept full responsibility for every dog that I breed. As owner of a stud dog, to offer stud services only to those breeders who accept full responsibility for what they breed.
- Sell or place on a contract that ensures that I am contacted whenever the owner cannot keep a dog at any time in the dog's life. To assist in the placement of the dog or accept its return.

- Give vaccinations and worming in accordance with my Veterinarian's current protocol, prior to the sale or placement of the Azawakh.
- Supply the buyer with information on all veterinary care, and instructions for the care, feeding, and training of the Azawakh, and information about the American Azawakh Association.
- Cover, in writing, all bills of sale with detailed accuracy including:
  - Registration and/or litter paper
  - A three generation pedigree (if available)
  - A complete medical history (record)
  - Conditions and terms of sale or adoption
  - Health warranty detailing conditions for replacement/reimbursement
  - Details on proper feeding and care
- Transfer all applicable registration papers at the time the purchase agreement is completed and agreeable to both parties
- Use spay/neuter agreements and/or AKC Limited Registration if selling or placing a pet Azawakh, or if it is known or believed the dog might manifest hereditary defects detrimental to the breed.
- Follow AKC requirements for record keeping, identification of breeding stock, and registration procedures AKC Procedures for Registration Matters.
- Recommend that all purchasers have their dog examined by a licensed veterinarian within 48 hours of receipt.
- Remember that my responsibility as the owner of the sire and/or the dam does not end with the sale or placement of the Azawakh. As a breeder, I will strive to maintain contact with the buyer of a pup throughout the life of the dog.

Nothing in this Code of Ethics & Guidelines should be construed to be in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club or the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Azawakh Association.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_