National Shiba Club of America
Breeder Directory and Education Program
For Fiscal Year January 1st to December 31st 2027
Application for Breeder Directory

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE NSCA BREEDER DIRECTORY AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. THIS APPLICATION IS FOR NSCA MEMBERS ONLY. A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PAYMENT OR APPLICATION WILL BE DENIED.

The Undersigned, _____ hereby request that my name(s) be listed in the Breeder Directory and Education Program. I understand that:

1. The NSCA has published and actively promotes Guidelines for Responsible Breeders.
2. As a member of the NSCA and a breeder of the Shiba Inu, I promise to follow these Guidelines with the understanding that my Directory listing may be removed without a refund if I should violate any of these terms.
3. The Breeder Directory and Education Program includes a complaint response procedure and my signature(s) on this form is an acknowledgment of my receipt of a copy of that procedure.
4. I understand that this is also an education program and, as a participant, I may be contacted by potential Shiba Inu owners for information about the breed even if I do not have puppies available at the time.

Have you had any complaints regarding your breeding practices, kennel, or other dog-related activity in the past five years? If yes, what was the issue and how was it resolved? ☐YES ☐NO

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Any member who has a legal action pending against them pertaining to dogs must notify the BDEP committee within 30 days. Breeder Directory privileges will be held in abeyance for all persons with open suits, investigations, and charges while legal is action is open and if there is a counter action, both parties' Breeder Directory Privileges will be held in abeyance pending resolution.

No refund will be issued if a member must be removed after their application was approved.

Have you ever been suspended from the American Kennel Club? ☐YES ☐NO
If yes Date of Suspension from _____ to _____.
This application will be denied if you have been suspended by the AKC in the last 5 years.

Qualifications for membership:

1. Three (3) years of continuous regular membership, from the date of this application, in the National Shiba Club of America. Date of NSCA membership acceptance: _____ (find at https://shibas.org/members_login.html)

2. The breeding of at least one Shiba Inu AKC Champion.
Name of Champion: _____
Date of Birth: _____ **Registration #:** _____ **Date titled:** _____
Sire: _____ **CHIC#** _____
Dam: _____ **CHIC#** _____

3. Bred, whelped, and raised at least one litter in the past five years.
Whelp Date: _____ **# of Pups:** _____ **Reg.# for 1 Pup from Litter:** _____
Sire: _____ **CHIC#** _____
Dam: _____ **CHIC#** _____

Is this Application a NEW ☐ or RENEWAL ☐? (If renewal, you may request info on file at bdep@shibas.org)
If this is a RENEWAL, is your listing correct on the Breeder Directory at http://www.shibas.org/breeders.html
☐YES ☐NO?
If no, or if this is a new application, please provide the following you want added or changed:
Kennel name_____
Address_____
Phone #_____ E-Mail Address_____
Website address_____
Breeder categories: ☐H ☐E ☐K ☐P ☐A ☐S ☐R ☐W ☐G ☐C ☐O ☐T

I also understand that I may be contacted by the Breeder Directory and Education Committee for additional information to resolve a complaint or inquiry. I will have 30 days from the initial contact to respond with the information requested or I may be removed from the Breeder Directory. If my listing is removed, it will be reconsidered once I have supplied requested information. With Board approval, additional response time may be granted as the situation warrants.

I/We have agreed to the attached guidelines and am/are making this Application on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

No Signature Required

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Type Your Name

No Signature Required

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Type Your Name

Send the compled application to BDEP@shibas.org. If paying by check, mail it to the address below:
Jeri Burnside
NSCA Breeder Directory
3542 Wagon Wheel Court
Chino, CA 91710

Please complete and return in PDF format ONLY (No photos, JPG, etc).

CHECKLIST:
☐ **2-page Application:** _____
☐ **$30 Check payable to NSCA** _____
Or
☐ **PayPal payment made to breederdirectory@shibas.org.** **Date paid**_____

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Guidelines

The Guidelines which I promise to follow under penalty of being removed from the Breeder Directory and Education Program are as follows:

As a Responsible breeder, I will:

1. Strive in each breeding to achieve the highest quality possible, relative to the breed standard for conformation, temperament and health by breeding only physically sound dogs of stable temperament that are free of known inheritable defects.
2. All of my breeding stock will be tested per the Parent Club health testing recommendations which includes hip dysplasia, patella luxation, and eye defects. I will also do my best to be aware of any history (within their lines) of genetic diseases pertinent to the Shiba Inu such as allergies, seizure disorders, heart disorders, and other heritable diseases. Documentation of any health screening will be made available to prospective buyers.
3. Apply the same high standards to those bitches/stud dogs accepted for breeding to my bitches/stud dogs as I apply to my own breeding stock.
4. Gain personal knowledge of the temperament and health of every dog I breed or use for breeding in order to gather information on which to base future breeding decisions. I will share all health and temperament information fully and honestly with other breeders and with prospective buyers. I will attempt to match the personality of each puppy as carefully as possible with a compatible buyer/family. I will evaluate temperament of each litter before puppies are offered for sale.
5. Disclose any known health or temperament issues for sire or dam to puppy buyers or anyone who is using one of my dogs or bitches for breeding. (For example: health issues, see number two above.) Examples of temperament issues may include aggressive tendencies, excessive guarding behavior or shyness. I will educate my buyer that inherent temperament will be greatly influenced (good/bad) by socializing, training, and environment.
6. Sell show/breeding prospects only to ethical persons. I will be willing to mentor and educate all novice buyers who have intentions to breed.
7. Not represent or sell puppies/dogs displaying any AKC disqualification or serious fault (off colors such as cream or pinto) as being of show or breeding quality.
8. Have each puppy examined by a veterinarian for general health. Each puppy will have current vaccinations and be de-wormed. A health record furnished by a veterinarian will accompany each puppy at the time of sale. This record will ascertain good health and list all known health problems pertaining to the pup. My Buyers will be encouraged to have their puppy examined by a veterinarian upon receipt. Current health records will also accompany each older dog that is placed into a new home.
9. Supply to every buyer (whether with limited or unlimited registration) a written contract containing all pertinent information: This includes, but is not limited to, a copy (or the means of obtaining a copy) of health screenings available of sire and dam, vaccination records and health exams for the puppy, a copy (or means of obtaining a copy) of a three-generation pedigree for that puppy. The AKC Registration Application will also be provided in a timely manner based on the contract agreement. I will also supply each puppy buyer with the NSCA website URL (http://www.shibas.org).
10. Require that all buyers of pet puppies/adult dogs spay/neuter, within the time periods specified in the purchase contract.

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11. Encourage puppy buyers to go to puppy and obedience class.
12. Take puppy back if it exhibits unacceptable (to buyer) temperament issues (extreme aggression or shyness), within 60 days. I will allow the puppy owner to return the puppy to me for a refund of ***up to*** full purchase price or have the option of (but will not be compelled to accept) a replacement puppy.
13. At any time, accept the return of any dog/bitch for which I am listed as breeder of record on all AKC documentation. This includes animals purchased by the original buyer, a subsequent home, rescue, shelter or animal control. I will always help when relocation of an animal I have bred is needed.
14. Not sell, supply, donate or surrender any dog I breed or own to a pet shop, raffle, catalog house, wholesale dealer, dog pound, animal shelter, back yard breeder, rescue organization (except under special circumstances) or laboratory (unless for accredited breed research). I will insist upon reasonable assurance that everyone receiving a dog from my kennel will provide a home with appropriate shelter and responsible care and will provide educational resource information to assist buyers to become responsible dog owners.
15. Not engage in misleading or false advertising. I will not state that I am "certified" or "approved" by the NSCA as a breeder. I will not use NSCA membership or logo on my private Web Site without written permission from the NSCA board of directors. When titles advertised have not been awarded by AKC or NSCA, I will advertise those titles with the abbreviation or name of the awarding organization.
16. Participate and cooperate, in such a way with which I am comfortable, in accredited research studies into heritable defects affecting the Shiba Inu.
17. Return emails and telephone calls to those inquiring about available Shibas and requesting information about the breed or NSCA.
18. Make myself available (return emails, letters, and phone calls) to my puppy/dog buyers for as long as that dog is alive.
19. Not speak to prospective buyers in a negative manner about another breeder who is a member of NSCA.

I understand that I may be removed from the Breeder Directory if I should violate any of these terms.

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Complaint Response Procedure

To maintain the integrity of the Breeder Directory and Education Program, the NSCA has created this Complaint Response Procedure. All breeders included on the Breeder Directory and Education Program List (hereinafter referred to as "Listed Breeder") have received a copy of this Procedure.

If a party has a contractual relationship with a Listed Breeder and a problem arises out of that relationship, the party may file a written complaint on the form attached. The complaint must describe the nature of the contractual relationship. The NSCA will not entertain any complaint unless the party and the Listed Breeder have a contractual agreement.

The complaint must be in writing and must be signed by the complainant. No anonymous complaints will be accepted.

The only issue to be dealt with under this Complaint Response Procedure is the review of how the Listed Breeder allegedly failed to comply with the Guidelines for Responsible Breeders of Shiba Inu promulgated by the NSCA.

The complaint must specifically allege the facts and circumstances which the complainant believes establish the Listed Breeder's failure to comply with the Guidelines. The complaint must be filed within 3 years from the date the Listed Breeder allegedly failed to comply. No other issues will be reviewed under this Complaint Response Procedure.

The written complaint and any supporting documentation must be submitted by e-mail to the Corresponding Secretary at board@shibas.org

Upon receipt of the complaint, the Corresponding Secretary shall forward it to the Listed Breeder involved. The Corresponding Secretary shall include a certified letter to the Listed Breeder advising him/her that he/she has 30 days in which to provide a written response to the allegations contained in the complaint. The Corresponding Secretary may grant additional time to respond at his/her sole discretion, and, with Board approval, extend additional response time as the situation warrants.

If the Listed Breeder fails to respond to the complaint, that Breeder shall be removed from the Breeder Directory and Education Program for a period of five (5) years. After the five-year removal period has expired, the Listed Breeder may reapply to the Program.

If the Listed Breeder prepares a written response to the complaint, the complaint and response shall be reviewed by the NSCA Board. If the Board believes that the Listed Breeder has failed to follow the Guidelines for Responsible Breeders of the Shiba Inu, the NSCA Board shall direct that the Listed Breeder's name be removed from the Breeder Directory and Education Program, for a period to be determined by the Board, and no fees will be refunded. If the NSCA Board finds no merit in the complaint, no action shall be taken. In either event, The NSCA Board shall review the complaint and response within 30 days after receipt of the response.
The results of valid complaints and responses shall be published in club newsletter for member information.

Please use the form on the following page to register a complaint and request for response by NSCA.

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COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR RESPONSE

Complainant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Listed Breeder:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

The undersigned has a written contractual relationship with the Listed Breeder as follows:

1. Specifically describe the nature of the contractual relationship. Attach documentation and additional pages as needed.

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2. State specifically which Guidelines you believe were not followed and the facts and circumstance that support this belief. Attach documentation and additional pages as needed.

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3. Specifically describe what has been done to resolve this issue with the Breeder prior to filing this complaint.

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The NSCA Guidelines for Responsible Breeders are printed on the previous page of this form. The Listed Breeder has promised to follow those Guidelines to the best of his/her ability. The undersigned believes that the above Listed Breeder has failed to follow the Guidelines.

The undersigned hereby requests a response from the Listed Breeder and a review of this matter by the NSCA.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

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Signature of Complainant

This form should be completed in full, signed and returned to: Board@shibas.org