

WASHINGTON MIXED BREED DOG CLUB APPLICATION

A CHAPTER OF THE MIXED BREED DOG CLUBS OF AMERICA

Owners of mixed breed dogs can now join an organization especially for them. Handlers and their mixed breeds can compete and earn titles in obedience, conformation, tracking, agility, flyball, backpacking, therapy work, lure coursing and herding. The Mixed Breed Dog Clubs of America (MBDCA) is the national organization and it offers registration to all altered mixed breeds and purebreds that are barred from competition in the American Kennel Club.

You will have the opportunity to work toward completion of titles or certificates, under judges who have been certified by the MBDCA. The club has its own set of regulations to meet the unique needs of mixed breeds, while still fitting in at fun matches and show'n'go's.

In obedience, you can earn titles at the novice, open and utility levels. These titles are earned in a manner similar to the AKC rules, with a few differences, the most obvious one being legs and titles can be earned at fun matches in addition to sanctioned MBDCA chapter events.

The conformation standard is designed to promote a happy and healthy family dog, and focuses on general soundness and balance as well as excellent temperament and manners. Any dog working toward a conformation championship must achieve the novice obedience title (MB-CD) before earning more than half of the points needed for a conformation championship.

Tracking and lure coursing rules are similar to AKC rules.

The herding certificates are issued in cooperation with the American Herding Breed Association and the Australian Shepherd Club of America.

Agility certificates are issued by the North American Dog Agility Council or the United States Dog Agility Association.

MBDCA also acknowledges all titles earned by mixed breeds through the United Kennel Club (UKC).

Handlers are responsible for knowing the rules governing any form of competition in which they are planning to participate/compete. MBDCA Rules and Regulations are issued with the New Member Packet, along with all the forms necessary to start competing.

The Washington Mixed Breed Dog Club (WMBDC) is a chapter of the MBDCA. The chapter meets regularly for business meetings and activities or events. Each year the WMBDC has two main events, an annual fund raising fun match or show 'n' go in the spring, and the Regional Specialty is held in October. Each year, a National Specialty is held, and is hosted by a different chapter. Approximately every three years, the WMBDC will host this event. The Specialties are open only to the dogs of the members of the MBDCA and its chapters.

The WMBDC has its own newsletter, *Mutterings*, which is issued every other month. The MBDCA has a newsletter as well, titled *Mixed Reviews*, that comes out quarterly. As a member of the WMBDC, you will receive both publications.

Members of the MBDCA set an example of responsible dog ownership for all dog owners. All dogs registered with the MBDCA and its chapters must be altered, or have veterinary proof of sterilization. Too many dogs die every year from a lack of responsible ownership, and our members do not contribute to these tragic statistics.

The MBDCA is an organization primarily for mixed breed dogs and their owners. Nonetheless, MBDCA believes that all dogs and their owners deserve an opportunity to compete in dog sports. Accordingly, the MBDCA registers handicapped purebreds that are barred from AKC competition. Persons wishing to register a handicapped purebred need to complete a special certificate, obtainable from the MBDCA Membership Secretary; this completed certificate is included with the other papers necessary to register the dog with the MBDCA. The current Membership Secretary for the MBDCA is Linda Lewis; call 740-259-3941 or email libi-lew@juno.com.

You can register your dog with a fancy name, or you can use a simple name, or just use the dog's call name. There is no limit to how many letters you can use in your dog's name.

When you join, you will agree to abide by the following Code of Ethics; please read it carefully.

CODE OF ETHICS

1. I hereby certify that the mixed breed dog(s) owned by me are neutered or otherwise permanently sterile; any puppies I may own shall be neutered or otherwise sterilized by the age of six months, if female, and nine months if male.
2. I hereby pledge to sterilize any mixed breed dog(s) or puppies hereafter acquired by me within 30 days of the date of such acquisition, unless they are less than six months of age (if female) or nine months of age (if male), in which event, I pledge to sterilize them in accordance with Paragraph 1.
3. I shall not breed any purebred dog which is not registered with a nationally-recognized kennel club.
4. I pledge to observe good breeding practices in connection with any purebred dogs I may own, including adherence to the breed's parent club Code of Ethics, if such exists.
5. I pledge to practice good sportsmanship toward fellow club members and other dog owners.

Any questions? Please contact current WMBDC Membership Chair Lorraine Pedersen; call 425-377-9453 or email ridgebackrule@mindspring.com.

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NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE/ZIP _____ E-MAIL _____

AREA CODE/PHONE _____

OCCUPATION _____

HOBBIES/INTERESTS _____

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS JOINING _____

OTHER CLUB MEMBERSHIPS _____

**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MIXED BREEDS YOU REGISTER.
(MAKE THIS CHECK OUT TO WMBDC)**

**THE CLUB YEAR BEGINS IN OCTOBER. ANNUAL DUES ARE \$15 FOR ONE DOG OR AS A
SUPPORTING MEMBER. ADD \$5 PER EACH ADDITIONAL DOG. IF YOU ARE JOINING
OUTSIDE OF OUR FIRST QUARTER (OCT-DEC), THE DUES ARE PRO-RATED AS
FOLLOWS (AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE FOR ONE DOG; PLEASE ADD \$5 FOR EACH
ADDITIONAL DOG):**

JAN – MAR: \$11.25 APR – JUNE: \$7.50 JULY – SEPT: \$3.75

**BESIDES MEMBERSHIP DUES, THERE IS A ONE TIME REGISTRATION FEE OF \$5.00. (Per dog)
MAKE THIS CHECK TO “MBDCA” (MIXED BREED DOG CLUBS OF AMERICA) –TWO SEPARATE
CHECKS , ONE FOR WMBDC AND ONE FOR MBDCA**

DOG REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DOG’S NAME (AS IT WILL APPEAR ON ALL CERTIFICATES) _____

DOG’S CALL NAME _____

SEX _____ BIRTHDATE _____ BREEDS _____

SCARS, TATTOOS, MICROCHIP _____

HEIGHT AT SHOULDERS (WITHERS) IN INCHES _____ COLOR(S) _____

- ❖ **INCLUDE 2 COLOR PHOTOS OF YOUR DOG: ONE SIDE VIEW STANDING & ONE FRONT VIEW STANDING.**
- ❖ **SEND COPY OF PROOF OF STERILIZATION.**
- ❖ **FILL OUT APPLICATION OF EACH DOG BEING REGISTERED.**

LIST ALL YOUR MIXED BREED DOGS, WHETHER YOU INTEND TO REGISTER THEM OR NOT.

BREED	SEX	AGE	DESCRIPTION/TATTOO	DOG’S NAME	TITLES	STERILIZED?

MBDCA Reg. _____ Date recvd. _____

Please mail to Lorraine Pedersen, 10626 25th PI NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258