

# **NEW ENGLAND SAINT BERNARD CLUB, INC.**

## **APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

The New England Saint Bernard Club is an active, growing club – one of the largest and oldest Saint Bernard specialty organizations now in existence.

### **We Welcome Your Application**

#### **GUIDELINES AND STATEMENT OF POLICY**

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- b.** Remember that a very small percentage of Saint Bernards are of breeding quality. Over-production should be avoided.
- c.** Use only physically sound and temperamentally sound stock, free from hip dysplasia, eye malformation and poor temperament. Saint Bernards with outstanding defects should be spayed or neutered.
- d.** Refuse stud service to any bitch that is unregistered or shows the above or other obvious defects.
- e.** Study and learn the good and bad points of their own stock, never doubling up on a known or visible fault or faults.
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2. Breeders shall neither stock nor offer stud services without true representation to the public, nor use misleading or untruthful statements verbally, in writing, or in advertising.
3. No member shall buy or sell Saint Bernards through commercial pet outlets, nor buy or sell in litter lots, nor sell to persons whose activities tend to degrade the breed.
4. The buyer shall be supplied with a truthful four - generation pedigree; written instructions concerning the care, feeding and training of the dog purchased; written statement as to inoculations and other veterinary care provided; and a Bill of Sale in accordance with **AKC** requirements.
5. Purchasers shall be urged to spay or neuter Saint Bernards not suitable for breeding.
6. Registration papers shall be supplied without extra charge with every **AKC** registered dog. If the dog is not for breeding, this may be agreed to in a written contract between buyer and seller.
7. A breeder shall guarantee the health of his stock subject to a veterinarians' examination within 48 hours of sale.
8. Breeders shall price their dog in accordance with local rates for quality Saint Bernards. Undercutting the price of Saints eventually will make it impossible to breed good dogs for the return which can be anticipated.
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### Owner Particulars:

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (business) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of any other dog club? Yes No

Which one(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) desired on membership card: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check Your Special Interests

\_\_\_\_ Show    \_\_\_\_ Breeding    \_\_\_\_ Stud Services    \_\_\_\_ Pet    \_\_\_\_ Health    \_\_\_\_ Grooming

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

I/we agree to comply with all rules and regulations appearing in the By-laws of the New England Saint Bernard Club as well as the guidelines and statement of policy. I/we understand that serious infractions of the By-laws or guidelines and statement of policy, if deemed by the Club to be detrimental to the breed or to an individual dog, will result in expulsion from the Club, as outlines in the Constitution. In addition, I/we understand that participation in Club activities (meetings, elections, shows, matches, practice sessions, etc.) is required for continuation of membership.

\_\_\_\_ Family (\$30)

\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$25)

\_\_\_\_ Subscription only (\$15)

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail completed application with check made payable to the New England Saint Bernard Club, Inc. to:  
**NESBC**

**c/o Joanne Patenaude,  
54 Ellington Road,  
Tolland, CT 06084**