



# REGISTERED HANDLER APPRENTICE APPLICATION



## I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. EXPERIENCE (PLEASE CIRCLE WHERE APPLICABLE) Must be at least 18 years of age, must have been an AKC Registered Handler's full-time employee for 6 months prior to being eligible to enroll in the program.

1. In what year did you begin exhibiting dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what year did you begin working for a Handler? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Were you a Junior Handler? **YES NO** If yes, what years? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Were you an apprentice for a Handler prior to this application? **YES NO** If yes, list Handler(s) and dates of employment:

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\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you ever worked at a Handler's kennel? **YES NO** If yes, give dates and describe your duties?

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\_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been reprimanded or suspended from privileges by the AKC? **YES NO**  
*(If yes, explain dates and details on a separate sheet of paper)*

## III. REGISTERED HANDLER / EMPLOYER INFORMATION

REGISTERED HANDLER / EMPLOYER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC RHP#: \_\_\_\_\_

REG. HANDLER / EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the Applicant worked for this Registered Handler? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Registered Handler / Employer Date

## IV. INSTRUCTIONS

### YOU MUST SUBMIT:

- (1) Completed application
  - (2) Signed Apprentice Code of Ethics
  - (3) Non-refundable application fee of \$50.00
- We can accept **ONLY** Personal Checks or Money Orders.

A maintenance fee of \$10 will be assessed annually.

Please mail to: **The American Kennel Club  
Handlers Department  
8051 Arco Corporate Drive Suite 100  
Raleigh, NC 27617**

For questions, contact Susan Judge at (919) 816-3590

## V. AGREEMENT

I have read AKC's Rules Applying to Dog Shows and AKC Rules for Registration and Discipline. I certify that all the information on my application is accurate. I am aware that any falsification of information on this application could result in the application being denied. I agree to accept the decision of the AKC staff concerning my application without recourse, and have the option of reapplying after one year if I am not initially approved. I have signed and agree to abide by the AKC's Code of Ethics for Registered Handler Apprentices. I am aware that I will receive one for one if service is continuous under the same handler household a minimum of one year. I also understand that all credit will be calculated against service increments of one year. There will be no credit for partial years. Each year subsequent to first year as full time Registered Handler Apprentice under the same Registered Handler will be credited two for one. A Registered Handler Apprentice may transfer to the employ of another Registered Handler – all credit criteria applies including first year one for one. I identify that Apprentices may only show Registered Handler's client dogs, under the direction of the Registered Handler, or their solely owned dogs according to prior agreement with the Registered Handler.

**I understand AKC is NOT responsible in any way for the individual acts of AKC Registered Handler Apprentices. I agree disputes between AKC Registered Apprentices and the AKC Registered Handlers will be handled by the parties involved and not the AKC. I understand that AKC assumes no additional liability as a result of the suspension of any who commits an offense, regardless of whether that person is an apprentice or not.**

I certify that I have read and thoroughly understand this application, codes of ethics, and requirements for AKC Registered Handler Apprentice status. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Disciplinary Guidelines for Handlers and the discipline decisions of the AKC Staff and Board of Directors. I understand that I can be monitored at any show or kennel facility at any time.

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Signature of Applicant

Date



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