

Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.

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Application for Blue Ribbon Breeder Status

Please check if this is a renewal application. Date of last Application: _____

NOTICE: Please read carefully and include documentation listed below or your application will be returned

1) Kennel name requirements

- a) A Blue Ribbon Breeder (BRB) shall have a kennel name registered with MASCA. (please see Kennel Name Application for rules governing use of kennel names from other registries)

2) Membership requirements

- a) All applicants for BRB status must have been MASCA members in good standing for the preceding 12 consecutive months prior to the application date for BRB status.
- b) A BRB shall maintain up to date membership, with no lapse in status acceptable. BRB status shall lapse 30 days after date of membership expiration.

3) Initial documents required with BRB application

- a) The following is required on at least one dog owned by applicant at the time of application:
 - i) OFA clearances (dog/bitch must be 18 months or older at the time of x-ray)
 - ii) Current Eye clearances (dated within 12 months previous from date of application)

4) Documents required to be submitted within 12 months of application

- a) Applicant must register a litter with MASCA within 12 month of acceptance in BRB program. Applications for Registration of Litter whelped BEFORE BRB status is granted are NOT acceptable.
- b) The following documentation is required to be submitted on ALL breeding dogs/ bitches owned, co-owned, or leased by applicant within 12 months from the date of original BRB application
 - i) OFA clearances (dog/bitch must be 18 months or older at the time of x-ray)
 - ii) Eye clearances (CERF or signed ACVO forms acceptable, **Must be dated within the past 12 months**)

Blue Ribbon Breeder (BRB) continuing program regulations/requirements:

- 1) A BRB shall register at least one (1) litter with MASCA every three (3) years to remain in breeder directory.
 - a) Applications for Registration of Litter where the pups are over 12 months of age DO NOT qualify for BRB status or applicable discounts.
 - b) No more than two (2) litters shall exceed the 12 months period or BRB will be in violation of status.
- 2) Any dog/ bitch that is owned, co-owned, or leased by BRB that sires or whelps one or more puppies MUST have all hip and eye clearances required of a BRB in order to maintain BRB status.
- 3) Clearance requirements for ALL dogs/bitches and litters owned, co-owned, or leased by BRB:
 - a) Eye Clearances
 - i) Must be Canine Eye Registry Foundation or a veterinary signed breeder's eye examination form.
 - ii) Must be dated no older than twelve (12) months
 - iii) Required on **both** parents on a litter and must be no old than 12 months from date of litter whelping
 - iv) A copy of a signed ACVO certified ophthalmologist's report or Breeder's examination form shall be considered to be sufficient evidence of clearances.
 - b) Hip Clearances

- i) Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or other hip clearance (if appropriate, contact MASCA to ensure it is an acceptable organization)
 - ii) Dog and Bitches must be no younger than eighteen (18) months old on date of x-ray, or hip evaluation
 - iii) Hip evaluation/clearances are required for both parents on a litter and must be done **prior to** breeding
 - iv) Permanent OFA numbers and ratings are preferred
 - v) Exceptions to this rule include: Special Registration Requirements (See Special Registration form on "A" dogs for details).
- 4) Blue Ribbon Breeders shall produce no more than 30 puppies per household under kennel name per year.
- a) A "year" is any consecutive 12-month period and a "household" is any group of individuals living at a single address.
 - b) If a BRB applies for a litter registration on a dog owned by either the kennel or the BRB that is located at a different residence, all said puppies shall be considered as if they were located in the same household
 - c) Litters born from dogs/bitches lease out by BRB or kennel shall now be counted IF a written lease agreement is on file with MASCA and BRB IS NOT SIGNING AS LITTER OWNER OR CO-OWNER
 - d) All litters of Australian Shepherds or Miniature Australian Shepherds produced under the Kennel name shall be honestly reported, even if such litters are not registered with MASCA
 - i) If MASCA receives notice of unreported litters, a note shall be made in the breeder's file and litters shall be confirmed
 - ii) A BRB shall honestly report to puppy buyer before or at the time of sale if a litter will be registered with MASCA
 - e) A BRB shall be granted latitude if number of pups exceeds 30 by no more than five (5) no more often than every third year at the discretion of the board of directors.
- 5) If a BRB brokers dogs for another breeder, brokered dogs shall meet BRB requirements.
- 6) All owners of kennel name applying for BRB status shall complete, sign and return this application.
- 7) MASCA reserves the right to suspend or revoke BRB status in case of violation of any of these regulations at the discretion of the Board of Directors. MASCA shall consider special circumstances on an individual basis and reserves the right to institute conditions by vote of the Board of Directors.**
- 8) Any breeder with revoked status may not reapply for BRB status for a period of three (3) years from date of revocation.
- 9) Blue Ribbon Breeder Program participation requires a fee for listing and entitles the Blue Ribbon Breeder to discounts on registration fees with MASCA. Please see the fees list on the MASCA website for the current fees.

Additional Notes:

- The number of pups produced by a co-owned bitch shall be apportioned equally among the co-owning households. I.E., in the case of seven (7) pups and three (3) co-owning households, MASCA shall add 2.3 pups to the number produced by each household under a Kennel Name.
- If a BRB takes back pups from a bitch that was sold outright and registers them under their own Kennel Name, no pups shall be added to the number produced by the BRB, unless the BRB also leased the bitch. A letter explaining the situation shall accompany request for litter registration, or when reporting any litters.
- If more than one household owns a Kennel Name, and a litter is registered with the Kennel Name as "breeder," the litter shall be divided equally between households owning the Kennel Name.

Did you remember to do the following?

- Include fee for participation?
- Include required documents for at least one dog if this is your first application?
- Review requirements if this is a reapplication and see if you are still in compliance?

Name of Kennel: _____	
Name of Owner 1: _____	Name of Owner 2: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Telephone: _____	Telephone: _____

I (we) apply to the Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. (MASCA) for Blue Ribbon Breed status. I (we) test if y that all information submitted on this Application is correct. I (we) agree to abide by MASCA rules, regulations and the Code of Ethics and understand that failure to do so can result in the suspension or restriction of registration and BRB privileges. I (we) further understand that as an Owner or Co-Owner of a MASCA registered dog, I am (we are) subject to the MASCA By-laws, Code of Ethics and disciplinary action, if necessary, as determined in accordance with the MASCA By-laws and by the Board of Directors.

Signature of Owner 1: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Owner 2: _____

Date: _____

For Office use Only	Date received:	Date of acceptance:	
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Kennel name registered (date)	Litter application within one year	
Clearances submitted on one dog with initial application	Dates of additional litter registered	
Follow up within 12 months for additional clearances	Fee included? (Yes or No)	