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The Bergamasco Sheepdog club of America is pleased to consider you for membership. Please fill out the Membership Application form and return it to the club secretary at the above address. There is a signature also required on the Code of Ethics sheet.

Please note that new members are required to have TWO sponsors for membership in the BSCA. These sponsors must be current club members who do not reside in the same household.

There are four classes of memberships as described in the Bylaws (Article I, Section 2.1-2.5):

Section 2.1. Regular Membership (Individual). Individual members who enjoy all club privileges, including the right to vote and hold office

Section 2.2 Household Membership. Any 2 members of a household 18 years of age or older. Each individual member is eligible to be a Board Member and hold office but both may not do so at the same time; each household member shall have the right to vote.

Section 2.3. Junior Membership. Junior membership is open to children between the age of 10 and 17 years of age. Junior members may convert to Regular Membership upon reaching their 18th birthday. Junior members shall not be entitled to vote nor eligible to hold office, but shall be eligible for annual trophies or awards offered by or through the Club.

Section 2.5 Foreign Membership. For purposes of this club, any person who is not a resident of the United States (U.S.) (or its territories and possessions), is an owner or part-owner, or is the spouse of an owner or part-owner of a Bergamasco sheepdog. Foreign members shall be entitled to all club privileges, except voting and holding office.

The contribution which must accompany the application is:

\$50.00 for Individual membership
\$75.00 for Household membership
\$25.00 for Junior membership
\$40.00 for Foreign membership

Canadian and foreign memberships must also add a foreign shipping fee of \$40.00 to cover the shipping costs of The Bergamasco Companion magazine which goes out to all club members. If you do not wish to pay a shipping fee, foreign members may receive the magazine as an emailed PDF at no additional cost.

Checks and money orders must be made payable to the Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America in US dollars. If your application is not approved your payment will be refunded.

Once your application has been received, your name(s) will be printed in the minutes of the next board meeting. The board will then vote on your membership. Please be patient as this process can take several months to be completed. You will then begin to receive your publications.

Thank you for your support and interest in our breed.

Truly yours,

Jessica Meade
Secretary

Enclosed:
Membership Application
AKC approved Bylaws for the BSCA
Code of Ethics



Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America

Membership Application

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fee Enclosed _____

Email _____

Membership Class (please circle one)

Individual (regular)

Household (2 members)

Junior (under 18)

Foreign

Registration of the Bergamasco(s) you presently own*:

AKC/UKC or FCI # (please specify which) _____ Sex _____

Registered name of Bergamasco _____

AKC/UKC or FCI # (please specify which) _____ Sex _____

Registered name of Bergamasco _____

AKC/UKC or FCI # (please specify which) _____ Sex _____

Registered name of Bergamasco _____

Bergamasco litters produced of which you are the breeder of record*

Litter

Sire/Dam

Date Whelped

Please include any other information about yourself and your activities with dogs which you consider relevant to your application for membership, such as your breeding or exhibiting experience, years involved with the breed, other club affiliations, if you are a board member serving on another club, your occupation, activities you enjoy with your dog etc.*

I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club and subscribe to the purposes of the Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America as stated in its Constitution. At the time of this application for membership, I am either an owner or co-owner of a Bergamasco Sheepdog, or an immediate member of a family which owns a Bergamasco Sheepdog or I am interested in supporting the mission of the Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America. I acknowledge that I have received and read the BSCA Bylaws and Code of Ethics and I agree to abide by those rules and accept the code if elected as a member.

Sponsor's signature & printed name

Applicant's signature

Sponsor's signature & printed name

Applicant's signature

*Use reverse side for additional information

**Constitution of the
BERGAMASCO SHEEPDOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

Article I. Name.

The name of the Club shall be BERGAMASCO SHEEPDOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. hereinafter also referred to as "BSCA" or "Club"

Article II. Objects and Purpose.

The objects and purpose of the BSCA shall be:

- a. To promote and protect the health, temperament and well-being of the Bergamasco Sheepdog breed and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- b. To promote the ethical breeding standards with particular commitment to guarding against the propagation of heritable genetic diseases affecting the Bergamasco Sheepdog breed;
- c. To promote Bergamasco Sheepdog breed education and responsible pet ownership;
- d. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the Bergamasco Sheepdog breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Bergamasco Sheepdog shall be judged;
- e. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Bergamasco Sheepdog breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials; and
- f. To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows and any other events for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.

Article III. Non-Profit Association.

The BSCA shall not be conducted or operated for a profit and no part of any profits of remainder or residue from dues or donations to BSCA shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Article IV. Rules for Licensed Events.

All licensed events in activities provided for by The American Kennel Club sponsored by the BSCA will be run in accordance with the policies, procedures, Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club®.

Article V. Anti-Dog Fighting Tenet.

No individual or group of individuals known to: promote, support, raise dogs for fighting; knowingly sell, give or trade dogs that will be used for fighting; condone or be associated with the facing off, game testing, rolling or pitting of dogs will be tolerated or allowed membership in the BSCA.

Article VII. Governing By-Laws.

The members of the BSCA shall adopt and may from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out the objects and purposes of the BSCA.

Article VIII. Club Name and Emblem usage.

The use of the BSCA emblem or name in any form of advertising by any individual member of the BSCA is hereby prohibited except by BSCA written approval.

BY-LAWS OF THE BERGAMASCO SHEEPDOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Article I. Membership.

Section 1. Eligibility. All members shall agree to abide by the BSCA Code of Ethics and shall not have been suspended or expelled from The American Kennel Club.

Section 2. Classes of Membership. There shall be four (4) classes of membership open to any person 18 years of age and older who subscribes to the purposes and objectives of the BSCA and who d.

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Section 3. Dues.

Section 3.1. Amount. The Board of Directors shall set membership dues for the upcoming calendar year for each class of membership not to exceed an amount of \$100 per year for any class of membership.

Section 3.2. Payment of dues. Dues are payable on or before the first day of June of each year.

Section 3.3. Dues statement. During the month of April, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the following calendar year.

Section 3.4. Nonpayment of dues. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.

Section 4. Application for New Membership. There shall be no application submission required for any individual having held membership in the BSCA prior to January 1, 2018. Each applicant for new membership with the BSCA following January 1, 2018 BSCA shall apply on a Board-approved Application for Membership which shall include the name, address and occupation of the applicant and shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. The application shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws of the BSCA

and the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club. The prospective member shall submit to the BSCA Secretary the completed application and present payment of an application fee, which fee shall be applied to cover membership for the current year should application be granted.

Section 5. Election to Membership. A membership Application shall be considered at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the submission of the completed application and application fee. The Board shall vote upon each submitted application by secret ballot. Granting of membership shall require an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board or two thirds (2/3) of the entire Board if voting by mail. An application which has received a negative vote by the Board may be presented by one of the applicant's endorsers at the next annual meeting of the club and the members may elect such applicant by secret ballot and a favorable vote of 75% of the members present and voting.

Section 6. Rejected Application. An applicant for membership who is rejected by the Board may not reapply for membership within twelve (12) months following such rejection.

Section 7. Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

Section 7.1. Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the BSCA upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Obligations other than dues will be considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.

Section 7.2. Lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year.. However, the Board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote whose dues are unpaid.

Section 7.3. Expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of these Bylaws.

Article II. Meetings.

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual in-person meeting of the Club shall be held in conjunction with the Club's Specialty Show, if possible, at a place, date and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors who are present and voting at any meeting of the Board or who vote by mail, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10 percent of the members of the Association who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held at a place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors and will require the physical attendance of the members in one room. .Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be ten (10) percent of the members in good

standing.

Section 3. Board Meetings. The first meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the election. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places or via telephone conference call or video conference as are designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such other meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board Meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Section 4. Special Board Meetings. Emergency meetings of the Board may be called by the Association President, Vice President, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the person authorized to call such meeting. The Secretary shall mail written notice of such meeting at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Section 5. Conducting Board Business. The Board of Directors may also conduct business through mail, fax or email, provided that: a) every board member shall be provided with the means to participate; 2) the identities of the individuals participating has been verified to confirm that they are eligible Board members; 3) it has been confirmed that eligible board members have been able to participate; and 4) all Board members have agreed to participate in this manner

Article III. Directors and Officers.

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the officers and three other members, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the United States. The Board shall be elected as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall serve for two years. Only one person of a household may hold a Board position during a given term. Any Board member who misses two board meetings within a Club year shall be removed without cause from the Board of Directors in accordance with State law, unless a majority of the board members present and voting at the meeting from which the Board member is absent for the second time votes to excuse one or both of the absences. Members may serve consecutive terms on the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Officers. The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and AKC Delegate shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings. The Board shall appoint Club Officers who shall serve two year terms. A non-Board member may serve as the AKC Delegate for the Club.

Section 3.1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the BSCA and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these Bylaws.

Section 3.2. Vice-President. The Vice President shall assist the President when and where possible. The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

Section 3.3. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a written record of all meetings

of the BSCA and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the BSCA, votes taken by mail; have charge of the correspondence, including but not limited to: notifying members of meetings and event; accepting membership applications; notifying new members of the election to membership; notifying Officers and Directors of their election to office; keeping a roll of the members of the BSCA with their addresses, phone numbers and e-mail, which shall be sent to any member in good standing upon written request, not more than once every club year; and preparing, printing and mailing official BSCA ballots.

Section 3.4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. In the event of the resignation, death or expulsion of the Treasurer, all moneys and account books of the Association shall be handed over to the Board of Directors until the office of Treasurer is filled. The President shall sign all checks during this interim period. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.5 AKC Delegate. The Delegate to The American Kennel Club shall be the club representative at The American Kennel Club Delegate meetings and report to the Club actions taken at such Delegate Meetings. The American Kennel Club Delegate will perform those duties and have those rights afforded by the American Kennel Club at Delegate meetings.

Section 4. Resignations. Any member of the Board of Directors may resign at any time by giving a written notice to the Secretary of the club. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, and unless otherwise stated therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 5. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next biennial election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

Section 6. Compensation. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation for time or labor but may be compensated for reasonable and necessary expenses.

Article IV. Club Year, Voting, Nominations and Elections.

Section 1. Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of June and end on the last day of May. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting. The directors and officers shall take office on the first day of the month following the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

Section 2. Voting. At the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting of the club voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the biennial election of Officers and Directors and amendments to the constitution and by-laws and the standard for the breed which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.

Section 3. Biennial Election. The election of Officers and Directors shall be conducted by secret written ballot. Ballots to be valid must be received by the Secretary by March 15, except that if no nominations are received by the Secretary as provided in Section 3.4, no ballot will be necessary. In this case, the persons selected by the Nominating Committee will be declared elected by the Secretary at the annual meeting of the Club. If additional nominations have been made as provided in Section 3.4, the Chairperson of the Tally committee shall report the results of the election to the Secretary. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

Section 3. 1. Candidates. No person may be a candidate in a Club election has not been nominated in accordance with these bylaws. Except for the position of Delegate, no person may be nominated for more than one office on the Board of Directors. All candidates for Board of Directors and Offices must be in good standing with the club and The American Kennel Club

Section 3.2. Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before January 1st. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members and two alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail.

Section 3.3. Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office and for each position on the Board of Directors and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary not later than February 1st. The Secretary shall mail the list, including the full name of each candidate and the name of the state or province in which he/she resides, to each member of the Club on or before February 15th, so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

Section 3.4. Additional Nominations. Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and postmarked on or before March 15th, signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate.

Section 3.5 Slate of Candidates on Ballot. If no valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before March 15th, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required. If one or more valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before March 15th, the Secretary shall, on or before April 1st, mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking their ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Secretary.

Section 3.6. Inspectors of the Election/Tally Committee. At the same time it selects a Nominating Committee, or immediately before submitting a proposed amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws to the Secretary, the Board of Directors shall select three Club members, living within reasonable driving distance of one another, who are members in good standing and neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot. to serve as the Inspectors of the Election/Tally

Committee, in the event that it becomes necessary to hold an election or vote on a proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws, and count ballots. The Board shall name one member of this committee as Chairperson, who shall receive all mail-in ballots from the Secretary and who shall report the results of the election to the Secretary.

Section 3.7. Counting The Ballots. Notice with such ballot shall specify that all ballots must be returned to the Secretary by May 1st. Ballots postmarked after that date shall be invalid. The Secretary shall immediately forward all ballots to the Tally Chairperson who shall set a meeting time for the Tally Committee as soon as practicable after March 1st and a place convenient to all committee members, at which meeting the committee shall count the ballots. The Tally Committee shall check the returns against the list of members whose dues are paid for the current year prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting. The Tally Chairperson shall report the election results at the annual meeting as well as on the front page of the club website. All ballots and the envelopes in which they were received shall be given to the Club Secretary, who shall keep them for two years as part of the Association's official records.

Article V. Contracts, Loans, Checks.

Section 1. Contracts. The Board may authorize any Officer, agent or employee to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the BSCA.

Section 2. Loans. No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the BSCA, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by the Association Treasurer, or such agent or employee of the club and in such a manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board.

Article VI. Committees.

Section 1. Appointing Committees. The Board shall each year appoint such standing committees as needed to advance the operation of the Association or to aid the Board on particular projects. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

Section 2. Terminating Committee Appointments. Any committee appointment may be terminated by majority vote of the full membership of the board upon full written notice to the appointee, and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

Article VII. Discipline.

Section 1. Suspension. Any member who is suspended from any of the privileges of The American Kennel, automatically shall be suspended from any the privileges of this Club for a like period.

Section 2. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$200.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not

sustained by the Board or a Board Committee following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board Meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the action alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or of the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board or a Board Committee of not less than three members of the Board, not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

Section 3. Board Hearing. The Board or Board Committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board or Board Committee may by a majority vote of those present **reprimand** or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing, or until the next Annual Meeting if that will occur after six months. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendations of the Board or Board Committee. Immediately, after the Board or Board Committee has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

Section 4. Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board or Committee as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The member who is being considered for expulsion shall have the privilege of appearing in their own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in their own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted the suspension shall stand.

Article VIII. Amendments.

Section 1. Proposing Amendments. Amendments to the Club constitution and Club bylaws or to the standard for the breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with the recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date the petition was received by the Secretary.

Section 2. Adopting Proposed Amendments. The constitution and by-laws may be amended at any time, provided a copy of the proposed amendments has been mailed by the Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of the mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Dual envelope procedures as described in Article IV Section 3.5 shall be followed in handling of such ballots to assure secrecy of the vote.

Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date postmarked, by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

Section 3. AKC Approval of All Amendments. No amendment to the Club constitution or Club bylaws or to the standard for the breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

Article IX. Dissolution.

The BSCA may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of a dissolution of the club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club, but after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

Article X. Breed Standard.

The official breed standard for the Bergamasco Sheepdog adopted by the BSCA shall be prepared by the American Kennel Club, working in conjunction with a person or committee appointed for that purpose by the BSCA. The American Kennel Club holds the copyright to the Bergamasco breed standard and may amend it at any time. The BSCA may propose an amendment to the standard in accordance with AKC policy, provided that: 1) The amendment is brought before the members in good standing for a written vote in accordance with the club's constitution and bylaws and 2) such amendment receives an affirmative vote from ¾ of those casting valid ballots.

Article XII. Order of Business.

Section 1. Club membership meetings. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at Annual Meeting every other year)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business

Adjournment

Section 2. Board Meetings. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Roll Call

Reading of minutes of last meeting

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Reports of Committees

Unfinished business

Election of new members

New business

Adjournment

Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.

Article XI. Certification.

Section 1. Original Certification. The founding Constitution and Bylaws, consisting 12 pages, constitute the original Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, duly adopted. The BSCA Board of Directors on January 1, 2017 consisted of the following members:

Jeanine Dell'Orfano, President
Robert Laffin, Vice-President
Donna DeFalcis, Honorary Chairperson
Jessica Meade, Secretary
Vanessa Lassin, Treasurer
Stacy Cohen, Rescue

Section 2. Amendment. We hereby certify that the foregoing Constitution and Bylaws, consisting of 11 pages, including this page, constitute the amended Bylaws of the BSCA, duly adopted in accordance with the then current Constitution and Bylaws, at a meeting properly noticed and held, and at which a quorum was present on the _____, 2017.



Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America

Code of Ethics

The membership of The Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America (BSCA) objectives shall be:

- (a) to encourage, promote, and protect the breeding of purebred Bergamascos and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) to protect and advance the interests of the breed and individual dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials;
- (c) to urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Bergamascos shall be judged;

The Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America, in accordance with the objectives of its Constitution, expects its members to use these guidelines in establishing a standard of conduct for themselves as owners, breeders, sellers and exhibitors of Bergamascos.

BSCA members who are Bergamasco breeders agree to:

Be familiar with the Standard of our breed as per the American Kennel Club/BSCA.

Be aware that the purpose of breeding is to maintain or improve the quality of the breed in accordance with the standard not for monetary purposes.

Use only stock which is itself sound in body and temperament, exhibit good type, have no breed standard disqualifications and are in good health.

Breed only when in a position to properly care for the bitch and litter, recognizing that offspring might need housing for a considerable length of time.

Not breed a bitch prior to 22 months(24 months is recommended), nor breed her more than 2 out of 3 consecutive heat periods, taking the health of the bitch into consideration at all times.

Refrain from breeding any male or female beyond an appropriate age for the breed.

Prevent all breedings that are not carefully planned and provide adequate kenneling and conscientiously plan each litter of puppies for sale, selecting a stud dog and bitch to be mated based on their pedigrees, conformation and temperament.

Not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any individual regarding the performance of any dogs or puppies for sale.

Adhere to rules of AKC applying to litter and individual registrations, ensuring that any litter they produce is eligible for AKC registration.

Register all stud breedings and new litters with the American Kennel Club.

Not substitute one stud for another without the knowledge and agreement of all parties.

Enter into all breeding arrangements with written contracts.

Keep accurate and thorough breeding records for a minimum of five years. Including: stud service contracts, pedigrees, all litters of puppies for sale, and all dogs/puppies sold.

Keep and retain accurate records. Provide new owners the following documentation: this COE, BSCA membership application, AKC registration papers for the individual dog (unless a mutual contract is in place which states otherwise), health and veterinary care history, the individual's and/or sire and dam's health certifications or evaluations, a four-generation pedigree, recommendations for general care & training and a time frame during which the puppy or dog may be examined by a licensed veterinarian, at the buyer's expense, and, upon written recommendation of the veterinarian for specific reasons, the puppy or dog may be returned to the seller for a full refund of all money paid.

Pay careful attention to physical and emotional needs of puppies produced.

Follow up on puppies after the sale to insure their continued care and remain available for advice, when sought, for the lifetime of the dog.

Refrain from letting puppies go to new homes before nine to ten weeks of age.

Transfer puppies to new owners in accordance with the laws of their state and meet at least the minimum federal standard for transporting puppies.

Use a written contract detailing all guarantees, obligations, and expectations of sellers, buyers, receivers and providers of services.

Assure that any dog they place which is not suitable for breeding is placed with an AKC limited registration and a non-breeding contract. A spay/neuter requirement is additionally recommended.

BSCA members agree to:

Abide by and support the breed standard created by BSCA and adopted by the American Kennel Club (AKC) for the Bergamasco Sheepdog.

Adhere to all AKC regulations, requirements and rules pertaining to the sport of dogs, the Bylaws, the Constitution and regulations of the BSCA and this Code of Ethics (COE).

Register dogs and new litters with the American Kennel Club.

Conduct themselves in a manner that gives credit to "the club," the AKC and the breed and display good sportsmanship.

Promote and encourage public awareness of responsible pet ownership.

Educate the public, new owners and interested parties on the characteristics, basic traits and breed standard of the Bergamasco.

Ensure that all dogs released to the care of others have received the health care appropriate for their age and needs.

Ensure that in all dog related activities, the dog's welfare takes precedence over considerations of trainer, breeders, organizations, sponsors, owners and officials.

Share knowledge constructively, respectfully and truthfully when conveying information concerning an individual Bergamasco or member.

Support and/or participate in activities, events and programs sponsored by the BSCA to the best of their ability.

Keep only as many dogs for which they can provide a high standard of nutrition, affection, health care, shelter, attention and overall care.

Provide appropriate exercise, supervision and training to ensure their dogs are kept in safe conditions, well mannered and are not neglected or abused.

Members Selling a Bergamasco agrees to:

Maintain a reasonable price within one's locale, which price should also be compatible with national prices.

Ascertain that the prospective owner has the knowledge, ability and facilities to properly care for a Bergamasco.

Give the buyer an honest appraisal of coat management, physical, mental and nutritional needs peculiar to the breed.

Provide a pedigree of at least 3 generations, typed or written legibly.

Supply records to the buyer regarding immunization, feeding and instructions for future care.

Release only puppies which are in good health and guarantee the health of the puppy for a reasonable length of time.

Provide written contractual proof of sale and guarantees. If registration papers are not yet available, a bill of sale, giving names and registration numbers of sire and dam and date of birth are required.

Avoid false and misleading advertising.

Ensure that all dogs released to the care of others have received the health care appropriate for their age and needs.

Ensure that any dogs they place are not wholesaled, brokered or consigned through an auction, a pet shop or other commercial establishment; and are not offered as prizes in raffles, contests or fundraising events. Nor should any dogs be placed with anyone involved directly or indirectly with any of these activities.

Discuss with the prospective owner the health care, coat care and behavior management needs for the dog and provide recommendations for general care prior to placing any Bergamasco.

Provide assistance to dogs of their own breeding in need of re-homing whether through a rescue organization, a

shelter or an individual. Stud dog owners should also assist with re-homing of dogs sired by their stud dogs.

All members of the BSCA who own a Bergamasco, offer puppies for sale or adult dogs for sale to the public, should agree to the above Code of Ethics and be bound by its standard of behavior. Failure to comply will result in membership termination and removal from our Breeders Directory.

A person showing a Bergamasco agrees to:

Show and encourage the showing of high quality stock.

Exhibit only the most creditable ring department and accept the services of only those professional handlers whose behavior is exemplary.

Help the novice exhibitor and breeder. Use kind, constructive and honest criticism.

Display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves, whether at home, traveling, at shows, or in hotels, in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America, themselves and the Bergamasco as a breed.

Exhibit dogs that are clean, in good physical condition and under control.

As a member of The Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America (BSCA), I agree to abide by this Code of Ethics.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Feedback and complaints:

Disclaimer:

The BSCA assumes no responsibility for the quality, health, or temperament of any dog, nor the warranty, guarantee, integrity, honesty or reliability, expressed or implied, by any person or organization whose name appears in the members directory. All such warranties, guarantees and promises are between buyer(s) and seller(s) as individuals.

All buyers are strongly encouraged to carefully document, in writing, all representations, promises, statements, warranties and guarantees made by sellers of puppies for sale and older dogs for sale. Such documentation should be signed by the seller. The BSCA cannot and does not become involved in resolving conflicts and disagreements between buyers and sellers. The BSCA's responsibility is limited to requesting assurance from member breeders that they abide by terms of the BSCA Code of Ethics.