

# The Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada



## 2023 Membership Application: Renewing, New, and Puppy Members applying for full membership

It's time to send in your PWDC membership! Annual single membership is \$35.00 (CDN) due January 1st 2023.

Family membership is available at \$35.00 for the 1st member and \$10.00 for each additional family member.

**You can also make a contribution and include it with your membership fee, see below, and indicate where you'd like to allocate your contribution. Thanks for your support!**

**For new Members:** The club sponsors events that are fun and informative, and that contribute toward maintaining a healthy lifestyle for our wonderful dogs. Our web site has general information and a protected section for members only at [www.pwdcc.org](http://www.pwdcc.org). The Waterlog is our quarterly newsletter, available to members only, distributed on the web site and by email. It reports on events, current issues and showcases our members and their dogs.

Your email address is important to us! Email is used for ongoing member communication, event announcements, updates, etc. So don't forget to provide it to us. Please let us know if your email changes.

1. Please email your completed application and membership fee by etransfer to [treasurer@pwdcc.org](mailto:treasurer@pwdcc.org) or credit card payment
  2. Or mail your completed application and cheque or money order, payable to Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada to:  
**Diane Dirsus, 120 Bayview Avenue, Keswick, ON L4P 2S9**
  3. Or go to our web site, <http://www.pwdcc.org>, and register online with the PayPal payment option
- Renewing member**     **My contact information is the same as last year** (just print your name, sign the form and forward)  
 **New member**     **Puppy member last year applying for full membership**  
 **1-year renewal 2023**     **2-year renewal 2023-2024**

Name			
Address		Postal code	
Telephone/Home	Business	Cell	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	Additional family membership names		
email			
<b>For new members only: Access to Member section of <a href="http://www.pwdcc.org">www.pwdcc.org</a>, please provide your username (last name, first initial) and password (dog call name). Note: both are case sensitive. Keep a record of both. You cannot change your username. If you have lost your password follow instructions on login page. If you have forgotten your username contact <a href="mailto:treasurer@pwdcc.org">treasurer@pwdcc.org</a>. Please let us know if your email changes.</b>			
Username		Password	
Are you currently a member of the CKC?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Membership #	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever been sanctioned by the CKC, AKC or any other animal organization? If yes, please provide details in a separate letter to Diane.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Participation</b> How would you like to participate in the club? Would you like to volunteer to help? Let us know.			
<b>Contributions</b> Where would you like your contribution to be allocated (please indicate category(ies) and amount(s) below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rescue \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Health \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Events \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> General Funds \$ _____			
<b>Every effort will be made to spend contributions as allocated. However, if funds for the categories exceed expenditures, at the end of 2 years unspent money will revert to the Club's General Funds. We thank you for your support.</b>			
<b>VISA or Mastercard accepted</b>			
Name on card	Card number	Expiration date mm/yyyy	Security Code

I agree to abide by the Constitution and By Laws of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada ([www.pwdcc.org](http://www.pwdcc.org)), the PWDC Code of Ethics and the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club ([www.ckc.ca](http://www.ckc.ca), 416 675-5511).

Signature	Date
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Member information is strictly confidential and is used for Club purposes only. This information cannot be divulged by the Club or its individual members to non-members.

<b>Amounts</b> Single Membership @ \$35.00 per year	\$ _____
Family members \$10.00 each per year	\$ _____
Contribution	\$ _____
<b>Total enclosed</b>	\$ _____

# The Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada



## Code of Ethics

This code is established to further the objectives of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada (PWDC) set forth in the Club Constitution. All PWDC members have an obligation to protect the Portuguese Water Dog and its future by putting the breed's welfare before any consideration of profit or personal advantage and by protecting it from exploitation, irresponsible promotion and careless breeding. All PWDC members are representatives of the club and our breed. Members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which brings respect to the club and to the breed by displaying good sportsmanship at all events, civility, honesty and responsibility for their dogs and themselves at all times.

### 1. **Members:**

- shall abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the PWDC and the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).
- are encouraged to support the PWDC Health Registry with specific attention to testing for health disorders directly related to the Portuguese Water Dog.
- shall conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs and Portuguese Water Dogs in particular. This includes respect for show sites, convention facilities (hotels), public recreation facilities, other dog owners and their dogs while at a show site, and all other aspects of responsible dog ownership. No member shall defame another member's dogs or breeding program. Substantiated and proven claims of defamation, intimidation and bullying may result in suspension of club membership.

### 2. **Breeders and/or stud dog owners shall:**

- maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care, breeding only dogs that are in good health and free from communicable diseases.
- evaluate honestly the structural and mental qualities of all Portuguese Water Dogs used for breeding.
- acknowledge that they are aware of and understand the PWDC Recommended Health Testing Protocol as set out in the [PWDC Policy and Procedures Manual](#) and on the Club web site [AboutPWDCs/Health](#)
- provide all health test certificates of both Sire and Dam to potential puppy owners prior to accepting payment of any kind for a puppy from the resulting litter AND/OR
- register all tests in the PWD Health and Litter Log ([hl.pwdca.org](http://hl.pwdca.org)) or new PWDC database or ofa.org.
- use a written stud dog contract for every breeding.

### 3. **Breeders (owners of the brood bitch) shall:**

- keep accurate breeding records, registrations, and pedigrees.
- evaluate honestly the structural and mental qualities of all Portuguese Water Dogs sold, and fairly represent that evaluation, and when needed request assistance from more experienced breeders.
- provide a sales contract, signed by all parties involved, which would include but not be limited to all services and sale arrangements mutually agreed upon, adjustments, replacement conditions, etc. This contract shall require that the breeder be contacted whenever an owner can no longer keep a dog at any time in the dog's life so that the breeder may either assist in the placement of, accept the return of, or pay said dog's expenses should the dog be placed with PWDC Rescue and Relocation.
- furnish appropriate paperwork, e.g., CKC registration or transfer documents unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that papers are being withheld, pedigree, health information on parents, details on feeding, general care, inoculation program, grooming instructions, obedience, etc.
- require buyers to spay/neuter any dog not suitable for breeding, and/or sell puppies on a non-breeding registration.
- be fair, open and honest in conducting business and advertise honestly in a manner that is in no way misleading or fraudulent.
- verify to the best of their ability that the purchasers of puppies will be responsible owners who will provide proper homes and care.
- assume responsibility for educating and assisting new owners in caring for their dog for the lifetime of the dog.
- assume life-long responsibility for re-homing all puppies they produce, should this be necessary.

### 4. **Breeders are encouraged to supply PWDC membership form and a copy of the Code of Ethics to all puppy/adult dog buyers.**

### 5. **Club members in positions of leadership (i.e. board members, rescue coordinator, breeder contact, branch club executive) in addition, shall:**

- be mentors for the breed by willingly sharing their knowledge and experience related to the Portuguese water dog and information related to participation in dog sports and activities with others. Be a resource and champion for our breed.
- be committed to supporting other breeders, new club members and participate in educational activities when required or when asked to do so.
- never use their position in the club to benefit their own breeding programs, promote the sale of their puppies or for any form of personal profit.

### 6. **No Portuguese Water Dog will be sold or consigned to commercial facilities, businesses or agents thereof.**