

BRACCO ITALIANO CLUB OF AMERICA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Fill out all which apply)

MAIL APPLICATION TO:
KIM CAUDILL
11525 N STATE RD 9
FOUNTAIN TOWN, IN 46130

Member Name

Phone

Add'l Household Member Name

Email

Junior Member (17 Years of Age or Younger)

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Country (if not United States):

Kennel name used in Bracco Italiano Breeding Program (if applicable):

Bracchi Italiani Owned

Registered Name (if more than 5 use back of form).	Call Name	Sex (M/F)	Date of Birth (M/D/Y)	Breeder

My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to support the Mission Statement, Constitution and Bylaws of the Club; to abide by the Code of Ethics of the club (see below); to encourage high standards in breeding, training, showing and hunting the Bracco; and promote the welfare of the Bracco breed.

Signatures

Member signature

Date

Addtl household member signature

Date

Junior Member signature (17 Years of Age or Younger)

Date

NOTE: B.I.C.A. respects your privacy.

This information will not be shared or sold to other organizations or businesses.

- **Associate Membership:** Open to all persons 17 years of age and older who are residents of the United States. Associate Members shall enjoy all the privileges of the BICA except the right to vote or hold office. Associate Members shall not count in the determination of a quorum. After one year from the date of being approved as an Associate Member by the BICA board, Associate Members may apply for Active Membership providing they meet the requirements. However, Associate Members are not required to apply for Active Membership and may continue as Associate Members for an indefinite period of time. There are no Bracco ownership requirements of an Associate member.
- **Associate Household Membership:** Two (2) adult members residing in the same household who are residents of the United States. Associate Household Members shall enjoy all the privileges of the BICA except the right to vote or hold office. Associate Household Members shall not count in the determination of a quorum. After one year from the date of being approved as an Associate Member by the BICA board, Associate Household Members may apply for Active Household Membership providing they meet the requirements. However, Associate Household Members are not required to apply for Active Household Membership and may continue as Associate Household Members for an indefinite period of time. There are no Bracco ownership requirements of an Associate Household member.
- **Active Individual Membership:** With all rights, privileges, and responsibilities, including the right to vote and hold office shall be open to all individuals 18 years of age or older who have been an Associate Member for at least one year, who reside(s) in the United States and live in a household with a Bracco Italiano which is owned by someone in the same household. If an active member lost their bracco, they would remain eligible for active membership indefinitely as long as the membership is renewed annually.
- **Active Household Membership:** Two (2) adult members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote and hold office, but must both have been Associate Members for at least one year. Only one household member may hold office at any given time. If a family membership lost their bracco, they would remain eligible for active membership indefinitely as long as the membership is renewed annually.
- **International Member:** For those individuals who are not U.S. residents (or its territories and possessions). Shall be entitled to all Club privileges except voting and office holding. International Members do not count in the determination of a quorum.
- **Junior members** are under the age of 17 years and cannot vote or hold office.
- **New Puppy Buyer: First year sponsored by BICA breeder to any new puppy buyer who purchases a puppy from a Bracco Italiano Club of America Breeder.** After one year from the date of being approved as a "New Puppy Buyer/ Associate Member" by the BICA board, New Puppy Buyer/Associate member may apply for Active Membership providing they meet the requirements. However, Associate Members are not required to apply for Active Membership and may continue as Associate Members for an indefinite period of time. There are no Bracco ownership requirements of an Associate member.

Memberships

Make check payable to B.I.C.A

Choose a Membership Package that best suits your needs:

- ☐ \$25.00 Associate Membership/first year of membership
- ☐ \$40.00 Associate Household Membership/first year of membership
- ☐ \$35.00 Active Individual membership (\$45.00 for foreign membership)
- ☐ \$60.00 Family Membership (2 adults) (\$70.00 for foreign membership)
- ☐ Junior member (under 17 years of age) free w/ Adult Member
- ☒ New Puppy Buyer/Breeder Sponsored First year *certain restrictions apply – see above.

Your name and email address will appear on a membership list that is available to club members and the public (if you do not want your personal information to appear on the membership list, please CHECK one or more of the following options.

____Do not list my phone number

____Do not list my email address

Please take time to answer the following questions to help BICA learn more about you.

What are your interests? (Check all which apply) Show____, Field Trial____, Hunt Test____, Obedience____, Agility____, Therapy Dog____, Hunting ____, Other: _____

Do you breed your Bracco?_____ If so, how many litters a year do you normally have? _____

List any other dog clubs of which you are a member: _____

Has any dog club ever suspended your privileges? YES NO If yes, please explain the circumstances:

Do you prefer docked or undocked tails? _____

What is your favorite aspect of the Bracco Italiano? _____

What do you think of AKC recognition? _____

How long have you owned a Bracco? _____

How did you find out about the breed? _____

List any health problems which your Bracco has: _____

Would you/Have you gotten your dog tested for hip dysplasia (PennHIP/OFA) and eye abnormalities (CAER)? _____

Would you be interested in serving on the Board of Directors or in a club committee with the Bracco Italian Club of America? _____

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the BICA is to maintain the integrity of the Bracco breed standards as a “dual dog”, to promote ethical breeding practices, and keep the health standards as a priority.

CODE OF ETHICS

Membership with the Bracco Italiano Club of America carries with it certain responsibilities. The Club has been formed to preserve and protect the welfare of the Bracco Italiano. It falls to the members to see that such responsibilities are upheld. The Bracco Italiano Club of America puts forth these standards of behavior and practice for all its members:

• **Members shall:**

- ✓ abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the BICA.
- ✓ encourage and support testing for health disorders directly related to the Bracco Italiano.
- ✓ conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs and Bracchi Italiani in particular.
- ✓ Never make unfair or untrue statements regarding the dogs or practices of others.
- ✓ Put the wellbeing of their dogs and the breed ahead of all personal gain.

• **Breeders shall:**

- ✓ Maintain the best standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.
- ✓ Breed only dogs that are in compliance with all current BICA health requirements, are in good health and free from communicable diseases.
- ✓ BICA requires that all dogs: have their hips tested with OFA (with a rating of good or excellent) or PennHIP (scoring 50% or better), their eyes tested as “normal” with CAER.
- ✓ Be familiar with both the Bracco’s conformation and working standard, and strive to breed dogs which fit

that description.

- ✓ Only breed dogs in an attempt to improve the Bracco Italiano breed.
- ✓ Provide puppies with as much human contact as is possible to ensure proper socialization to people.
- ✓ Not breed bitches or dogs prior to 2 years of age. In no event should a bitch whelp more than once a year.
- ✓ Be certain their brood bitch receives proper care, especially during pregnancy and whelping, and that their stud dog's good health is maintained at all times and that all puppies receive proper veterinary care from whelping until placement with a permanent owner.
- ✓ Not breed a dog or bitch which produces offspring with the same serious defect detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness, or impairment of bodily functions, from the litters by two different mating partners.
- ✓ Keep accurate breeding records, registrations, and pedigrees.
- ✓ Evaluate honestly the structural and mental qualities of all Bracchi Italiani 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 the placement of, accept the return of, or pay said dog's expenses should the dog be placed in Rescue.
- ✓ Furnish appropriate paperwork or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that the papers are being withheld, pedigree, health information on parents, details on feeding, general care, inoculation program, etc.
- ✓ Be fair, open and honest in conducting business and advertise honestly in a manner that is no way misleading or fraudulent, and help educate inquirers about the Bracco Italiano.
- ✓ Verify to the best of their ability that the purchasers of the puppies will be responsible owners who will provide proper homes and care.
- ✓ Assume responsibility for educating and assisting new owners in caring for their dogs for the lifetime of the dog.
- ✓ Breeders are expected to supply BICA membership forms and a copy of the Code of Ethics to all puppy/adult dog buyers.
- ✓ No Bracco Italiano will be sold or consigned to commercial facilities, business or agents thereof.