

Penobscot Valley Kennel Club
c/o Denise Hue
6 Falls Court
Ellsworth, ME 04605



2023 Membership Dues

As we look forward to the year ahead, we hope that you will join us in renewing your membership in the PVKC.

Your membership is valued! Our strength in numbers helps the PVKC to more effectively carry out its mission to further the advancement of purebred dogs, and provide education to the general public about responsible dog ownership, animal welfare, and ethical breeding.

Your support helps the PVKC pay for fixed overhead expenses such as insurance, Federation and AKC dues, Maine annual report and the website.

The club continues to make monthly dog food deliveries to the Samaritan Inc. and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantries so that people with limited income are able to feed their dogs and not have to surrender them. Please consider adding a contribution to the food pantry along with your membership renewal. Thank you!

To ensure the club's records are current, we would appreciate it if you would complete and return the enclosed PVKC Membership Information Form along with your dues payment.

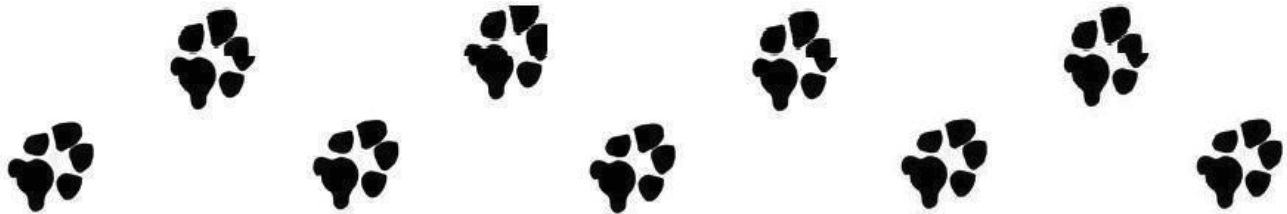
If you do not wish to renew your membership, please email Denise at cpa@dhue.net so that we do not trouble you again with a renewal reminder.

Checks should be made payable to Penobscot Valley Kennel Club or PVKC and sent to the address above.

Thank you so much!

Respectfully,

Denise Hue
PVKC Treasurer



PVKC Membership Information Form and Invoice for 2023

Names _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

Kennel Name: _____

Breeds: _____

DUES (Check One):

_____ Individual membership \$20

_____ Family membership \$25

_____ Junior individual membership \$5

Additional Voluntary Contributions:

Dog Food Pantry \$ _____

Thank you!!



Membership Benefits

Not only does your membership support the club, check out these benefits available to you!

- Reduced fees for handling classes including handouts with insider tips. Classes offer a supportive atmosphere with a goal to improve the performance of both dog and handler working as a team. Gain confidence in the ring, improve skills and have some fun!
- Paw Prints Newsletter sent periodically by email. Find out about what projects the PVKC is working on, committee reports, current legislation, calendar and articles on dog health or other dog related topics. With useful links and an occasional funny.
- Periodic guest speakers invited to monthly meetings on topics that members request.
- Seminars on topics such as handling, breeding, health, stewarding and more.
- Sound advice and shared knowledge from other members regarding responsible pet ownership, conformation, breeding and much more. Benefit from decades of collective knowledge! New members are sponsored by two Board members for one year. Have a question? Please email any Board member.
- Stay up to date on research and current legislation regarding animal welfare and purebred dog ownership. PVKC members that are active in the Federation of Maine Dog Clubs and on the Animal Welfare Advisory Council (AWAC) keep PVKC members informed of new developments that might affect you. (AWAC advises the Maine Commissioner of Agriculture on matters that pertain to legislation including recommendations whether a law be passed or repealed). PVKC members take a “deep dive” look at pending legislation which is shared with other members via email.
- Annual holiday party. Potluck and Yankee swap.
- Invitation to the member’s only annual awards banquet.
- Camaraderie with others who share your interests and curiosity.
- A community forum via email and social media to exchange ideas and share information. We have an active Facebook page.
- Opportunities to learn about how dog shows and performance events work. Volunteering at the Cumberland Chickadee Classic dog show and the Bangor Waterfront Sanctioned match provides valuable insights that could help you succeed. According to a study published in the American Psychological Association journal *Health Psychology*, volunteers live longer!