

THE SHIH TZU CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

(ABN 85929968033)

Affiliated with the Victorian Canine Association Inc

Patron – The late Mrs Audrey Dadds (UK)



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND/OR RENEWAL FORM

I/We (full name/s)			
Address			
Phone		Mobile	
Email			
Prefix (if any)			
Registration number with Dogs Victoria or other Canine Association (if applicable):			

Membership Category (please tick)

Full	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dual/Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- **Full Membership (\$40.00)** provides access to STCV play dates, health seminars, fun days, breed tutorials, breed mentor, puppy referral, reduced show entry fees, full voting rights and right to hold position on the STCV Committee if a member of a State controlling body.
- **Dual/Family Membership (\$50.00)** provides the same access as Full Membership but includes only one full voting right and one member can hold a position on the STCV Committee if they are a member of a State controlling body.
- **Associate Membership (\$32.00)** provides access to STCV play dates, health seminars, fun days, breed tutorials, breed mentor, but no voting rights.
- **Junior Membership (\$10.00)** provides members under the age of 16 the same access as Full Membership but no voting rights and unable to hold a position on the STCV Committee.

Please note, for new members joining on or after March 1 of the Club's financial year (September 1 to August 31), the above membership fees are reduced by 50% for the first part-year of membership. Full fees are then due on September 1 for the upcoming Club financial year.

Membership Subscription runs 1st September to 31st August annually.

Form to be completed and emailed together with copy of bank remittance to secretary@stcv.org.au

Please pay via Direct Debit:
The Shih Tzu Club of Victoria Inc
BSB 033 135
Account No: 900592
 and please include your **Name** as **Reference**

If my / our membership is approved, I / we agree to be bound by the Constitution, Rules & By-Laws of STCV, Dogs Victoria (or equivalent body in your state of residence) and Dogs Australia / ANKC for the time of being in force. I / we also agree that I / we may be contacted by STCV from time to time.

Signed		Signed	
Nominated by (name)		Signed	

For New members only: If you do not have a person to nominate you, please still fill out and forward the application form.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Admitted to (category membership)		Effective Date	
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Member Code of Conduct

Introduction

The Shih Tzu Club of Victoria Inc. (STCV) is committed to conducting all its activities with honesty and integrity, and a shared commitment to respectful behaviour and ethical values, in accordance with high ethical and legal standards and with respect for our members, affiliated bodies, and those with whom we do business.

This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour and professionalism expected of all members and non-members who participate in STVC activities and applies in any Club-related context including, but not limited to, shows, meetings, social functions, pet days, breed promotions, and written and verbal communication.

Members are responsible for ensuring their guests participating in any Club activities comply with the Code of Conduct.

Members agree to accept and abide by the Code of Conduct when they join the Club and when they renew their annual membership. A member who is found to be in breach of this code of conduct may have their membership revoked by the STCV Committee in accordance with the Club's Constitution and Rules.

Responsibilities of STCV members

The committee expects all members to share a common goal to make STCV an inclusive and welcoming Club by actively upholding the Club's core values—respect, inclusiveness, integrity, and shared responsibility, which collectively supports the best interests of the breed, and has a culture which is free from personal agendas, self-interest, factions or other non-inclusive behaviour.

The Club respects all people regardless of age, gender, sexual preference, race or religion and discrimination in any form will not be tolerated.

Unwanted, uninvited, and unwelcome behaviour which makes a person feel offended, humiliated or intimidated, and where that reaction is reasonable in the circumstances, constitutes harassment. All members are expected to uphold behaviour that reflects our shared values and supports a safe and respectful environment. Harassment will not be tolerated and may take many forms including, but not limited to:

- derogatory comments,
- offensive jokes,
- threats or insults,
- spreading gossip,
- sexual innuendo,
- unwelcome physical contact,
- display of offensive material,
- behaviour which creates an uncomfortable or hostile environment.

All members are expected to uphold behaviour that reflects our shared values and supports a safe and respectful environment. STCV members must treat others with respect and must not encourage or participate in bullying or intimidation of others. This includes appropriate use of

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language and ethical consideration in all communications, such as emails and Social Media. STVC members will act with honesty and integrity in all dealings with other members.

Any actions or comments which could be deemed to be intentionally hurtful, harmful, threatening, inappropriate or undermines an inclusive culture within the Club will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The STVC name and logo are copyrighted and belong to STVC. They should not be used by individual members unless the member has received permission from the STCV Committee.

In a club with a small membership base, it is not unusual or inherently wrong for conflicts of interest to arise. It is how the conflict is dealt with that is important and this requires appropriate and careful consideration. Any member who finds themselves in a position of an actual, potential or a perceived conflict of interest must declare it so that the risk can be assessed and, where required, managed or mitigated. Disclosures providing details of the nature of the conflict (actual, potential or perceived) and the member's proposed plan to manage or address the conflict need to be declared using the "Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form" and emailed to the Club Secretary. This will be reviewed by STCV Committee Members who are independent of the actual, potential or perceived conflict, and provide an objective assessment about the status of the conflict and the appropriateness of the management plan, and ensure it is implemented if it is considered necessary to resolve or otherwise mitigate the conflict.

Code of Conduct Breaches

It is hoped that minor issues are resolved in a collegiate manner between those involved.

The integrity of our Club depends not only on adherence to this Code, but on a shared understanding that respectful behaviour and ethical conduct are the foundation of our community. If a STCV member should know of, or become aware of, an unresolved breach, or breach by another member which has the potential to impact the integrity of the Club, they should notify the STCV Secretary or President. No person will be disadvantaged or prejudiced if he or she, in good faith, reports a suspected breach. All reports will be kept confidential and acted upon in accordance with the Club's Constitution and Rules.

Any formal complaints must be in writing and factual. The Committee will not consider complaints of a frivolous, vexatious or slanderous nature. In the event that a complaint is made against a member, that member must cooperate fully with any investigation of that complaint.

Should a complaint be upheld against a member, the STCV Committee reserves the right to revoke their membership and, if appropriate, refer the matter for further legal consideration.

Acknowledgement

I, _____ [Member name], declare and acknowledge that I have fully read, understood and will abide by STCV Member Code of Conduct.

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(Member Signature)

(Date)