

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.

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

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

PREAMBLE

This Code of Ethics serves as a guide for members of the Bracco Italiano Club of America (BICA) to follow, recognizing their role as guardians of the breed. Explicit in membership in the BICA is the understanding and full acceptance of the Code of Ethics recognizing that a violation or disregard of the Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Ethics or AKC Rules and Regulations may result in discipline up to and including loss of membership from the BICA. This Code of Ethics does not cover every behavior necessary to protect the breed. Therefore, members acknowledge that in all cases their actions are the truest reflection of personal integrity and ethics, commitment to the enhancement of our breed community and their true concern for the welfare of our breed.

GENERAL CONDUCT

As a member of the Bracco Italiano Club of America I shall:

1. Be dedicated to the preservation and welfare of the purebred Bracco Italiano and ensure my actions are in the best interest of the breed
2. At all times exhibit good sportsmanship and good will and conduct myself in a manner which reflects positively on myself, the breed and the BICA
3. Seek the advice and assistance, when needed, of more experienced members on the care and welfare of the Bracco, and if sought out will graciously provide assistance and share the benefits of my knowledge
4. Refrain from the use of any untrue, slanderous or defaming statements against another member, kennel, breeder, a specific dog/kennel, the BICA and Judges, etc. on any public forum including social media
5. Be a responsible dog owner, providing the dogs in my care with a safe and loving home providing them with the best possible care in regard to nutrition, housing, cleanliness and veterinary care
6. Utilize appropriate health testing programs such as OFA, CAER or PennHIP for evaluation of individual traits in all of my Bracco Italiano and make all records public through these organizations.

BREEDING

Members of the Bracco Italiano Club of America, as guardians of the breed, strive to breed conscientiously, taking responsibility for the lives they produce including responsible placement of all puppies produced by any breeding, to ensure the safety and well-being of the individual dogs and of the breed.

As a breeder, I shall:

1. Educate myself to recognize the correct conformation of the Bracco Italiano, familiarizing myself with the AKC breed standard as well as the breed working standard prior to breeding
2. Strive to improve both the field ability and conformation of dogs within my breeding program
3. Breed only animals that are mature, in good health and who are physically and temperamentally sound
4. Not breed dogs that are known or strongly suspected to be affected with genetically inherited disease that significantly affects longevity or quality of life
5. Make every effort to stay current in my knowledge of genetic problems present in the breed and utilize available testing procedures to detect genetic defects
Health test results should be published by OFA, PennHIP, CHIC, or appropriate foreign registry
6. Keep accurate records of all breeding per the AKC Rules and Regulations for pedigrees and registrations. BICA encourages that all litters be registered with the American Kennel Club
7. Not supply dogs to retail sellers, auctions, research laboratories or as raffle or other contest prizes
8. Verify to the best of my ability that the purchaser of any puppy or adult dog will be responsible owner and I recognize that my responsibility as a breeder continues for the lifetime of the dog
9. Represent each dog/puppy sold and bred as accurately as possible. BICA recommends providing the new owner with a contract detailing terms of sale, health records of the puppy or dog, pedigree registration forms, BICA membership forms and proof of health and genetic tests of the parents.