

SPCA MEMBERSHIP

There is a myth that SPCA membership is a given if the person pays the membership fee. This is not true. **People wishing to become members of an SPCA must follow the process as laid down in the SPCA Model Constitution.**

Any person wishing to become a member of an SPCA must first complete the APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FORM and pay the relevant fee. The Committee will then strictly scan the application form as per the SPCA Model Constitution to ensure that the membership upholds and adheres to all policies, rules and the SPCA Act prior to granting such membership. The SPCA Committee has the right to refuse any membership if they have good reason.

We are a professional organisation and should ensure that those wishing to join our organisation have the same views, values and beliefs.

Process to be followed:

1. Applicant completes the APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FORM. Membership is **not** automatically granted. Membership runs from 01 April until 31 March annually; there is a 3-month grace period. (Clause 4.3 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
2. Members must be prepared to sign and agree to the conditions of membership i.e. to adhere to and uphold all policies, rules and the SPCA Act. (Clause 4.12 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
3. Various categories of membership available are: life, honorary, ordinary, junior, and corporate. (Clause 4.2 of the SPCA Model Constitution - Life and corporate fees are decided at an the SPCA's Annual General Meeting, all other categories by the Committee)
4. The committee will screen the application (Clause 4.1 of the SPCA Model Constitution – Committee by majority vote to agree or disagree, can refuse any application deemed undesirable; any that may be declined must be sent to NSPCA together with the reason for declining and the applicant must be advised that they have the right to appeal in writing to NSPCA, whose decision is final)
5. Applicant pays for membership and obtains proof of payment and membership.
6. All members, except juniors, may attend, speak and vote at general meetings, and may be eligible to serve on the Management Committee must be members in good standing, provide a 1-page CV and must be proposed and seconded by members of no less than 1 year. (Clause 4.4 read with Clause 10.2 and Clause 10.3 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
7. Paid employees may take out a membership but may not vote. Their relatives may be members but may not by any means serve on the Management Committee. (Clause 4.5 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
8. Members may not belong to other animal welfare organisations where the aims and objectives may differ from those of the SPCA, and permission to belong to another welfare organisation must be granted in writing by NSPCA. (Clause 4.6)
9. No member may benefit directly from any contract or service provided. (Clause 4.7 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
10. Members may be expelled or suspended by the Management Committee for conduct prejudicial to the objects, interests, or reputation of the SPCA. The person must be advised of such intention, granted a hearing and provided with the facts. Should the member be expelled, the decision will be communicated at the next Annual General Meeting of the SPCA. (Clause 4.8 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
11. Any disputes need to be reconciled by the Management Committee. Thereafter a minimum of 3 members may request arbitration by NSPCA, whose decision is binding. (Clause 4.9 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
12. Any member not paying their membership annually shall be considered in bad standing and owe the outstanding fees to the SPCA. (Clause 4.10 of the SPCA Model Constitution). A member may resign in writing to the Secretary of the SPCA or shall be deemed to have resigned if membership is outstanding for longer than 1 year. (Clause 4.11 of the SPCA Model Constitution)

13. No more than two members of a family by any means may serve on the Management Committee at any one time, unless prior written approval is obtained from NSPCA. (Clause 4.13 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
14. No Committee member may be employed by another Committee member including being subservient to that person. (Clause 4.14 of the SPCA Model Constitution)
15. The Management Committee must actively promote membership (Code of Conduct - Members of the Managing Body will actively promote the SPCA, its policies, principles and procedures to the public at large and will do all they can to encourage membership of the Society and responsible pet ownership.)





APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

It is a condition of membership that SPCA members are deemed to be aware of and to be bound to the SPCA's Constitution and Statement of Policy and any amendments thereto.

Please tick the relevant box:

☐	New Member	☐	Renewal
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☐	Corporate Member	R	annually
☐	Life Member	R	once off
☐	Pensioner Member	R	annually

☐	Junior Member	R	annually
☒	Ordinary Member	R150	annually
☐	Donation	R	

DETAILS:

Name & Surname:	
Residential Address:	
Postal Address:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Numbers (H):	(C):

I hereby adopt the SPCA Statement of Policy as my own manifesto and agree to strictly adhere to and advance the commitments therein contained. I also understand that membership is not a given and that the SPCA has the right to refuse membership.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Membership Number:		Membership	Approved
Reason (if declined):			Declined
Membership Fees:		Receipt Number:	
Date Received:			

Witness for Society: _____ Signature: _____

BANKING DETAILS:

ACCOUNT NAME: BLOEMFONTEIN SPCA
BANK: FNB
ACCOUNT TYPE: GOLD BUSINESS ACCOUNT
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 63216906090
BRANCH: 230234
BRANCH CODE: PRELLER PLEIN
REFERENCE: (SURNAME AND "MEMBERSHIP")

Please complete this form and email it together with proof of payment to: admin@bloemfontainspca.co.za

All membership fees, with the exception of Life Membership, are due and payable annually on 01 April of each year.

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