

Breed Ambassador Program

The Breed Ambassador Program is for those dogs defined as Pit Bulls under Omaha's Chapter 6 Ordinance. Under the ordinance, a Pit Bull is defined as an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Stafford Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentina, Presa Canario, Cane Corso, American Bull Dog or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of one or more of the above breeds (more so than any other breed), or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club for any of the above breeds.

Breed Ambassadors are not required to be muzzled, though they are required to wear a body harness and collar connected to the harness, a special vest that designates them as Breed Ambassadors, and are required to be on leash and under control of a person nineteen (19) years or older unless in a securely fenced yard. The vest must be purchased from the Nebraska Humane Society to ensure consistency and accountability. The cost of the vest is \$20.

In order to apply to be a Breed Ambassador, the owner of the dog must provide proof the dog has been sterilized and micro-chipped, and provide the micro-chip number, provide proof of required home owner's or renter's insurance (\$100,000 coverage), and proof that the dog has been vaccinated and licensed. It is also required that the dog has had no violation of Chapter 6. There is a \$25 application fee.

To earn the designation of Breed Ambassador, the owner must successfully complete a Responsible Pet Owner Class provided by the Nebraska Humane Society. For the purpose of the Breed Ambassador Program, this class will be a discussion on living successfully with these highly intelligent and high drive dogs. The dog must successfully complete an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen test that is administered by the Nebraska Humane Society. If you are not familiar with the Canine Good Citizen test requirements, you can visit akc.org. Classes are offered at the Nebraska Humane Society to help teach the necessary skills. There are other training facilities in Omaha that teach the class. You can visit our website (nehumanesociety.org) for a list of these facilities. It is not required that you complete a class prior to taking the test, but we highly recommend it. You can take the class somewhere else, but you must successfully pass the test here. The fee for the Pet Responsibility class is \$10 and for the CGC test is \$50. If the dog does not pass first attempt on the CGC test, a second test opportunity is offered at no additional charge.

If at any time a dog designated as Breed Ambassador is convicted of any section of Chapter 6, that dog loses its designation of Breed Ambassador. It is required that the Breed Ambassador designation be renewed annually through re-testing for the Canine Good citizen test through the Nebraska Humane Society. It is not required that the Pet Responsibility class be repeated. The fee for the renewal test is \$50.

I have read and do understand the requirements and fees necessary to earn the designation of Breed Ambassador.

Signature

Date

Name of Dog Owner: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Number _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Age of Dog: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

_____ Person ID Number

_____ Animal ID Number

_____ The dog has no Chapter 6 violations

The owner has provided:

Date provided

_____ Proof of sterilization

_____ Proof of microchip. Chip # _____

_____ Proof of insurance

_____ The owner has successfully completed the Pet Responsibility Class

_____ The dog has successfully completed the Canine Good Citizen test

_____ The owner has purchased a Breed Ambassador Vest. Vest # _____

_____ Current photograph of the dog

Please provide a copy of this document to the applicant.