

About the AKCA - Our National Organization

Occasionally we get a question asking about the benefits of a club belonging to AKCA. Our response is likely much more than you realize. Here is a list of the benefits from belonging to AKCA.

1. \$1M automatic liability insurance for all club events such as pond tours, shows, seminars and includes coverage for a mall or business for the duration of your event, when requested. (\$500-\$1000 value if the club purchased this insurance on their own)
2. free club listing in KOI USA Member Clubs listing and on the akca.org website so people can find your club contact information and website.
3. free club news and Upcoming club Events listed in KOI USA and in the AKCA Board meeting minutes tell the other clubs what you are planning.
4. KOI USA will purchase an ad in a club Koi Show and/or Pond Tour booklet for the going rate each year up to \$100 per ad.
5. \$20 subscription rate only for AKCA club members for KOI USA magazine (\$4.95 annual savings).
6. Free KHA training and Certification for club members who want to take the class and pass the tests.
7. Koi Judge Certification Program training and Koi Judges for your club Koi Show.
8. Free club Koi Show or Pond Tour article in KOI USA.
9. 5 free copies of each new guide AKCA produces (currently Pond Guide, Filter Guide, Nutrition Guide and Koi Health Guides are published).
10. entry into the Speaker Grant lottery for up to \$400 reimbursement for six Speaker Grants awarded each year.
11. Free AKCA Koi Person of the Year Certificate for your club and photo in KOI USA magazine, if the winner attends the seminar banquet group photo.
12. Free AKCA Koi of the Year Plaque if you have a koi show and free Koi of the Year 8x10 photo and entry into the AKCA Koi of the Year contest and photo in KOI USA magazine.

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13. Free entry into Champion of Champions contest for the Grand Champion of your Koi Show and trophy to the winner plus koi photo on the cover of KOI USA magazine and 8x10 photo of your entry sent to the koi owner. Photos of all koi entered into the contest will be featured in a KOI USA magazine article.

14. Your club AKCA Dir/Rep is a voting member of the AKCA Board and is contacted by a local AKCA Board member every month to exchange AKCA and club news and to get your club's opinion on issues affecting AKCA.

Your club AKCA Dir/Rep will also be emailed the AKCA Board meeting minutes each month. This communication is a means for your club to be an active part of the AKCA decision process and direction. Your club may authorize this local AKCA Board member by written proxy to allow him/her to place motions before the AKCA Board and to vote on motions on behalf of your club. Even without the proxy form, the local AKCA Board member can discuss your club's position on an issue before the AKCA Board, but not vote.

15. AKCA sponsors informative Web sites at www.akca.org, www.koiusa.com, and www.akcaprojectkhv.org. Join our open forum at www.akca.org. AKCA KHAs and students also have access to the KHA Forum at: www.khaforum.org. Information including training modules are available anyone at: www.koihealthadvisor.org

16. Many speakers for club meetings are supplied through AKCA and its various training programs

17. AKCA sponsors the annual AKCA seminar and trade show with no costs to any host club, yet shares the profit with the host club for their support.

18. AKCA provides the Club Kit to all new clubs and/or potential clubs (and annual update pages) with guidance and suggestions how to organize a club, create their by-laws, raise funds for clubs, and how to market their clubs to the public.

For the \$100 AKCA dues your club can receive

\$500-\$1000 value club event, public liability insurance, if purchased by individual club

\$200 for KOI USA ads placed in your club pond tour and koi show booklets at \$100 per ad

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\$50 in value for AKCA Koi of Year Plaque if you hold a koi show (plus \$20 value for framed 8x10 photo)

\$20 in value for AKCA Club Person of the Year certificate

\$20 in value for AKCA Club Champion of Champion entry framed 8x10 photo (\$50 value for winners trophy)

\$250 in value for club contact listing, club news and event listings in KOI USA for 6 issues annually

Total = \$1040-1540 in benefits available to your club annually plus all the other AKCA benefits available to member clubs

We try to make it as easy as possible for your club to take advantage of all these opportunities and receive the largest possible return on your AKCA association dues. We sincerely hope you will utilize these significant resources available to our membership to build on your club's current success. In return we ask that you please help us continue to help your local club. The vast majority of our income and the reason we can offer so many benefits for such a modest amount of dues is our AKCA magazine KOI USA. Please ask your local members to subscribe to KOI USA at the reduced club member rate of \$20 per year.

Also we appreciate your support of koi/pond vendors that advertise in KOI USA. Continued and hopefully increased support of KOI USA magazine will allow us to support to the fullest extent possible all of your local AKCA clubs. Please consider placing a KOI USA subscription form in your club newsletter for free. (Ad is available at koiusa.com). And please submit club Pond Tour, Koi Show and other articles to KOI USA for publication.

Please share this information with your club members at the next club meeting.

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