

APPLICATION FOR IAOPCC Regular Membership



International Association of Pet Cemeteries and Crematories

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CODE OF ETHICS

We, as a member of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PET CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIES, engaged in the business of owning, operating and developing pet cemeteries and other activities incident thereto, and mindful of the duty which our industry bears to the public, and for the purpose of proclaiming our ideals for the benefit and the protection of the public, our employees, ourselves and our Association, do hereby accept the following code of Ethics of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PET CEMETERIES & CREMATORIES.

We believe that in all of our business dealings the following to be fair and equitable principles and practices and we subscribe thereto:

1. We pledge to uphold the highest standard, always striving to raise the level of the profession.
2. We will perform all services in a dignified manner showing the compassion, sympathetic understanding, and genuine concern required.
3. We will respect the confidence of every family served.
4. We will provide adequate cemetery facilities, maintain them to the best of our ability, keeping in mind our cemetery reflects all pet cemeteries.
5. We will not pay any commission, remuneration or gratuity to other than such member's regular employees or regular salesmen, engaged for that purpose, in the sale of cemetery lots, crypts or niche spaces, interment rights, cremations, memorials or any other cemetery property or services (hereinafter referred to as "cemetery property and services").
6. In the event we should have or make an independent contract with any agency to sell our cemetery property and services, such independent agency will be provided with copies of this Code of Ethics and require that such agencies, their officers, directors, employees and salesmen in every respect must conform to the Code.
7. We will not use any method of advertising, sales presentation or persuasion which conceals, evades, or mis-states a material fact.
8. We will comply with all federal, state and local laws.
9. We will maintain our own individual price policy.
10. We will maintain adequate burial and financial records.

STANDARDS AND OPERATING PRACTICES

Article I – Cemetery Practices

1. We will not assume or otherwise "take over" another cemetery's agreements or contacts without the consent of the other cemetery.
2. We will not knowingly make any untrue statement regarding any other cemetery.
3. We will not issue any statement for publication which would purport to reflect the opinion or view of the Association without prior approval of the Association's Board of Directors or its Executive Committee.
4. We will not use the name of the Association in any manner which would tend to promote discredit to the Association.
5. All cemetery rules and regulations will be fair and reasonable.

Article II – Cemetery Care Funds

1. Recognizing the need of proper provision for maintenance of each cemetery, we shall have and maintain a plan for the cemetery's preservation. For that purpose a care fund, or funds, shall be established and maintained.

Article III – Sanctions

1. We will not do or omit to be done, directly, indirectly, or by subterfuge, combination, or secret agreement anything hereinabove specifically prohibited.
2. Any member violating any prohibitory section of the code of Standards, or who may be found guilty of any other unethical practice, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Association in accordance with Article IV hereof.

Article IV – Procedures For Ethic Violations

1. A Standing Committee known as the Committee on Ethics shall be maintained by the Association.
2. Any alleged violation or breach of this Code of Ethics and Standards shall be reported in writing to any officer of the Association who shall have the duty to refer the written allegations to the Committee on Ethics.
3. The Committee on Ethics shall initially review the written allegations to determine if it provides a basis for proceeding further. If the Committee on Ethics determines that the written allegations require further investigations then it shall send a detailed statement of the allegations to the member or members involved requesting a written answer to the allegations within thirty (30) days.
4. Upon receipt of the response from the member or members involved, or if no response is received, the Committee may, if it so determines, proceed as follows:
 - a. Schedule a formal hearing before the Committee, with at least ten (10) days written notice thereof to both the complaining parties and the members involved.
 - b. At the hearing both parties shall be allowed time to present any pertinent material to the Committee and may be represented by counsel if they so desire.
5. At the conclusion of the hearing the Committee shall consider the material presented and make a determination as to whether any actions shall be taken against the offending member or members. If the Committee determines that action would be appropriate, it shall make a written report to the Board of Directors.
6. The Board of Directors, upon receipt of a written report from the Committee on Ethics, shall advise the offending member or members in writing of the receipt of the report and allow the member or members an additional five (5) days to make a further presentation. At that time, the Board may proceed to discipline the offending member or members in any appropriate manner including expulsion from the Association if it so determines.

We, _____, who own and operate
the _____ pet cemetery
located at _____
do agree to the above Code of Ethics, Cemetery Standards and Practices and will abide by them to the best of our ability.

Signed _____

Telephone _____ Dated _____

NOTE: Please complete the above, indicating acceptance of the IAOPCC Code of Ethics and Operating Standards, and return to the IAOPCC office. Upon receipt of the signed statement, received payment and approval of the Association, member benefits will apply.



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Please type or print plainly the information as you wish it to appear in the IAOPCC records.

Cemetery Name _____ Date _____

Contact Person(s) and Titles _____

Address _____ City, State, Postal _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

800 Number _____ Web Site _____

About Us

We have _____ acres available total and _____ acres presently developed. Our first year of operation was _____.
Our cremator unit was manufactured by _____ and has an hourly capacity of _____ pounds.

We offer the following (circle or underline all that apply)

Inground Burials • Country or Mass Burials • On-premise Cremation • Off-premise Cremation • Private Cremation • Group Cremation
Columbium Inurnment • Mausoleum Interment • Family Viewing Room • Casket/Vault/Urn Display Room • Other (please explain)

Our definition of Private Cremation is (circle or underline one)

One single animal in the cremator or several animals in the cremator with appropriate division to guarantee no co-mingling of cremations.

We offer a Veterinary Disposal Service for bulk animals: Yes No

Our cemetery is operated in conjunction with another pet-related business which is _____.

Responsibility of Membership

I agree with the principles of the International Association of Pet Cemeteries (IAOPCC) as outlined in the Code of Ethics and have so indicated by submitting a signed copy as part of this application. I agree that if for any reason I choose to no longer remain a member of IAOPCC, I will return the Membership Plaque and will immediately stop using the IAOPCC logo in any manner or for any purpose, including removal of IAOPCC logo from my website. I further understand that should I wish to sell a product or service to other members, I will need to reapply to become an IAOPCC Supplier Member. I understand that if my membership is approved, that it is for minimum of three (3) years with the dues payable annually at the rate of current membership fees. I further understand that a representative of this membership will be required to attend a minimum of one (1) National Meeting within the next two (2) meetings presented by IAOPCC.

A membership in IAOPCC shall be granted, refused or rescinded of good and just cause by the IAOPCC Board of Directors. A change in proprietorship, partnership, corporation or society operating and maintaining a cemetery/crematory/funeral home or a change in the designated voting member shall be reported forthwith to the IAOPCC home office.

Signed by Voting Member _____ Date _____

When this application is processed and is accepted, your name will be entered in the Membership Directory and listed on the IAOPCC web site. You will receive an IAOPCC Membership Plaque upon your attendance to your first annual National Meeting for you to display as long as you remain a member of IAOPCC.

Please find enclosed my payment in the amount of \$350.00 for a Regular Membership.

– OR –

Please charge my credit card \$350.00 for a Regular Membership.

(check one) MasterCard VISA Discover Card number _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Exp. Date _____ Sec. Code _____

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