

## IAHAIO Membership Application Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in applying for membership of the International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organisations (IAHAIO). One of the main goals of IAHAIO is to gather together national associations and related organisations to advance the understanding and appreciation of the link between humans and animals. If you think that your organisation can benefit from membership of IAHAIO and can contribute to IAHAIO achieving its objectives, then we would be very pleased to receive your application and learn more about your work.

To make an application, please send a letter, signed by a person in authority, requesting the specific IAHAIO membership status you are applying for. Your application must also provide the information detailed below. Please submit your letter, application and any supporting documentation, to the addresses below at least six weeks before the next IAHAIO Annual General Meeting. If possible, please submit your application by email.

Your application will be considered by the IAHAIO Executive Committee at the next Annual General Meeting, and you will be notified of the outcome shortly thereafter. Once you have submitted your application, you may be contacted by a member of the IAHAIO Board for further details, if required. You may also be invited to make a presentation to the IAHAIO Board and attend a 'Question and Answer' session, in support of your application.

Before completing your application, please ensure that you are familiar with the criteria for each category of membership, as listed on the IAHAIO website ([www.iahaio.org](http://www.iahaio.org)). Your preferred membership category must be stated on your application.

### **Your application must include the following information/address the following questions:**

1. Name and contact details of organisation making application  
(Name of organisation, Address, Website, Email, Telephone)
2. Main contact person, job title and email address (if different from above)
3. Category of IAHAIO membership applying for
4. When was your organisation founded? (month/year)
5. List your organisation's main activities over the past two years
6. List the number of board members/trustees/governors, including their professional background/qualifications
7. List the number of staff and/or volunteers engaged with your organisation's activities
8. Describe the scope of your organisation's activities (for example, do your activities take place in a local area, or do you host activities nationally throughout your country)
9. If your organisation works at a national level, give examples of how your organisation's activities have influenced/are working to effect national policy
10. If applicable, give examples of how your organisation co-operates with other organisations at local, regional and/or national level in your country
11. How do you think the work of your organisation reflects the following two main objectives of IAHAIO?

- a. Promoting new research, education and practical development in the field of human-animal interactions
- b. Educating policy makers at local, national and international levels about the benefits of human-animal interactions

12. List some of the reasons why your organisation would like to be a member of IAHAIO.

Please note that IAHAIO General Meetings are held each year in different countries, and IAHAIO's business is conducted in English. There may be representatives from other organisations that could assist with translation at the General Meetings, but this cannot be guaranteed or relied upon.

All applications for membership must be submitted in English.

Your application, with any supporting materials, should be submitted to:

- Anne Docherty, Secretary of IAHAIO, 10b Leny Road, Callander, FK17 8BA  
Email: [info@iahaio.org](mailto:info@iahaio.org)
- Dennis C. Turner, President of IAHAIO, PO Box 32, CH-8816 Hirzel, Switzerland  
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Thank you for your interest in IAHAIO