



## The Importance of CHOOSING YOUR MEMBERSHIP NAME

### **APA MEMBERSHIP**

When joining the American Poultry Association (APA), you should choose a membership name you will remember. You have many choices.

- a. You may join under a family name, example: Van Why Family
- b. You may join with your individual name: example: Harry Van Why
- c. You may join under a farm name: example: Sunrise Acres

Whatever name you join under, remember you must always enter a show using this name. Why? This is the name that the association knows you as. This is the name that any achievements are listed under, including points you may have won at the show.

*It's also quite important when you join other clubs such as the ABA or a Breed Club that you use the same membership name for all of them. When show reports are sent out – the name you entered at the shows is the name that will be on show reports. Wrong name? Achievements and points are lost. This is the members responsibility.*

### **FACEBOOK:**

Many people join Facebook and use a different name than the name they have chosen to show under and what they registered as their membership name. Sometimes for needed privacy, sometimes we just think of a cute name that suits us.

If you ask to join the Official Facebook page, you need to list your membership name by answering the two short questions that are asked when you request to be added to the group for our members only. If this area isn't filled in you may be refused to join the group page.

### **DUES:**

Your dues must be current. Don't let them get in arrears. If your dues are late when you enter a show you are not legally a member of the club or when you ask to join our Official Facebook group and therefore, you may have been put on the "inactive" list until your dues are once again current. You don't want to lose points if you attend a show so keep your dues up to date. This is our responsibility as members.