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Code of Ethics



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1. Every member of the Utah Valley Kennel Club, shall consider the welfare of his dog before any personal activities of his or her own, whether breeding, selling, or exhibiting is involved. No member will indulge in any action, which would reflect poorly on the good reputation of the Club or the American Kennel Club.
2. When planning a breeding, the member will think only of breeding the highest quality dog. Before the breeding takes place, the member will study the basic genetics, all pedigrees of the dog involved, including the AKC Breed Standard, keeping in mind, above all, good health, correct conformation, good temperament, and hereditary defects of the dogs to be bred.
3. The member must have adequate facilities for excellent care of his dog or dogs.
4. The member who offers a dog at public stud must attest at all times that the stud is healthy and of sound temperament. It is strongly recommended that the stud be x-rayed and classified in writing by a veterinarian or registry organization as being free of hip dysplasia at the age of 24 months or older. It is also recommended that a member who owns the stud will admit that the stud has or has not had a surgical operation for entropion or for any other disabling physical condition, if he or she is asked that specific question or questions.
5. If a dog or bitch has produced any progeny with any serious biological defect or any disqualifying fault mentioned in the AKC Breed Standard and should produce the same results with a different mating partner, it is strongly recommended that such dog should not be used for further breeding.
6. The member-owner of a stud should discourage the owner of a bitch of poor quality from breeding her at all. Dogs not intended for breeding should be neutered, spayed or have a vasoligation.
7. A member will not sell litters wholesale, not sell any dogs to pet shops, pet dealers of any kind, catalog houses, or any other commercial distributors. The member never breeds for profit as a motive with no regard to quality or conformation. No member should ever offer a dog as a door prize, raffle prize, or in any giveaway activity.
8. Only after a reasonable investigation of the suitability of the potential buyer, will a member sell a puppy. The member's greatest concern at all times shall be the dog's welfare and his future home environment.
9. A potential buyer of a show puppy or even a quality pet puppy should be informed by the member about the positive advantages of the "socialization process" and how it can affirmatively affect the life of the puppy and its owner.
10. A dog with hereditary defect (such as monorchidism, cryptorchidism, hip dysplasia, drop ears, severe pigment problems, bad temperament, etc.) which renders the dog unsuitable for breeding, should be sold or placed only with a signed, dated, written agreement that the AKC Registration Papers shall not be furnished by the seller or applied for by the buyer. Such contract should be filed with AKC.
11. For his own protection and for that of the buyer, the member should provide a written sales agreement, guarantees, contractual stud breeding agreements, etc. on request. Whatever the agreement, it should be written and signed and dated by all parties involved.
12. Advertising shall not be false or misleading in any way. All advertising should be factual and honest in both substance and implication whether written or oral.
13. Every Club member will at all times, whether at home, traveling at dog shows, or at motels or hotels, conduct himself or herself in such a manner as to reflect proper credit on the sport of showing and breeding quality purebred dogs.
14. The member informs himself or herself of and follows all AKC rules and regulations at all times.
15. Any member who shall repeatedly disregard the Code of Ethics may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the Utah Valley Kennel Club in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club.