

CODE OF ETHICS

Members shall when engaged in the normal course of caring for breeding, selling, exhibiting and/or judging purebred dogs, abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ottawa Kennel Club (OKC) and those of the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) where applicable.

Members shall strive to gain respect for their participation and that of their fellow Members in the foregoing activities and to make the best possible contribution to the improvement of the quality, temperament, health and welfare of purebred dogs at all levels.

Members shall not engage in the breeding, buying or selling of dogs which are not purebred, either as principal, agent, intermediary or otherwise. A Member becoming engaged in any of these practices shall automatically forfeit membership. This does not apply to recognized rescue operations which may involve or include non-purebred dogs.

Members shall keep their dogs in clean, healthy environments and provide health protection for them through worming, inoculations, and/or necessary veterinary care.

Members shall when breeding:

1. Conscientiously plan the placing of the expected offspring;
2. Keep in mind the maintenance of or the improvement in desired qualities and type of the breed, free of clearly defined and understood congenital defects;
3. Mate only healthy, mature animals which can be warranted to be:
 - a. Registered, or be eligible to be registered with the CKC;
 - b. Of sound temperament;
 - c. Free of other permanent disqualifying faults as set out in the Official Standards of the CKC.
4. Cover by written agreement the terms of all stud services.
5. Keep meticulously accurate written record of the details of all matings, births, registrations, etc. as required by the CKC.

Members when selling or offering for sale (and these expressions shall cover giving, trading, etc. with or without exchange of money) purebred dogs:

1. Shall advertise only factually;
2. Shall cover all transactions in writing with bills of sale reflecting all details thereof;
3. Shall practice no deception of any kind;

4. Shall supply no animals to pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers;
5. Shall supply no animals for raffles, give-away prizes or similar projects;
6. Shall clearly state to a prospective purchaser whether the sale is of 'Show', 'Showable' or 'Companion' stock calibre. At the time of sale, both the 'Show' and 'Showable' dog is without natural disqualifying faults as listed in the Canadian Kennel Club 'Book of Breed Standards' and the 'Dog Show Rules'.
7. Should use the CKC 'Non-Breeding Agreement' when placing any unspayed bitches or intact males not intended for future breeding and urge the spaying or neutering of such animals by the purchasers;
8. Shall comply with the provisions of the Federal Animal Pedigree Act and the By-Laws of the Canadian Kennel Club in respect of Litter Registrations, Individual Registrations and Transfers of Ownership;
9. Shall urge that at the purchaser's expense, or as otherwise agreed, a purchased animal be examined by a veterinarian within 48 hours; and
10. Shall provide purchasers with details of proper feeding, general care and advisable inoculations.