



Code of Ethics
North Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.

In an effort to promote high ideals among dog owners and breeders, and to strive for the continuous improvement of the breeds within the framework of the approved breed standards, I pledge that:

1. I will maintain the best possible standard of health and care for my dogs.
2. I will attempt to help, befriend, and educate novice exhibitors, owners, and breeders.
3. I will fully explain to all prospective owners the disadvantages as well as the advantages of owning a dog, and the need for basic socialization, and obedience or Canine Good Citizenship classes.
4. I will, before entering into ANY breeding agreement or doing ANY breeding of my own dogs, carefully analyze the conformation, pedigree, and physical health of the prospective sire and dam. I will refuse the mating if, in my opinion, it will not be in the best interest of the breed. I will refuse stud service to any bitch I consider in poor physical health, of unsound temperament, having hereditary show disqualifying faults, or having hereditary health problems, nor will I use a stud as described as same. I will fully explain my reasons to the owner of said bitch or stud.
5. I will refuse to sell to or recommend unethical breeders, refuse to deal with dog wholesalers, or to sell puppies or adult dogs to pet shops, and I will include in all stud service contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies from the mating will be wholesaled, sold, or given to pet stores or wholesale dog breeders.
6. I will maintain and transfer to buyers of puppies or adult dogs accurate health, breeding, registration and pedigree records at time of purchase.
7. I will clearly state to the buyer of a puppy or adult whether the animal in question is of showable, breeding or pet quality. I will use the AKC's Limited Registration and/or provide for a non-breeding agreement to be agreed upon and signed for the spaying or neutering of any animal whose breeding would be detrimental to the furtherance of that particular breed.
8. I will urge all buyers to have any puppy or adult dog sold by me examined by a veterinarian within 48 hours of receipt.
9. I will sell only dogs of sound health and temperament, and will honestly represent them to the best of my ability, as to individual quality, potential, and abilities. I will use a sales contract or written agreement involving the sale of all dogs or puppies and will include in said contract or agreement a written Refund/Replacement Guarantee. Where the buyer or his representative did not personally see or choose the dog if shipped by me, a period of not less than 48 hours will be granted to return or advise that they will return the animal promptly.
10. I will follow the rules of good sportsmanship in a manner which will be a credit to the breeds, the club and myself in all competitions and activities.

To be SIGNED upon application for membership to the North Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.

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