

THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Breeders Guidelines

Brood Bitch

***(See also "Breeders Guidelines" and
"Breeders Guidelines - Stud Dog")***



BREEDERS GUIDELINES BROOD BITCH

These guidelines apply to the three varieties of Poodles. "The breeder of a dog is the person who owned the dam of that dog when the dam was bred;..", according to Section 1, Chapter 3 of AKC's Rules on Registration.

The owner of the female makes the decision to breed and selects the stud dog to use. Of course, the owner of the stud dog always has the right to refuse to breed any female.

Owner of the Brood Bitch: Things to consider if you are planning to breed your bitch.

1. Make sure you have the finances and the time to be there for the whelping and the complete care of the litter.
2. Have proper facilities for the whelping and care of the puppies.
3. Realize you are responsible for the litter, both companion and show prospect puppies. We must be reputable dog owners. Our responsibility includes screening prospective puppy buyers, spay and neuter contracts, and following up after the puppies are sold.

4. Make sure all genetic testing has been completed on your bitch. Verify that the sire and dam of your bitch have also been checked for genetic anomalies. Request copies of certificates, CERF numbers, OFA numbers.
5. Research several dogs that you feel will be suitable for your bitch. Take into consideration the dogs pedigree, what he has been producing, his genetic makeup, and make sure he has had all the genetic testing required.
6. Discuss the possibility of breeding your bitch with the owners of the stud dogs you are considering well in advance. Ask specific questions about the dog. If you haven't seen him, ask for a video or a description of him including his faults. Most people will be very honest about the faults and virtues of their dog. Send a video or describe your bitch to the stud dog owner.
7. Check on all requirements, stud service fee, additional costs, shipping arrangements and stud service contract. Stud service contracts are different with each stud dog owner.
8. Know how to tell when your female is ready to be bred.

9. Understand the stud contract. Some examples:
- a. If the bitch does not conceive, do you receive a return service at no cost?
 - b. If there is only one puppy, what are your options?
 - c. If, because of weather or other conditions, the bitch must remain with the owner of the stud, are you responsible for board after a certain time and if so, what is the charge?
 - d. If this bitch does not conceive, may you send a different bitch next time in her place?
 - e. If the original stud dog is no longer available, what options are available?
 - f. If shipping to a handler, is there a breeding fee or any extra cost? If so, what is the charge?
 - g. What is the amount of the stud fee and when will it be paid?
 - h. When will the AKC papers be signed?

The above are some examples of things that should be discussed with the owner of the stud dog. It is wise to have any exceptions to the contract noted and initialed by both parties. Both parties should have a signed copy of the stud service contract.

IF you have decided to breed your bitch, you should be sure that all her inoculations are current, that she is free of internal and external parasites, and is in good physical condition. Have a veterinarian give her a complete health examination. At the first sign of being in season, have a Brucellosis test done and contact the owner of the stud dog.

REMEMBER, RAISING HEALTHY, WELL ADJUSTED PUPPIES IS A TIME CONSUMING BUT REWARDING JOB.

No one ever asked to have a genetic problem in their line. We as Poodle breeders must be honest in our breeding practices. When problems do occur, be open about them. We can not remove the genetic problems from our breed with out the help of each and every Poodle Breeder. We are the custodians of our wonderful Poodle breed. We should strive to improve it. Poodles are marvelous. Let's work toward keeping them that way.

You are required by the American Kennel Club to keep accurate records of all your dog activities. AKC has available the pamphlet "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows." Write to:

The American Kennel Club
51 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10010

For information about AKC registration :

The American Kennel Club
5580 Centerview Drive
Raleigh, NC 27606

The Poodle Club of America has available books (Poodles in America) with the pedigrees of all AKC Champions listed, and other information. Also available are video tapes on Poodle topics including Poodle type presented by experts. For further information on both "Poodles in America" and the video tapes contact:

Mr. H. Gene Cozart
6126 Highland DR.
Kaufman, TX 75142
phone: (214) 932-3113

For information on receiving the Illustrated Study of the Poodle Breed Standard, please contact the Corresponding Secretary of PCA. AKC can furnish the current mailing address.

For information on the open registry contact:

GDC Open Registry
Box 222
Davis, CA 95617
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South Campus Courts Bldg. A
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2300 Nifong Blvd.
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