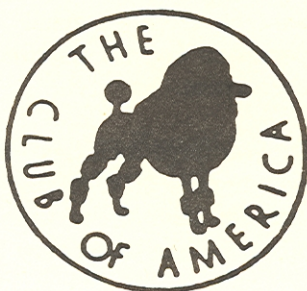


THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Breeders Guidelines

Stud Dog

***(See also "Breeders Guidelines" and
"Breeders Guidelines - Brood Bitch")***



BREEDERS GUIDELINES - STUD DOG

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 Stud Dog: Things to consider if you are planning to use your dog for stud.

1. Make sure all genetic testing has been completed and is current on your stud dog. Have genetic information on dogs in his pedigree.
2. Make sure your stud dog is in good physical condition and has an annual health examination by a veterinarian, including a brucellosis test. He must be free from external and internal parasites and all inoculations should be current.
3. Do you have facilities for secure and proper care of a visiting bitch? This includes having the time to help her adjust to her temporary home.
4. Do you have the skills and ability to handle the actual mating process? Every stud dog and bitch acts differently.

5. Be sure you are able to answer specific questions on what your stud dog has been producing.
6. Be sure to inquire as to what the bitch has produced before and to whom she was bred.
7. You should require the bitch to have had the same genetic tests that you have on your stud dog, including a current brucellosis test. Ask questions about the bitch if you have not had the opportunity to see her, making sure that she is sound with no serious faults.
8. Request that you be informed about the health of the puppies in the litter, not only at birth but through out their lives. This will help you build a data base for your stud dog.
9. Keep a 3 or 4 generation color pedigree of every bitch your dog is bred to, including the genetic testing on those dogs in that pedigree.
10. If your stud dog has not produced a litter recently, have a sperm check done.
11. Have a complete and specific stud contract with a place to include exceptions. Both parties should receive a signed copy. Some examples of items to be covered are:
 - a. If the bitch does not conceive, what are the options for a return service?

- b. If there is only one puppy, what are the options?
 - c. If the bitch stays longer than the breeding time, is there any charge? If so, what is it and when does it start and stop.
 - d. If the bitch does not conceive, will you allow a different bitch to be bred next time in her place?
 - e. If the original stud dog is not available for a return service, what happens?
 - f. What is the amount of the stud fee and when will it be paid?
 - g. If a choice of litter puppy is due, when and where will you get to chose it? What if there is only one puppy? Who has responsibility of puppy expenses?
12. Make sure the owner of the bitch is clear on all your requirements.
13. Keep accurate records of the times and dates of breedings, keeping the owner of the bitch informed. Send a written record of the dates of the breedings to the owner of the bitch.
14. When returning the bitch, include a copy of your stud's pedigree with all of the genetic testing that has been done noted on it.
15. Make sure both parties agree as to when the AKC papers are to be signed.

REMEMBER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT
TO REFUSE TO BREED, TO YOUR
STUD DOG, ANY BITCH THAT DOES
NOT MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

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. The 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 further information about AKC registration contact:

The American Kennel Club
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For information on receiving the Illustrated Study of the Poodle Breed Standard, please contact the Corresponding Secretary of The Poodle Club of America. AKC can furnish the current mailing address.

The PCA 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:

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