

# ***THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.***

## ***Breeders Guidelines***

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



## BREEDERS GUIDELINES

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.

Among the many reasons to breed a Poodle, the best one of all is reflected by the first stated purpose of the Poodle Club of America (PCA): "to encourage the 'breeding' of purebred Poodles to bring their natural qualities to perfection." One of the purposes of the Illustrated Study of the Poodle Breed Standard published by PCA is to promote a better understanding of the attributes of the "perfect" Poodle. This is what all reputable breeders strive to achieve in every litter.

You DO NOT have to breed your Poodle to be a Poodle fancier. Many, many people are happy to purchase their Poodles, enjoy them and leave the breeding to others. Responsible breeding for those who decide to breed Poodles requires more than simply complying with AKC rules and understanding the breed standard. A breeder must understand and recognize Poodle type.



Both stud dog and brood bitch should be of good quality and not have any serious faults. If either has a major fault or is unsound, mentally or physically, it should NOT be bred. The objective of the selection of the dogs to be bred should always be to produce puppies that are of better quality than the parents.

Careful examination of the pedigrees of both parents should reveal no genetic disorders or defects. Some of the genetic problems that can be detected by tests are listed below. Inquire about the results of the genetic testing and problems that the brood bitch or stud dog and their litter mates may have produced. Obtain copies of certification numbers of the genetic tests completed (CERF-Canine Eye Registration Foundation; OFA-Orthopedic Foundation for Animals; etc.), including the dates of the tests.

Following are some of the tests that should be done **BEFORE** you even consider using your Poodle for breeding.

The above information should help you decide if your Poodle should be used for breeding. You should learn all you can about the genetic background of your dog. Ask the breeders for input on each dog in his pedigree. Ask what genetic testing has been done and the results of the tests. Many of the genetic problems in dogs are caused by recessive genes.

### *Genetic Testing All Three Varieties:*

- *Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)*  
*[ERG or direct ophthalmoscope]*  
*(Yearly)*
- *Juvenile Cataracts*  
*[ERG or direct ophthalmoscope]*
- *Von Willebrands - [Blood test]*
- *Thyroid Disorders - [Blood test]*

### *Additional Testing For Each Variety:*

#### *Standard Poodle*

- *Hip Dysplasia - [X-ray]*  
*(OFA certification after 2 years of age, preliminary x-ray may be done at an earlier age.)*
- *Seabaceous Adenitis with Hyperkeritosis*  
*[Skin punch biopsy]*
- *Addison's (Hypoadrenocorticism)*  
*[Blood test]*
- *Entropion*

#### *Miniature Poodle*

- *Hip Dysplasia - [See above]*
- *Addison's - [See above]*
- *Entropion*

#### *Toy Poodle*

- *Luxating Patellas (slipping stifles)*

*Some additional problems that cannot be tested for:*

- *Bloat (Gastric torsion)*
- *Seizure Disorders*
- *Legg-Perthes Disease*
- *Umbilical Hernia*



**You are required by the American Kennel Club to keep accurate records of all your dog activities. The American Kennel Club 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  
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. PCA has available 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  
Route 5, Box 32  
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. The AKC can furnish the current mailing address.**

For information on the open registry  
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GDC Open Registry  
Box 222  
Davis, CA 95617  
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South Campus Courts Bldg. A  
Purdue University  
West Lafayette, IN 47907  
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2300 Nifong Blvd.  
Columbia, MO 65201  
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