

THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Ethical Guidelines

*(See also "Breeder's Guidelines",
"Breeder's Guidelines - Stud Dog"
and "Breeder's Guidelines - Brood Bitch")*



ETHICAL GUIDELINES

The bylaws of the Poodle Club of America provide an over-view of the objectives of PCA and its members. In support of these objectives we present guidelines for behavior requested of Poodle Club of America members.

1. Abide by the Constitution and bylaws of PCA and the rules of the American Kennel Club and applicable State and Federal laws.
2. Act at all times so your conduct reflects credit upon the sport of showing purebred dogs and on PCA. Use good manners and be courteous to others.
3. All breeding stock should have appropriate registry certification numbers and should have all blood tests necessary for heritable defect screening. The buyers of your puppies should be encouraged to keep up these screening procedures throughout their new pets' lives.
4. Be truthful about heritable defects in your own canine family.
5. Be truthful in your advertising. Do not mislead prospective buyers or misrepresent your dogs.
6. Do not spread rumors about other dogs, or other people.
7. Maintain the highest standards of cleanliness, care, and canine health.
8. The Poodle needs socialization and a great deal of human contact - it is his nature. If you don't have time to spend with your dogs, don't breed more dogs.
9. Keep accurate records, registrations, and pedigrees.

10. Conduct any business dealings concerning your dogs in an ethical manner:
 - A. All service and sales arrangements should be mutually agreed upon, stated in writing, and signed by all parties involved.
 - B. Furnish copies to each buyer of all veterinary procedures, pedigree, and AKC registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at time of sale that papers be withheld. Explain limited registration if that is the way the dog is to be registered.
 - C. Honestly evaluate the quality of your Poodles to potential buyers. Define faults and virtues in the puppy.
 - D. Prices of Poodles should represent individual quality. You should maintain prices so as not to be injurious to the breed. Substandard or inferior quality animals should be sold with limited registrations and written agreements to have animal neutered.
 - E. All breedings should be done to improve the breed, not for commercial purposes, including puppy brokers, puppy mills, pet shops, litter lot sales or any other business involved with the wholesaling of dogs.

- F. No dog or bitch should be used for breeding without first having preliminary heritable defect screening.
11. Whenever possible, encourage new owners to bring puppy back for free clip, pedicure and ear check in about 4 weeks. This gives you a chance to see how things are going.



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
contact:

GDC Open Registry
Box 222
Davis, CA 95617
phone: (916) 756-6773

CERF address:

CERF
South Campus Courts Bldg. A
Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN 47907
phone: (317) 494-8179

OFA address:

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
2300 Nifong Blvd.
Columbia, MO 65201
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