

CODE OF ETHICS

In accordance with Article I, Section II of the Constitution and By Laws of the Prescott Arizona Kennel Club, Inc., the following Code of Ethics has been adopted to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders and owners, and to encourage good sportsmanship and cooperation in the improvement of all purebred dogs. In signing this Code of Ethics, I agree to the following:

I WILL ALWAYS ...

... Remember that I am an example of a responsible dog owner, a constant representative of my breed and my club, practice good sportsmanship, and courteous behavior, and maintain the highest standards in the care, hygiene (both at home and at exhibitions), breeding, and exhibition of my dogs.

... Select a stud and matron with an eye to health, conformation, and temperament after a thorough study of the breed standard, pedigree, and basic principles of genetics with the expressed purpose of improving my breed with each breeding, safeguard my dogs from matings which are not carefully planned, do all within my power to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, and verify the registration of all dogs used in my breeding program to prevent the cross breeding of stock or breeding to stock that is unregistrable.

... Avoid using or selling stock in my breeding program which exhibits a crippling genetic defect or other serious hereditary fault, place such animals free of charge or euthanize (depending on the extent of the problem) any animal which exhibits such defects or faults, and encourage the neutering of all dogs which are not of breeding quality.

... Register my dogs with the American Kennel Club, and abide by their rules and regulations, keep accurate records of matings, pedigrees and sales or transfers, pass on only accurate records to purchasers of stock or services, and under no circumstances, knowingly be a part of, or contribute to, false registration.

... Be discriminating in the sale of my puppies and concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed, be prepared to support the type of homes in which they are placed, and to support and care for puppies until placed in proper homes.

... Provide registration forms to purchasers according to AKC Rules and Regulations (or specifically state the reasons such forms are withheld), written guarantees, history of prior veterinary and maintenance care, and a 24 to 48 hour return option.

... Honestly represent my dogs and my breed to prospective purchasers with regard to the advantages and disadvantages my breed offers, and strictly avoid using false or misleading statements in selling and/or advertising.

... Offer assistance to the new dog owner with regard to care and feeding, stress the importance of health care (including spaying/neutering), and other dog ownership responsibilities, and encourage novices to seek the advice and assistance of more experienced owners and breeders.

... Educate the public concerning my breed, its care and maintenance, the American Kennel Club, and the Prescott Arizona Kennel Club.

... Insure that my stock is never involved in donations, raffles or giveaways, and strictly avoid selling or consigning my stock to pet stores, animal brokers or research facilities.
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... When confronted by a situation not covered by this Code of Ethics, conduct myself as I would like to be treated under similar circumstances.

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Signature of Applicant

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