

## GUIDE FOR OWNERS / BREEDERS OF PUREBRED DOGS

I/We understand that a dog is a "Purebred dog" only if it is registered individually with the records of the Canadian Kennel Club or is eligible for registration in same.

While a member of the West Kootenay Kennel Club I/We will not engage, either directly or indirectly, whether as principle, agent, intermediary or otherwise, in the breeding, selling, trading or buying of dogs which are not Purebred. As the West Kootenay Kennel Club is governed by the CKC Rules, I agree to adhere to the Rule of the Canadian Kennel Club while a member of the WKKC.

I/We will keep private breeding records and identification records as required by the Canadian Kennel Club. This includes tattooing or micro-chipping dogs sold as purebred before leaving our premises.

I/We agree to provide person(s) to whom I/We sell a dog as Purebred, with a Certificate of Registration as issued by the Canadian Kennel Club and showing his/their ownership of the dog within six months of the date of sale and acknowledge that I am the person responsible for individually registering the dog within the records of the Canadian Kennel Club and agree to do so.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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### WEST KOOTENAY KENNEL CLUB "CODE OF ETHICS"

AS A **BREEDER** I resolve to devote my efforts to the improvement of the breed, by maintaining high standards of temperament, physical soundness and conformity to the Canadian breed standard in my breeding stock, and by insisting that the stud dogs I use are of the same high standard. To this end, I shall:

1. Maintain the best possible standards of health and care in my kennels.
2. Refuse to use for breeding purposes and refuse stud service to any bitch I consider in poor health, of unsound temperament, or otherwise of poor quality.
3. Exclude from my breeding programs those dogs with unsound hips or other breed specific hereditary problems. ie elbows, heart, eyes, thyroid, DM etc.
4. Refrain from breeding a bitch until she is at least 18 months old, preferably two years, and from breeding her on two or more consecutive heats (more than once a year). Seek veterinary approval for all exceptional cases.
5. Refuse to deal knowingly with unethical breeders and any dog wholesalers or retailers, nor to deal with any buyer where there is reason to believe that the puppy or dog will not be properly cared for.
6. Keep and pass on to buyers of puppies or adult dogs, accurate health, breeding, registration and pedigree records.
7. Sell only puppies or adult dogs of sound health and temperament and to urge all buyers to have a puppy or adult dog sold by me examined by a competent veterinarian within forty-eight hours.
8. Discuss with all prospective buyers their expectations in a puppy or dog using the general categories of show and/or breeding quality and pet quality. Rate the animal for the buyer to the best of my knowledge and skill at the time of sale, giving full and frank disclosure of any faults which the animal may have or which are known to be in its immediate family background. Provide a written guarantee to all animals with acceptable provision for refund or replacement.
9. CKC registration, should be non-breeding, along with a separate spay/neuter contract to be signed by the buyer for all puppies and always for pet quality animals. Conditions should be discussed for possible removal of non-breeding condition and noted in contract.
10. Keep in touch with the progress of dogs in order to better analyze the breeding program.

**In understanding that serious infractions of the above code, where they are deemed detrimental to the breed or individual dog, or another club member, may result in expulsion from the club.**