

# CODE OF ETHICS

Section 1: **Cannon of Ethics.** Each member of the Wandering Canine has an obligation to protect the interest of his/her breed by conduction him/herself in a manner designed to reflect credit on him/herself, his/her breed and on the Wandering Canine club. Each member who contemplates breeding a litter, or who allows the use of his/her stud dog to the same end, shall direct his/her efforts toward producing dogs of exceptional quality, temperament and condition. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or misrepresentation of his/her breed; nor shall he/she malign his/her competition by making false or misleading statements regarding his/her competitor/s dogs, breeding practice or person. It is considered unethical for any club member to sell dogs to any pet shop or any wholesale dealer in dog, or to knowingly sell to any breeder who sells to pet shop or in any way aid or abet the sale of any dog through a pet shop or lottery. A reputable breeder will maintain the best possible standers of health and care of his/her kennels.

Although the Wandering Canine club encourages the participation of mixed breed dogs, it does not condone the deliberate production of said mixed breeds. ALL mixed breed dogs owned by members of the Wandering Canine club must be spayed or neutered before any accidental mating occurs.

**No member shall be involved in** promoting, supporting, or raising dogs for fighting; knowingly sell, give or trade dogs that will be used for fighting; condone or be associated with the facing off, game testing, rolling or pitting; will be tolerated or allowed membership in the Wandering Canine club. Such individuals will be banned from all UKC events and clubs with no reinstatement at any time.

Section 2: **Responsibilities of the Breeder.** The breeder shall:

- a. Be familiar with his/her breed standard and breed only those specimens that conform to it.
- b. Be familiar with UKC rules concerning record keeping, registration, sale and transfer of dogs, and abide by these rules.
- c. Use for breeding only dogs that are healthy and free from serious genetic defects characteristic of his/her breed or breeds.
- d. Produce puppies only when he/she has the time and facilities to provide adequate attention to physical and emotional development until such time as they are sold.

Section 3: **Responsibilities of the Seller.** The seller shall:

- a. Keep accurate records showing dates of immunization, types of vaccines used, dates of worming, etc.; registration and pedigree records and furnish these records with the sale of the puppy/dog.
- b. Be willing to cover all sales by a written contract, listing registration numbers of both sire and dam and litter registration of dog if available, conditions of sale, description of quality of the dog, health records, full description of dog and at least a three generation pedigree.
- c. A dog showing serious deviation from the standard or a congenital/genetic defect, rendering it unsuitable for breeding, can be sold only to a buyer who is willing to spay or neuter it, unless the breeder is willing to do so. Registration papers should be withheld until proof of sterilization is furnished. The sales contract will state reasons for withholding papers.
- d. Will provide registration papers with each dog sold unless the reasons for not providing such papers are clearly stated in each sales contract.
- e. Apprise the buyer of growth potential and breed peculiarities to ensure that the placement of the dog is mutually satisfactory.

Section 4: **Responsibilities of a Stud Owner.** The stud owner shall:

- a. Not offer at stud a dog showing a serious inherited defect that is characteristic in the breed, structure or temperament. Likewise, owners of stud dogs shall not accept for breeding any bitch, the reproduction of which is likely to do detriment to the breed.
- b. Shall not breed a bitch less than one year of age and not before a bitch's second season.
- c. Shall refrain from breeding a bitch owned by a party known to have dealing with pet shops, wholesale dealers or lotteries.
- d. Shall make every effort to apprise the owner of the bitch of the responsibilities involved in the raising, proper care and placement of puppies resulting from this breeding.
- e. Shall NOT breed a bitch owned by a party involved in fighting dogs (facing off, game testing, rolling, pitting), or known to have dealings with people involved in such.

Section 5: **Enforcement.** See Article VIII on discipline in the Wandering Canine club constitution and bylaws.