



Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc. Charleston, West Virginia

The Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc. (MVKC) recognizes its responsibility to preserve and protect purebred dogs. It further recognizes that the quality and reputation of purebred dogs rests squarely in the hands of its breeders. Therefore, as guidance both to the public and its member-breeders, the MVKC sets forth below certain standards of conduct to be followed by its members.

1. No member should knowingly sell any puppy to any pet shop, catalog house or any wholesale dealer in dogs or to any person who sells to pet shops, catalog houses or wholesale dealers or in any other way knowingly aid or abet the sale of any purebred dog through a pet shop or catalog house.
2. All breedings should be planned and aimed at improvement of the breed. The member-breeder will be familiar with their breed's Standard and will do everything in his/her power to discourage breeding from clearly inferior specimens of the breed, or to any such specimen with his/her stud. No dogs exhibiting a disqualifying hereditary defect, unsound temperament or poor health will be bred.
3. No member-breeder will breed a bitch unless he/she has the time and facilities to provide proper care and attention to the physical and emotional development of the puppies. No bitch will be subject to more than two successive whelpings.
4. A member selling a dog or puppy which he/she knows to have a physical condition or a serious deviation from the Standard which indicates that the breeding of the animal would be detrimental to the welfare of the Breed, will so inform the buyer the sale will be made with an agreement in writing, signed by both buyer and seller, that the dog is not to be bred. Additional agreements pertaining to spaying or neutering of the animal are encouraged.
5. If, to the member-breeder's knowledge, a dog has been exposed to a communicable canine disease, the dog will not be released until the end of the incubation period for that disease. A licensed veterinarian will determine the incubation period.

6. A member-breeder will be familiar with the American Kennel Club (AKC) rules governing record keeping, registration and sale and transfer of dogs, and will abide by those rules. Any warranties or other agreements pertaining to the sale of a dog should be put in writing, with a copy provided to the buyer and the seller.

It is further recommended:

- a. Each dog sold will be accompanied by a current health certificate and/or written record of all medical treatment within the preceding year of sale.
 - b. Dogs will have had shots appropriate to their age, and will have had fecal examinations and necessary worming treatments before being released.
 - c. No puppy will be released until it is two weeks post-weaning and has had its first vaccination.
 - d. Member-breeders should furnish the buyer at least a 3-generation pedigree.
 - e. Member-breeders will inform the buyer of the breed characteristics of their breed and will give the buyer instructions on feeding, maintenance and grooming of the particular dog.
 - f. Financial arrangements should be in written form, with a copy provided to the buyer and the seller.
 - g. Member-breeders should acquaint the buyer with local and national breed dog clubs.
7. Advertising by members will be as factual as possible. Misleading exaggerations or unfounded implications or superiority will not be used.
 8. Sportsmanship

The term "sportsmanship" might be strictly defined as the art of playing fair, accepting defeat without complaint and victory without boastfulness. However, the following additional concepts of sportsmanship, when practiced, can enhance the pleasures of participation and the respect afforded the sport of purebred dogs.

- a. Every person should conduct him/herself at all times in such a manner as to reflect positively on the sport of breeding and showing dogs.
- b. You and you alone are responsible for cleaning up after your dogs: anywhere and anytime.
- c. Whether in the ring, seated ringside, traveling, staying at hotels/motels, or dining out, DO NOT be so rude as to leave your dogs unattended to inflict damage to property or cause excessive noise.
- d. Experienced breeders and exhibitors should willingly offer to the novice advice, constructive criticism or assistance with problems

- when requested to do so. However, keep in mind that unsolicited "constructive criticism" can cause great pain.
- e. In the course of contact, whether in person, by telephone or by mail, a member should never refer in a derogatory way to the methods, animals, or reputations of other breeders or exhibitors.

I have read and understand the Code of Ethics.

Signature of member

Date

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