



Breeders Code of Ethics

The **Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle** is dedicated to preserving the breed and continues to work to improve the health of the dogs our member's breed.

This **Breeders Code of Ethics** is written keeping the best interests of the Bulldog at heart. Conscientious breeders should exceed minimum requirements and expectations, setting a standard for all others to follow. The goal should always be to produce quality Bulldogs that conform to the Breed Standard of even temperament, vigorous and free of health problems. To that end, I hereby pledge to:

General practice: Applicant must read, agree, and initial each point

- 1) Conduct health testing of all breeding stock to **Bulldog Club of America (BCA)** minimum requirements. _____
- 2) Maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness, and care, in all aspects concerning Bulldogs. This includes, but is not limited to, providing a healthy diet, maintaining clean living situations sufficient for a healthy Bulldog, providing adequate veterinary care and proper socialization. _____
- 3) Ensure that all Bulldog bitches being bred shall be sound, free of health problems and have typical structure and conformation and shall be of sound temperament. _____
- 4) Not compromise a bitch's health or quality of life for the prospect of a future litter. The bitch's health, age, and number of litters should be considered priority over all other interests regarding future litters. _____
- 5) Not breed a bitch prior to 18 months of age, unless determined to be in the best interest of said bitch by a veterinarian due to medical problems such as pyometra. _____
- 6) Consult a veterinarian when considering breeding a bitch (5) years of age or older. _____
- 7) Not permit a bitch to produce three (3) consecutive litters unless breeding consecutive litters is recommended by a veterinarian. Responsible breeders do not over-breed their bitches. _____
- 8) Not allow a puppy to leave for its new home before the age of eight (8) weeks. _____
- 9) Refuse to sell or recommend breeders who do not conform to the ideals and obligations expressed in this Code and shall not engage in wholesaling litters or in individual sales or consignments of pups or adults to pet shops, dealers, catalog houses or other commercial establishments, nor shall they be donated or given as prizes in contests, raffles, or fund-raising events, no matter how charitable. _____
- 10) Be available to my buyers for reasonable advice and assistance that they may need. _____
- 11) Ask the buyer(s) to advise the breeder if they are ever unable to care for their Bulldog, so that the breeder can either take the dog back or help assist in placing the dog in a new home. _____
- 12) Always assist any rescue organization that acquires a Bulldog the breeder has sold. _____
- 13) Ensure that all potential stud dogs shall be sound and have typical structure and conformation and shall be of sound temperament. _____



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- 14) Refuse stud service to bitches not registered with the AKC or a registry recognized by AKC, and any bitch considered to be in poor health, physically or mentally unsound or lacking in the necessary breed characteristics as set forth in the Bulldog Standard. _____
- 15) Encourage bitch owners to breed only if they have facilities, time, and resources to adequately care for a litter and upon strong evidence of the possibility of finding suitable homes for the resulting litter. _____
- 16) Provide information on a stud dog such as, if the stud dog is unproven or has had breeding problems in the past, to the owner of the bitch before the bitch is bred. _____

Responsible breeders are encouraged to: (Applicant must read and initial each point)

- 1) Supply a pedigree of no less than three (3) generations plus AKC registration papers to each puppy buyer. _____
- 2) Supply records to each puppy buyer which detail all dates and types of medical care given the pup, including all vaccinations for the pup's age. _____
- 3) Have a veterinarian conduct a "well puppy exam" on all puppies bred prior to delivery to a buyer.
- 4) Shall request that a buyer take their pup to a Veterinarian of their choice within a reasonable period of time of receipt (set by the breeder within their contract) and, if the pup is deemed unhealthy or if the buyer is not satisfied that the pup is as represented by the breeder, offer the buyer a full refund of the purchase price paid, or another puppy. _____
- 5) Spay/neuter and support the use of limited registration on all Bulldogs, puppies, and adults, sold to pet homes. _____
- 6) Utilize written agreements, clearly stating the conditions and terms of service, including but not limited to, stud services and puppy or adult sales. _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Print Name(s): _____