



Tri-State Poodle Club, Inc. Breeder Code of Ethics

As a member of Tri-State Poodle Club, Inc. and active or aspiring breeder of poodles, I agree to:

1. Consider the best interest of the breed when engaged in any activities involving breeding, selling and exhibiting poodles
2. Promoting the good of the breed before any personal benefit
3. Never breed for commercial purposes, including sales to puppy brokers, puppy mills, pet shops, litter lot sales or any other business involved with the wholesaling of dogs
4. Maintain the highest standards of animal husbandry, understanding that the poodle, both adult and puppy, needs socialization and a great deal of human contact
5. Not breed more dogs if I and those associated with me do not have sufficient time to spend with all of my adult or puppy poodles to ensure their extensive socialization needs are met and the highest standards of animal husbandry are maintained
6. Be honest with the club and potential buyers about heritable defect screening
7. Complete the following tests before breeding any individual poodle: board certified ophthalmological exam/CERF (all sizes), Progressive Retinal Atrophy (Toy and Miniature Poodles only), Luxating Patellas (Toy and Miniature Poodles only), Hip Certification after two years of age (Miniature and Standard Poodles only), and Sebaceous Adenitis (Standard Poodles only). The following tests are also suggested but may be completed at the breeder's discretion: baseline blood work, von Willebrands Disease, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, and thyroid
8. Not mix breed, provide stud service for mix breeding, or advertise for sale, puppies that have been mix bred
9. Keep accurate and complete records of my dogs, their pedigrees and matings
10. Register all breeding dogs with the American Kennel Club
11. Not provide stud service to unregistered bitches or breed bitches to unregistered dogs
12. Breed only stud dogs and brood bitches of good quality, free of any serious faults (not limited to but including those of gimmick sizes, ex. "teacup" and "royal"), and sound

both mentally and physically with the objective always being to produce puppies that are better quality than the parents

13. Not breed studs before one year of age and bitches before two years of age
14. Conduct any business dealings concerning my dogs in an ethical manner
15. Be honest in my advertising, not misleading prospective buyers or misrepresenting my dogs
16. Honestly evaluate the quality of my poodles for potential buyers
17. Represent individual quality in the prices of my poodles while maintaining prices such as not to be injurious to the breed
18. Have all service and sales arrangements be mutually agreed upon, stated in writing, and signed by all parties involved
19. Furnish copies to each buyer of all veterinary procedures, pedigree and AKC registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that papers are to be withheld and explain limited registration if that is the way the dog is to be registered
20. Sell pet poodles with limited registrations and with written agreement, signed by all parties, that the animal will be spayed or neutered
21. Not send puppies to their new homes at less than 8 weeks of age
22. Protect the interests of the breed and purebred dogs and the sport of dog show competition in general, by conducting myself in a good-sportsman manner designed to reflect credit on myself, the breed, the Club and on other participants in dog shows generally
23. Be responsible for all puppies I produce for their entire lives. If the owner cannot or will not take care of the animal any longer or abandons it, I will make every effort to secure a new home for it

I understand that any just complaint shall be brought to the attention of the Tri-State Poodle Club Board, otherwise the complaint is deemed to lack merit.

I understand that any member who falsifies registration papers or knowingly misrepresents their puppies in any way shall be expelled from Tri-State Poodle Club and such action reported to all related, governing clubs and authorities.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____