



## **THE CALIENTE ALL-BREED CANINE ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS**

**In accordance with the United Kennel Club, The Caliente All-Breed Canine Association has set forth certain rules and regulations that it expects all of its members to abide by. The Caliente All-Breed Canine Association promotes and fosters the highest standards among breeders, owners, and fanciers, to encourage sportsmanship and cooperation in the improvement and advancement of UKC registered breeds. As a member of the Caliente All-Breed Canine Association, I agree:**

### **BREEDING**

1. To only breed with the intention of improving purebred dog breeds, by breeding only those dogs that conform to the standards as recognized by the UKC, and who exhibit soundness, stable temperament and health.
2. To breed only those dogs known to be free of serious or disqualifying defects in my breeding program. I will not breed dogs with vicious or shy temperaments, or dogs with serious defects or disqualifications addressed in their breed standards.
3. Before entering into any breeding arrangement, I will scrutinize the health history and health testing of both the sire and the dam. There is an obligation to refuse the breeding, if it is not in the best interest of the breed.
4. To utilize only stud dogs and bitches that are both physically and mentally mature, in good health. Only fully health tested (specific to each individual breed) stud dogs and bitches should be bred. It is strongly encouraged to register health testing results with applicable databases, (i.e. OFA, BAER and CERF) prior to any breeding. All dogs should be free of communicable disease and disqualifying genetic defects prior to any breeding.
5. To honestly and factually advertise all puppy and dog sales, without being misleading, including encouraging buyers regarding the breeding/show potential of a dog/puppy.

### **HEALTH**

1. To maintain the best possible standard of health, cleanliness, and veterinary care in an environment conducive to the stable development of my dogs.
2. I will guarantee the health of my puppies at the time of sale.
3. I will refrain from releasing any puppy until it is at least eight (8) weeks old.
4. To provide that any dogs owned by me, or are in my care, receive proper immunization, appropriate nutrition, housing, parasite checks, socialization and treatment when necessary.

### **RECORDS**

1. To keep accurate records on my dog(s) (minimum of five (5) years). This includes registration certificates, pedigrees; show wins, health certificates, etc.
2. To keep accurate breeding records on my dog(s) including: all breeding records, stud service contracts, litters produced, and all dogs/puppies purchased and sold.
3. Report to the Registration Office of the United Kennel Club, Inc. any person who falsifies a registration or knowingly misrepresents a pedigree.

## **SALES**

1. To discriminate in the sale of puppies and screen future owners. Dogs/puppies will not be sold to dog wholesalers or retailers, puppy brokers, research facilities, or puppy mills.
2. Urge buyers to spay or neuter those puppies that will not be used for breeding.
3. At the time of the sale, I will:
  - a. Furnish to each buyer a health record reflecting all shots, wormings, and health issues.
  - b. Present pedigree, registration and/or transfer documents unless written agreement is made to withhold such documents.
4. Not to be involved with puppy mills or dog brokers, and that no Dog, Bitch or Puppy shall be bred, used and/or sold for commercial purposes, whether directly or indirectly, involving any pet store, product laboratory, litter lot sales or any commercial enterprise involved in any like activities.

## **EXHIBITOR/BREEDER RELATIONS**

1. Always conduct myself in a manner that reflects credit and professionalism upon myself, my dogs and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of location or circumstances. I agree to refrain from:
  - a. Willfully slandering or discrediting another member,
  - b. Degrading a dog, exhibitor or Judge at ringside of a show or match,
  - c. Expressing negative or degrading comments about another's dog, breeder of their dog or family.
  - d. Displaying unsportsmanlike conduct at any show or event.
2. Assist new owners of purebred dogs by sharing my knowledge.

**I have read the Caliente All-Breed Canine Association's Code of Ethics and do agree to follow the Guidelines as enumerated above.**

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

This Code of Ethics is intended as an expression of goals for breeders, exhibitors and fanciers. It is not to be construed as a rule or regulation to be enforced by punishment. Breeders are expected to police themselves in a civil and responsible manner.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_