

**CODE OF ETHICS OF THE LOUISVILLE KENNEL CLUB**

The Louisville Kennel Club recognizes to preserve and protect the Purebred Dog. It further recognizes that the quality and reputation of the breeds rests squarely in the hands of its breeders. Therefore, as guidance both to the public and its member-breeders, the LKC sets forth below certain standards of conduct to be followed by its members.

1. No member will willingly sell any dog 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 way knowingly aid or abet the sale of any dog through a pet shop or catalog house. No member shall knowingly become involved in the sale of any dog to any individual, outlet or corporation whose main reason for purchase is resale.

2. A member-breeder will be familiar with the AKC rules governing record keeping, registration, sale and transfer of dogs, and will abide by those rules. Any warranties or other agreements pertaining to the sale of a dog will be put in writing, with a copy provided to the buyer and seller. The use of "Limited Registration" is encouraged. Breeders should accept responsibility for those animals that they have bred that are abandoned or found in shelters.

3. A member selling a dog or puppy which he 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 the buyer and the seller, that the dog is not to be bred. Additional agreements pertaining to spaying or neutering of the animal are encouraged.

4. All breeding will be planned and aimed at improvement of the breed. The member-breeder will be familiar with the standard and will do everything in his power to discourage breeding from clearly inferior specimens of the breed, or to any such specimen with his stud. No dog exhibiting a disqualifying hereditary defect, unsound temperament or poor health will be bred.

5. If a dog or bitch produces offspring with the same serious defect detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness or impairment of the vital functions, from litter by three different mating partners, the members owning that dog or bitch will refrain from further use of the animal for breeding.

6. No member-breeder will breed a bitch unless he has the time and facilities to provide proper care and attention to the physical and emotional development of the puppies.

7. Advertising by members will be as factual as possible. Misleading exaggerations or unfounded implication of superiority will not be used.

8. Members will refrain from knowingly making unfair or untrue statements about the dogs or practices of others.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_