

# Ottawa Kennel Club Code of Ethics

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Members shall when engaged in the normal course of caring for breeding, selling, exhibiting and/or judging purebred dogs, abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ottawa Kennel Club (OKC) (and those of the [Canadian Kennel Club](#) (C.K.C.) where applicable).

Members shall strive to gain respect for their participation and that of their fellow members in the foregoing activities and to make the best possible contribution to the improvement of the quality, temperament, health and welfare of purebred dogs at all levels.

Members shall not engage in the breeding, buying or selling of dogs which are not purebred, either as principal, agent, intermediary or otherwise. A member becoming engaged in any of these practices shall automatically forfeit membership.

Members shall keep their dogs in clean, healthy environments and provide health protection for them through worming, inoculations and necessary veterinary care.

## Members shall when breeding:

1. Conscientiously plan the placing of the expected resulting offspring.
2. Keep in mind the maintenance of, or the improvement in desired qualities and type of the breed.
3. Mate only healthy, mature animals which can be guaranteed to be:
  - a) Registered or registerable with the C.K.C.
  - b) Of sound temperament.
  - c) Free of clearly defined and understood congenital defects.
  - d) Free of other permanent disqualifying faults set out in the Official Standards of the C.K.C.
4. Cover by written agreement the terms of all stud services. (Normally payment is required in advance and one return service guaranteed should no live progeny result from the original service.)
5. Keep meticulously accurate written record of the details of all matings, births, registrations, etc. as required by the C.K.C.

**Members when selling or offering for sale** (*and these expressions shall cover giving, trading, etc. with or without exchange of money*) **purebred dogs:**

1. Shall advertise only factually.
2. Shall cover all transactions in writing with bills of sale reflecting all details thereof.
3. Shall practice no deception of any kind.
4. Shall supply no animals to pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers.
5. Shall supply no animals for raffles, give-away prizes or similar projects.
6. Shall clearly state to a prospective purchaser whether the sale is of "show", "showable", or "pet" stock caliber. Both the "Show" and "Showable" dog is without natural disqualifying faults as listed in the Canadian Kennel Club "Book of Breed Standards" and the "Dog Show Rules". However, the "show" quality dog has proven ability to win points at point shows.
7. Should use the C.K.C. "Non-breeding Agreement" when disposing of unspayed bitches or complete males not intended for future breeding and urge the spaying or neutering of such animals by the purchasers.
8. Shall comply with the provisions of the Federal Government's Animal Pedigree Act and the By-Laws of the Canadian Kennel Club in respect of litter registrations, individual registrations and transfers of ownership.

### NOTE!

*Effective January 1 1995, The Animal Pedigree Act, a Federal Statute, requires that when a person who sells a dog or contracts to sell a dog as purebred, they must furnish or agree to furnish, a certificate of registration together with fully recorded transfer of ownership to the buyer. Article XXXI, Section 3 of the By-Laws of the C.K.C. requires the breeder to furnish these papers at no additional cost.*

9. Shall urge that at the purchaser's expense (or as otherwise agreed) a purchased animal be examined by a veterinarian within 48 hours.
10. Shall provide purchasers with details of proper feeding, general care and advisable inoculations.