

NJ FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS

Guidelines for Responsible Breeders

(Adopted June 2, 1992)

The following "Guidelines for Responsible Breeders" were adopted by the delegates to the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs on June 2, 1992. Applicants who wish to be included in the Pure Breed Resource, Rescue and Canine Service Directory indicate by signing the application that they are in agreement with the Guidelines and will abide by them.

1. All dogs shall be kept under sanitary conditions and shall be given maximum health protection through regular inoculations and proper nutrition. Dogs shall be restrained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety.
2. All breeders shall keep accurate and complete personal records of breedings, litters, pedigrees and puppy owners' names as required by the American Kennel Club.
3. All puppies leaving the breeder's possession shall be a minimum of eight (8) weeks of age, except in those breeds where a twelve (12) week age is generally accepted.
4. All breeders of purebred dogs shall breed to conform to the standard for their breed as set by the parent breed club, and approved by the American Kennel Club, and only from quality, healthy stock. Breeders will screen for inherited diseases as known in their breed.
5. Breeders shall provide the puppy buyer with written details of feeding, general care, dates and types of inoculations and wormings, grooming instruction, etc., and be available to offer future advice as needed.
6. Breeders will not sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet stores, puppy brokers or other commercial dealers.
7. All puppies will be sold with written contracts appropriate for show/breeding quality or pet quality specifications, guarantees and restrictions. The contract will ensure that the breeder will be contacted whenever an owner can no longer keep a dog at any time in the dog's life, and it will be the obligation of the breeder to assist in the placement or disposition of the dog. Puppy purchasers should be urged to spay or neuter all pet quality puppies.
8. Dogs and bitches will not be bred before or after such age as is customary for their breed as outlined by the Parent Club and/or AKC guidelines. The breeder will allow proper, healthful spacing between litters.
9. Breeders will permit stud service only to quality, healthy bitches, appropriately screened for inherited diseases/disorders, owned by the individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give these puppies proper care and attention and who are in agreement with these and the Parent Club guidelines for responsible breeders.
10. Prospective buyers should be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their desire and ultimate intent for each puppy or dog, and also for their interest and ability to provide a safe, adequate and loving home for each puppy or dog acquired.
11. Breeders will not dispose of any puppy or adult dog bred or owned by them in shelters or pounds.