



ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB OF WISCONSIN

CODE OF ETHICS

PURPOSE

To further the understanding among the members of the Club in our obligation to:

1. The breed, in preserving its magnificence without exploitation.
2. The Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin ["AMCW"], by upholding the high ideals advocated by the American Kennel Club ["AKC"], for all dog club organizations.
3. Future Club members and others interested in the Alaskan malamute, by supplying factual information without misrepresentation.

BREEDING

1. All malamute breeding will be done with the real purpose of improving the breed with each breeding.
2. The owners of both the sire and dam in each breeding will supply factual information regarding chondrodysplasia; hip dysplasia; heritable eye disease; other known genetic faults or characteristics of the breed.
3. The fee for a stud service should be comparable with the selling price of the intended puppies.
4. It is considered undesirable to breed any dog which has not been cleared as a carrier of the recessive chondrodysplasia [CHD, or "dwarfism"] gene; is free from heritable eye disease; and hips cleared of hip dysplasia.
5. It is recommended that all transactions [puppy sales, older dog sales, stud service, etc.] be in writing and properly witnessed to prevent any future misunderstandings. This applies to transactions between Club members, as well as between Club and non-Club members.

PUPPY SALES

1. Anyone found directly involved in the sales of puppies thru pet shops or any other type of wholesale outlets including, mail-order houses, dog agents, or federally licensed dog dealers, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to expulsion from the Club.
2. It will be considered undesirable to offer puppies for sale for less than \$100.
3. Puppies from "test litters" will be sterilized before leaving the control of the breeder.



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OBLIGATION TO THE NEW MALAMUTE OWNER

1. Each breeder shall evaluate each puppy sold, as accurately as possible.
2. Each breeder shall supply the following information in writing, about both the sire and dam of each puppy sold: chondrodysplasia certification, if done; X-ray report for hip dysplasia, if any x-rays were taken. This information should be provided with the pedigree of the puppy and the bill of sale.
3. If a guarantee is given on a puppy or dog it shall be given in writing.
4. Each breeder should offer assistance in the care and feeding to the new malamute owner pointing out the need for immediately selecting a veterinarian for routine health care and stressing the need for immunizations as well as booster vaccinations.
5. Breeders should maintain a routine of sanitation and health care for their dogs, not only to meet the standards of the area in which they live but also to set an example for the new malamute owner.
6. Every breeder should impress on each new owner the necessity for proper training and socialization of the puppy.
7. Every breeder should impress on each new owner the necessity of good public relations and the importance of being a good neighbor. Every malamute involved in one misdeed becomes the perceived representative of the entire breed.

PUBLIC IMAGE AND SAFETY

1. Each owner is obligated to study their dog's temperament and behavior before deciding what events and functions the dog can attend, without jeopardizing the safety of spectators participants, and the dog itself, as well as the good image of the breed.
2. If the majority of the Board determines that a certain dog should not attend a particular function, the owner shall be notified in writing of their decision. If after being notified in writing, the owner allows the dog to attend the function, in addition to having the dog and handler removed, this would be grounds for disciplinary action, up to expulsion from the Club.