



Code of Ethics
United Poodle Association
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Purpose

The purpose of the United Poodle Association Code of Ethics is to provide guidelines to its members to aid in fulfilling the objectives of the Club which are outlined and enforced in the Club's Bylaws and are enumerated in Article II.

United Poodle Association members are expected to adhere to the following rules:

1. Each member shall assume acceptance to this code, to the UKC Breeder's Code of Ethics and to the UKC Kennel Requirements for Owners of UKC registered dogs as well as all applicable local, state and federal laws.
2. All members shall be dedicated to the preservation and welfare of the Poodle and Standard Poodle breed of all colors and patterns as listed in the breed standard and will not breed for any colors or patterns listed as a disqualification in the breed standard.
3. Members will exhibit good sportsmanship, courtesy, respect and good manners at all times within the club as well as at all UKC events.
4. Members shall refrain from knowingly making defamatory, slanderous, unfair or untrue statements about the dogs or practices of others.
5. All members are encouraged to partake in discussions and decisions, either in writing, by electronic mail, or in person at club meetings.

Breeding and Sale of Dogs and Puppies

1. All member breeders should maintain that all their breeding stock has appropriate UKC registry certification numbers, and keep up-to-date records and pedigrees. All litters of members will be registered with UKC.
2. Member breeders will be thoroughly familiar with the UKC Standard for the breed and all breeding will be planned with consideration given to health, soundness, temperament, and type. Member breeders will take all reasonable measures to produce puppies that are physically healthy and temperamentally sound.
3. All breeding should be done to improve the breed and not for commercial purposes. Members should not practice or condone the sale of dogs to any of the following: puppy brokering, pet shops, litter lot sales, or any business involved with the wholesaling of dogs.
4. UPA believes that to maintain the integrity of any breed, health and genetic tests should be considered fundamental and strongly urges each member, considering breeding, familiarize themselves with the health issues affecting their variety and utilize the health testing offered. Refer to the United Poodle Association website for the latest common health tests for each variety of the breed.

5. No member breeder shall knowingly repeat breeding a pair of dogs that have produced a puppy/puppies with inherited maladies of any sort.
6. Be honest about inherent, or potentially inherent, conditions in your breeding stock. If the dog or bitch has produced offspring with a serious genetic defect or genetically transmitted disease, the owner must disclose the information when negotiating potential breedings.
7. Members will breed bitches only when they are confident that the time and facilities to devote proper care and attention to the physical, mental, and emotional development of the puppies and the well-being of the dam are available. Frequency of litters by any individual bitch should be done with due regard for the health and well-being of the bitch.
8. Member breeders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the process of temperament testing and are encouraged to have each litter that they breed tested.
9. Member breeders should ensure that any prospective puppy/dog buyer is educated regarding poodles and their proper care prior to selling them a puppy/dog. Buyers will be carefully screened for puppies and/or older dogs that are sold or placed.
10. All documents, service/sales arrangements and ownership stipulations, pertaining to the sale of a puppy/dog should be stated in writing and must be explained, in advance, to the buyer, so that all parties are informed. Copies of all health testing done on the parents and shot and health records of any puppy/dog being sold should convey to the purchaser prior to, or at the time of purchase. All other written materials pertaining to a sale should be conveyed to all parties involved, prior to, or at the time of purchase and be signed by all parties involved.
11. Member breeders selling a dog which has a disqualifying fault, unsound temperament, or a physical condition which indicates that the breeding of the animal would be detrimental to the breed, shall so inform the buyer in writing. The sale shall be made with a written agreement, signed by both parties, that the dog is not to be bred and will be spayed or neutered.

Dog Care, Training and Events

1. Members should maintain the highest standards of cleanliness, care, and canine health of dogs in their care. Poodles require training, attention, socialization (human and dog alike) and a great deal of coat care.
2. Members will use humane training methods at all times.
3. Exhibition by members will be strictly in accordance with UKC rules. Members dogs will always compete unassisted by any substance, device, or practice used to enhance the performance or change the nature of a dog in competition.
4. Competition in performance events is strongly encouraged as a means of demonstrating the talents and versatility of the breed.
5. Member's dogs will always be shown with clean, natural coats unaffected by dye, hair spray, or any other substance applied externally which changes the quantity, quality, appearance, type, or texture of the dog's own natural coat or skin.