



### Code of Ethics

As a Member of AHKC: The Arrowhead Kennel Club, in accordance with its goal of breeding the best possible dogs while preserving the unique beauty and character of our respective breeds, and of promoting the best possible care and training of these dogs, adopt the following code. The Arrowhead Kennel Club, its officers, directors and members, shall abide by the American Kennel Club's rules and regulations. Participate in AHKC by volunteering to work on committees and activities where possible.

- members pledge to observe good breeding practices in connection with any dogs they may own, including compliance with the AKC Breed's Parent Club Code of Ethics, if such exists.
- Maintain the best possible standard of care for my dogs
- members will be expected to follow the rules and regulations set forth by AKC.
- members attending events such as dog shows, matches, field trials, performance events, etc. must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the sponsoring club.
- Exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves, at all time, in a sportsmanlike and courteous manner. Unsportsmanlike behavior of other exhibitors is never an excuse for lack of courtesy.
- members are expected to observe a high standard of conduct and good sportsmanship while encouraging sportsmanlike competition among club members and event participants, including but not limited to any public places.
- Members shall not degrade or discredit any other member, Kennel, dog, handler, or kennel club.
- Failure to abide by the Code of Ethics will be cause for expulsion from the club.

#### As a Breeder:

- We shall strive to uphold the breed standards of our respective breeds and will breed selectively to the AKC standard of your breed, including soundness, temperament and none should be sacrificed to achieve the other.
- Plan each breeding selectively toward the goal of improvement of your breed, not purely for financial gain.
- Test all breeding stock, as appropriate, for genetic and acquired disorders.
- Never intentionally allow your purebred to be bred to any breed other than its own breed.
- Require all non-breeding quality puppies sold to be neutered/spayed.
- Each member who is a breeder will keep thorough and accurate records of breeding as per American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, pedigrees and registrations. They will also maintain the best possible standard of care for their dogs with regard to proper nutrition, housing, cleanliness and veterinary care.
- Use only physically and temperamentally sound stock and refuse stud service to any bitch that is unregistrable or shows obvious defects. We shall study and learn the good and bad points of our own stock, never doubling up on a known and visible fault.
- Breeders should not engage in wholesaling, in whole or part, of litters or of adult dogs. No breeder shall sell puppies or adult dogs to dealers, brokers, catalog houses or other commercial outlets for resale. No breeder shall offer a puppy or adult dog as a prize.
- At a minimum, breeders should guarantee the health of their stock subject to a veterinarian's examination within a week of the sale. Any condition of sale should be in writing and signed by both the buyer and seller at the time of the sale. A copy of the agreement should be given to the buyer.
- Assume responsibility for the well-being of all dogs sold including taking back adults in emergency situations and finding homes for rescues that have been identified from my breeding when possible
- All members shall be dedicated to the preservation and welfare of the AKC standard of their breed.

#### Enforcement:

As part of my selection as a member of AHKC, I acknowledge the responsibilities inherit in that membership and pledge to follow the Code of Ethics of the Arrowhead Kennel Club. In addition, if I find I am no longer willing to abide by this document, I agree to submit my resignation form to AHKC.

#### Sponsorship:

Before sponsoring an applicant for membership consider the responsibility of sponsorship; investigate the applicant, visit their home and be certain they can and will adhere to this Code of Ethics. Blatant disregard for this code of ethics shall not be supported by the Arrowhead Kennel Club. This can result in the loss of your membership.

Member print and signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

May 19, 2025, all other documents are void