

PRAIRIE FIRE

PERFORMANCE DOGS

CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics establishes the minimum standards of conduct and responsible dog ownership expected of all members of Prairie Fire Performance Dogs. The health, welfare, temperament, and integrity of the dogs and their breeds shall be the primary concern of all members at all times. Any member whose conduct is found to be inconsistent with these principles may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or termination of membership.

Section 1 – General Conduct

Members of Prairie Fire Performance Dogs agree to:

1. Abide by the Prairie Fire Performance Dogs Constitution and Bylaws, as well as all policies adopted by the club.
2. Comply with all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the United Kennel Club (UKC), including event rules and disciplinary provisions.
3. Provide humane care and proper living conditions for all dogs owned or handled, including but not limited to:
 - Adequate food, water, shelter, and housing
 - Routine veterinary care and preventative health measures
 - Proper grooming and maintenance
 - Appropriate socialization and training
 - Sufficient exercise in a safe and suitable environment
4. Conduct themselves in a manner consistent with good sportsmanship and ethical competition, both in person and online, and refrain from conduct detrimental to dog sports.
5. Avoid public disputes or confrontations with judges, officials, exhibitors, club members, or service providers at Prairie Fire Performance Dogs events or any UKC-licensed or sanctioned event.

6. Refrain from statements or actions that falsely accuse, misrepresent, or bring discredit upon Prairie Fire Performance Dogs, its members, Officers, Directors, Committees, or the United Kennel Club.
7. Conduct all club-related business with courtesy, integrity, and respect for others.
8. Not use the club's name, logos, imagery, or claim club affiliation in any manner that implies UKC or club endorsement of personal breeding programs, training services, or commercial enterprises without prior written approval from the club.
9. Acknowledge that repeated or serious violations of this Code of Ethics may constitute conduct prejudicial to the club and/or the sport of dogs, as defined under Article XV (Non-Officer Discipline) of the Prairie Fire Performance Dogs Constitution and By-Laws and applicable UKC rules.

Section 2 – Club Objectives

In alignment with the mission and objectives of the United Kennel Club, Prairie Fire Performance Dogs seeks:

1. To encourage and promote the responsible breeding and development of dogs whose structure, temperament, and working ability meet the standards established for their breed.
2. To uphold the United Kennel Club–approved Breed Standards as the sole criteria by which breeds are evaluated in conformation events.
3. To protect and advance the interests of dogs through fair, ethical, and sportsmanlike competition in conformation and performance events.
4. To conduct UKC-licensed and sanctioned events, including matches, trials, shows, and competitions, in full compliance with UKC rules and policies.

Section 3 – Financial Responsibility

1. All club funds shall be used exclusively for legitimate club purposes consistent with the club's mission.
2. Expenditures must be properly documented and approved in accordance with club policy.
3. Accurate financial records shall be maintained and made available to members upon reasonable request.
4. These provisions are intended to safeguard the integrity of the club and its Officers.

Section 4 – Conflict of Interest

1. Members shall disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest related to club business.

2. Transactions involving members providing goods or services to the club must be conducted at fair market value and approved by Officers or Board members without a conflicting interest.
3. No member may vote on any matter in which they have a direct financial or professional interest.

Section 5 – Professional and Commercial Activities

1. Club membership and participation are separate from any member's private business or professional activities.
2. Holding membership in Prairie Fire Performance Dogs does not constitute endorsement by the club or the United Kennel Club of any individual's services, breeding program, or business.
3. Members shall not use club affiliation to misrepresent qualifications, guarantee outcomes, or imply official approval.

Section 6 – Safety and Responsibility

1. Members are responsible for maintaining proper control of their dogs at all times during club activities and events.
2. Dogs exhibiting aggressive or unsafe behavior must be disclosed and managed in accordance with UKC rules and club policies.
3. The club reserves the right to require the removal of any dog or handler whose behavior poses a risk to persons, animals, or property.
4. Members must comply with all venue rules, insurance requirements, liability provisions, and safety policies.