

## *Quinnipiac Poodle Club Code of Ethics*

1. Each members breeding program will be done for the betterment of the breed. Each member shall plan their breeding's to try to eliminate faults and to maintain virtue of type, quality, and temperament. All breeding's shall be done selectively towards this goal and not purely for financial gain.
2. Each member of the Quinnipiac Poodle Club who is a breeder will keep accurate breeding records, registrations and pedigrees. Each will maintain the best possible standards of care of the dogs in regard to proper housing, nutrition, cleanliness and veterinary care. This will be given to all dogs that they own.
3. All Poodles under the consideration for breeding will be tested for hereditary defects common to the breed. Proof of all Genetic testing must be made available to puppy buyers. Depending upon the variety of the breed the common tests are as follows:

### *Toys:*

#### **Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) DNA Test**

DNA based test from an approved laboratory ↗

#### **Eye Examination by a board certified ACVO Ophthalmologist**

Results registered with OFA ↗

#### **Patellar Luxation**

OFA Evaluation, minimum age 1 year ↗

### *Minatures*

#### **Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) DNA Test**

DNA Based test from an approved laboratory. ↗

#### **Eye Examination by a board certified ACVO Ophthalmologist**

Results registered with OFA ↗

#### **Patellar Luxation**

OFA evaluation, minimum age 1 year ↗

#### **Hip Dysplasia (One of the following)**

OFA Evaluation ↗

PennHIP Evaluation

### *Standards*

#### **Hip Dysplasia (One of the following)**

OFA Evaluation ↗

PennHIP Evaluation

#### **Eye Examination by a board certified ACVO Ophthalmologist**

Results registered with OFA ↗

#### **Health Elective (One of the following tests) (One of the following)**

OFA Thyroid evaluation from an approved laboratory ↗

OFA SA Evaluation from an approved dermapathologist ↗

Congenital Cardiac Exam ↗

Advanced Cardiac Exam ↗

4. When breeding, only genetic health tested bitches will be bred. Males used at stud will be fully health tested as above like the bitches before being bred.
5. Mismarked puppies (puppies with more than 1 distinct color pattern) will not be bred. They will be sold only with limited registration papers. Mismarked adult Poodles of any variety will not be used in a breeding program.
6. All “ Pet Puppies” will be sold with “Limited registration”, you will require the pet puppy buyers to spay or neuter the puppy. Above all No Puppy will be released less than 8 weeks of age.
7. All puppies will be sold with the following individual records intact.
  - Bill of Sale. Stating the conditions (terms) on which this sale was made.
  - Pedigree of the Puppy (at least 3 generations).
  - Written instructions as to the care, feeding and health records of the puppy to date.
  - Recommend new owner to take puppy to the vet to be put under new vets supervision.
  - All health records up to date i.e.: worming, shots and kennel cough.
  - The breeder will state in writing that the purchaser has a set period of time to have the puppy checked out by a veterinarian and will be urged to do so.
  - If the puppy is unsuitable due to a preexisting medical condition or genetic fault based upon veterinary findings, it may be returned during the set period of time stated in the contract, for either a replacement or refund of purchase price.
  - Proof of genetic testing will be provided to the puppy buyer.
8. Stud services will only be permitted to quality, health tested bitches. These bitches are to have the appropriate health screening done particular to the variety of Poodles. No stud service will be given to those who are considered “ Commercial breeders”, (those that mass market Poodles purely for financial gain).  
**No stud service will ever be given to another breed of canine.**
9. The breeder is responsible for any and all Poodles that they have bred for the life of that Poodle. If at any time the owner cannot keep the Poodle, the breeder will take the dog back and then decide what is best for the Poodle in question. Whether it is to place the Poodle or euthanize the Poodle. It is the breeders place to take this responsibility.
10. No member shall sell, breed or deal in the sale of Poodles with pet stores. No member will be a puppy broker for a pet shop or shall accept finder’s fees for any aspect of sales of other breeder’s puppies that they do not own or co own with that breeder. These are grounds for expulsion from the club.
11. Buyers will be carefully screened for puppies and/or older dogs that are sold or placed.

12. Any just complaint shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors in the proper manner, as specified in the Constitution (Article 6, Section 2) Otherwise the complaint shall be deemed lack of merit and shall be discarded.