

## **EKASA BREEDER CODE OF ETHICS**

### **BREEDING**

- I shall plan each breeding with the paramount intention of improving my bloodline within the foundation of historical breed type.
- I will select the stud dog and brood bitch with an eye to conformation, temperament and working instinct and ability, with a careful study of the breed standard and the principles of genetics.
- I will not breed any male or female until they are both physically and mentally mature.
- Before entering into any breeding arrangement, I will scrutinize the pedigree, conformation and working potential of both the sire and dam, keeping in mind the ideal of the breed. I have an obligation to refuse the breeding if, in my opinion, it is not in the best interest of the breed.
- As a responsible stud dog owner, I understand that should I refuse a breeding, I will fully explain my reasons to the owner of the bitch.
- I believe that only those dogs known to be free of serious or disqualifying defects should be used for breeding. I will not breed monorchids, cryptorchids, dogs with vicious or shy temperaments, or dogs with serious defects or disqualifications addressed in their breed standards.
- As a responsible breeder, I will refrain from using a dog that, although free from serious or disqualifying defects, consistently produces afflicted puppies.
- I will encourage/require the buyers of pet quality puppies to spay or neuter them.

### **HEALTH**

- I will maintain high standards of health and care for my dogs, and guarantee the health of my puppies at the time of sale.

### **SALES**

- I will be discriminating in the sales of my puppies, and concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed.
- I will transfer all applicable registration papers at the time the purchase agreement is completed and is agreeable to both parties.
- Upon the sale of a dog/puppy, I will provide the buyer with an EKASA Registration Certificate, an inoculation and parasite control record and a health guarantee.
- I will refrain from releasing any puppy until it is at least eight (8) weeks old.

### **ADVERTISING**

- My advertising of dogs/puppies will be factual and honest, both in substance and implication.
- I will avoid encouraging buyers regarding the breeding potential of a dog/puppy. I believe breeding purebred dogs involves certain responsibilities, and I will not take it lightly.

#### BREEDER RELATIONS / EXHIBITOR BEHAVIOUS AT EKASA SHOWS

- I understand that exhibiting dogs is a sport, and that I am expected to express good sportsmanship in all activities.
- As an exhibitor, I will refrain from unnecessary criticism of other people's dogs.
- As a matter of ethics, I pledge to help educate the general public as well as to assist the novice breeder.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

- This Breeders Code of Ethics is intended as an expression of goals for breeders, exhibitors and fanciers. It is not to be construed as a rule or regulation to be enforced by punishment. Breeders are expected to police themselves in a civil and responsible manner.

