

**PUGET SOUND PUG DOG CLUB
CODE OF ETHICS**

1. I will strive to improve my breeding program to meet the American Kennel Club Standard of the Pug Breed.
2. I do not condone and will not participate in mixed breeding or breeding Pugs that are not AKC registered.
3. With each Pug sold, I will make available the following: diet and care information, immunization and health record, three-generation pedigree and, where applicable, a registration application or transfer. I will also provide a copy of this Code of Ethics, Educational Guidelines, and will offer to help with problem solving throughout the dog's life.
4. I will become familiar with and abide by, all American Kennel Club rules and regulations, and I understand that suspension by the American Kennel Club is grounds for action by the Pug Dog Club of America.
5. I will not knowingly sell a dog to a pet shop or dealer or other commercial outlet for resale, or to any person known to sell dogs to such dealers: I will not knowingly permit any of my dogs to be sold at auction or used as any type of prize, either directly or indirectly.
6. Should anyone, at any time, become unable or unwilling to keep a Pug sold or placed by me, I will take that dog back.
7. I will not knowingly make or circulate untrue statements concerning the conduct, dogs, or breeding programs and practices of any other member.

PUGET SOUND PUG DOG CLUB GUIDELINES IN CONJUNCTION WITH CODE OF ETHICS

(NOTE: These guidelines are NOT a Code of Ethics, but may be used as a guide through our day-to-day living with our Pugs.)

GENERAL

As members of the Puget Sound Pug Dog Club, we agree to abide by the Code of Ethics adopted by this Club. We encourage members and breeders to respect the standard of the breed approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard by which Pugs may be judged. We would promote friendship and cooperation among breeders, owners and exhibitors of Pugs and assist them in every possible way for the benefit of the breed. We promote the general welfare of the breed and oppose cruel and inhumane treatment of all dogs. We should maintain a standard of excellence in ownership, exhibition, breeding and sales of Pugs. We shall become familiar with, and will abide by, the rules of the AKC. We should continue to update our knowledge of genetic defects, which are harmful to Pugs (see attached Glossary).

BREEDING

We should plan each breeding with the paramount intention of advancing and protecting the Pug breed. Only when we are in a position to give proper care to both the bitch and her offspring should we proceed with the mating. We should discourage owners of bitches from breeding unless they have the facilities, time and resources to adequately care for a litter. We should try to stay in contact with the buyers of our puppies so as to better evaluate the progress of our breeding programs. Only physically and temperamentally sound Pugs, which are of breed type, should be used in our breeding programs. We should not offer stud service to bitches, which do not approach the AKC standard. We should actively screen our breeding stock for possible heritable faults and conditions, including, but not limited to, the defects listed on the attach glossary.

We should not breed any bitch until she is mature and it is preferred not before one year of age. The health and well being of the bitch should determine the frequency of breeding. We recognize that it is generally in the best interests of our bitches to skip a least one heat cycle between litters.

Where Pugs are known to be afflicted with heritable conditions they should be altered and placed as pets, or humanely euthanized. Puppies born with severe congenital defects such as cleft palates should be humanely euthanized by a Veterinarian as soon after birth as practical.

A stud contract specifying terms of payment of stud fee, any guarantee of return service, what constitutes a litter or fulfillment of service, when letter registration papers should be signed, when pick puppies will be chosen, etc., should be in writing before the breeding takes place for both parties legal

peace of mind. No promise or agreement should be made orally which is not later put in writing. We should try to educate any bitch owner who contacts us for stud service as to the responsibilities of a breeders and costs and obligations involved in raising a litter.

As a safely precaution to Pugs in our litters, it is advised to remove dewclaws by 10 days of age to minimize risk of eye injuries and ingrown nails.

SALES

We should consider the welfare of the Pug as an individual and the welfare and image of the breed above our personal gain or profit. We should be discriminating in the sale of our dogs and concerned with the type of home in which they will be placed. We should sell or place a Pug only after we are convinced that the buyer will provide responsible and humane care at all times. We should be available to our buyers for whatever advice, reasonable aid, and assistance they may need for the life of that dog.

We should not knowingly sell individual or groups of Pugs to such places as pet dealer/brokers (domestic or foreign) for resale, catalog houses, auctions, laboratory research facilities, or other commercial sources of distribution.

We should not in any way misrepresent, mislead, or be fraudulent in stating claims made about our own dogs or those of others.

When selling Pugs we should offer a written agreement of sale specifically stating what warranties, if any, are offered on the Pug. No promise or agreement should be made orally which is not later put in writing. We should promote the use of the AKC non-breeding registration on all pet quality puppies sold by us or sired by our stud dogs. If the Pug is not to be used for breeding, it should be sold on a spay/neuter contract and/or limited AKC registration. If the Pug is being sold is to be bred or shown, we should make every effort to advise and guide the new owner in responsible showmanship and responsible ownership.

We should give any new owner of any Pug sold by us the registration papers or a bill of sale. We should forward all other papers specified in our written contracts.

All dogs that we place should be immunized and wormed as appropriate for the age of the dog. We should provide buyers with written instructions on the care of this dog and a copy of all pertinent medical records.

It is advised that if a dog has not been seen by the buyer prior to purchase, they be allowed 48 hours to reject this animal and arrange for a return and refund.

Puppies should not be placed in a new home before 8 weeks of age and should not be shipped before the age of 12 weeks.

CARE

We appreciate the unique nature of the Pug and should provide responsible care at all times. We should maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care. We should provide adequate

exercise, socialization, fresh water and food, immunization as needed and control of external and internal parasites on a regular basis. We should provide adequate shelter to protect from the elements, and veterinary attention as warranted for the health of the animal.

RECORDS

We understand that it is wise to permanently identify all puppies and adults (either through tattoo or microchip) and permanently register this identification. This is a means of preventing misrepresentation or theft. We should encourage any bitch owner using our stud dog for service to also permanently identify any puppies resulting from the mating.

We are encouraged to maintain records and pedigrees of Pugs that we have owned or bred that have suffered from any possible genetic conditions.

RESCUE

We support the rescue and welfare of all purebred Pugs. All rescue Pugs not claimed by their kennel of origin should be spayed and neutered regardless of their quality.