



## SQUAW PEAK AKITA CLUB of PHOENIX

### CODE of ETHICS

The Squaw Peak Akita Club has adopted the following Code of Ethics to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders and owners, to encourage scientific breeding practices, to assure adhering to the AKITA standard, and to maintain the value of the AKITA breed.

1. All breeders will be encouraged to evolve specific breeding plans with a particular goal in mind. Breeding must have a planned, scientific basis and NOT be just the result of unplanned mating and pedigrees. Any breeder who knowingly falsifies information on registrations or pedigree papers will be expelled from this club, and the matter brought to the attention of the American Kennel Club.
2. The breeder will furnish with each pup a signed registration application and a three (or more) generation pedigree. If the pup is being sold as pet stock, the issuance of registration and pedigree is then a matter of mutual consent between buyer and seller. However, a signed statement of the agreement must be held by both buyer and seller.
3. Breeding must be done scientifically and selectively.. mating only AKITAS of type, quality, temperament and soundness in an effort to produce pups with a minimum of faults. AKITAS who are entropoid, sublexed, dysplastic, beyond scientifically accepted standards, cryptorchid or monorchid, excessively shy or nervous, flopped ears, with excessively hairy coats, including tufts of hair on. legs and tail, or who possess any hereditary disqualifying fault as defined in the standard, will not be used as breeding stock.

Any breeder using such stock for breeding will be investigated by the Breeders Committee, who will make a report of the situation to the Board. Upon evaluation, the Board will present the case to the General Membership in the event that a settlement cannot be reached between the breeder and the Breeders Committee or the Board.

4. Deformed or crippled pups shall be destroyed. The ideals of the AKITA breed must be upheld by the elimination of defectiveness. If the defect is such that it does not hamper the life or activity of the animal, the Club will be satisfied if the animal is spayed or Altered.
5. Sale price of the pups will be based on quality and all breeders will uphold the value of the breed by maintaining the minimum price acceptable in their immediate area for all pups of a breedable, registerable, showable, healthy quality. Breeders will not allow AKITAS to be provided to wholesalers or retailers, nor to be raffled or auctioned. No dog shall be provided for the purpose of dog fighting or cross-breeding,
6. Breeding agreements will be made only on animals of such quality as to warrant inclusion in an acceptable breeding program. Breeders selling breeding stock will encourage the buyer to join the Club, acquaint him with the Code of Ethics, and stay in contact with the home kennel. Buyers should feel their questions are always welcome. Pet type stock will not be used for breeding purposes.
- 7 The breeder will furnish each buyer with information concerning shots, feeding instructions, and general health of the pup. The minimum recommended age for release of a pup to its new owner is 7 weeks.



8. Anyone with breeding problems or complaints shall be encouraged to seek the advice and help of the Club. The novice breeder should be encouraged to seek help or information from experienced breeders. All breeders will assist a distressed breeder who has complied with this Code.

9. All breeding stock should be OFA certified clear prior to breeding (OFA minimum age is 24 months), in order to implement the eradication of the problem of hip dysplasia from the AKITA breed OFA numbers shall be kept on file with the Squaw Peak Akita Club of Phoenix Breeders Service and published periodically.

Bitches should be allowed to rest between breedings. The general health and well-being of a bitch shall determine whether the period between breedings-should be extended. This Code does not inhibit the responsible AKITA breeder from experimentation. but the breeder shall refrain from experimentation when it is statistically clear that hereditary problems are unlikely to be overcome. **THE BREEDER MUST ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS**, and be fair and ethical about the sale of puppies from experimental matings. The buyer must be informed of the experiment and of any undesirable characteristics that may become manifest.

10. Members should not engage in libelous or slanderous remarks, or conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect unfavorably on the Squaw Peak Akita Club of Phoenix or the AKITA breed. Good sportsmanship in the show ring or in the field should be the hallmark of the AKITA fancy. All members shall strive to help educate the public in the temperament characteristics, care, the Standard of the AKITA breed, and in all other areas where qualified. I have read and understand the integrity of the Squaw Peak Akita Club of Phoenix Code of Ethics, and agree to adhere to it to the best of my ability, knowing that any violation of this Code may result in loss of all Squaw Peak Akita Club of Phoenix privileges.

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