**Central Carolina Poodle Club**

**Code of Ethics**

1. No member shall engage in the wholesaling of litters or individual Poodles or the selling of breeding stock to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, auctions or other commercial sources of distribution; nor shall any member engage in breeding of bitches for profit with no regard for quality.
2. No member will mix breeds or advertise for sale puppies that have been mix bred.
3. No member will provide stud service to non-AKC eligible bitches or breed bitches to non-AKC eligible dogs or breed to dogs of other breeds.
4. Puppies will not be sold at less than **ten (10) weeks** of age.
5. All sales will be accompanied by written contracts. Animals must be examined by a veterinarian of the buyer’s choice within **48 hours** or the terms of any guarantee are not valid.
6. The best possible standard of health of all dogs will be maintained and puppies will be immunized and checked for parasites on a regular schedule.
7. Each member who is a breeder will keep accurate records of breeding as per AKC rules and regulations, pedigrees and registrations. They will also maintain the best possible standard of care for their dogs with regards to proper nutrition, housing, cleanliness and veterinary care.
8. Breeding programs should exist for the betterment of the breed as relates to the breed standard. Members will plan breedings to maintain and intensify the virtues of Poodle type, quality and temperament and to eliminate faults. All breeding shall be done selectively towards this goal.
9. In breeding, members will keep alert for and work to control and/or eradicate inherited problems and conditions that occur in Poodles of the variety bred. All breeding dogs will be given the recommended genetic health screening/testing currently recommended for their variety prior to breeding. Test report copies are to be furnished to bitch owners for stud dogs and to potential puppy buyers.
10. Members will represent their dogs as honestly as possible to prospective buyers and bitch owners (for stud dogs) and try to assist the serious novice in becoming knowledgeable about the breed.
11. Each member has the obligation to protect the interests of the Poodle breed, purebred dogs and the sport of dog event competition in general, by conducting him or herself with good sportsmanship in order to reflect credit on him or herself, the breed, the club and the sport of dogs.
12. Breeders are responsible for all puppies they produce for their entire lives. If the owner is unable or unwilling to care for the dog at any time, the breeder must make every effort possible to secure a suitable new home for that Poodle.
13. Breeders will promote and encourage the spaying and neutering of all pet quality Poodles, and use the AKC Limited Registration for all Poodles sold as pets.

I have read and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the Central Carolina Poodle Club.

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