

## **Central Carolina Poodle Club's Policy on non-pure bred performance entries.**

Explanation of our policy.

This is a decision our club does not make lightly. Although we are an AKC licensed club, we are more specifically, a specialty club. As a specialty club, we are tasked with the important job of "keepers" of our breed, the poodle. You have probably noticed, that there are a LOT of 'doodles' out there. We are taking a stand against irresponsible people who want to make an incredible amount of "mutts" starting with the poodle. They are then being sold as "designer dogs", some sold for thousands of dollars each, most with little to no health testing.

While, we as individuals are not dog "snobs", we feel as a club, we must do what we can to discourage those who choose to buy, and those who malign our breed, by purposely adding to the pet overpopulation, by breeding "mutts". We are not alone in our feelings, as other "keepers" of the more popular breeds used to cross with poodles, feel the same way.

Since our club also does rescue work for our breed, we certainly are aware of the damage that has been done. We are very enlightened, and have witnessed some of the horrible wrongs that have been done to our breed, by commercial poodle breeders, and designer 'mutt' breeders alike, trying to cash in on the versatility of poodles.

Acting as responsible "keepers" of the breed, we have taken the stand, to not endorse or encourage irresponsibly bred, mix-breed dogs, by allowing them to enter our agility events. We do this with the hope, that future dog owners, might consider buying, or rescuing a pure-bred dog, which might put a stop to someone making another poodle mutt, on purpose!

We know our decision to exclude mix-bred dogs from our agility event will not be understood by all, but our mission statement is to "protect" our breed! We continue to stand by our decision.

We are very grateful for the wisdom of AKC, allowing each club to make their own decisions with this complex issue. With today's constant anti-dog legislation issues, pet overpopulation should be a serious concern for all professional and responsible dog people/owners. We hope other clubs give this topic careful consideration, but will not judge them if they reach a different conclusion.

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