

AMERICAN MUDI ASSOCIATION
CODE OF ETHICS
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Purpose: The members of the American Mudi Association, in order to protect, promote and foster the advancement and proper breeding and exhibiting of the Mudi as well as ethical kennel practices, do hereby set forth this code of ethics. In all questions of ethics, covered or not covered by this code, the individual shall act solely in the best interests of the breed, and the membership as a whole shall willingly aid any Mudi owner in upholding these interests.

Breeding: I will not breed a dog or bitch which has hereditary defects or serious or disqualifying faults listed in the adopted American Mudi Association breed standard for the American Kennel Club (AKC) and The United Kennel Club (UKC), or that adversely affect the overall soundness or working ability.

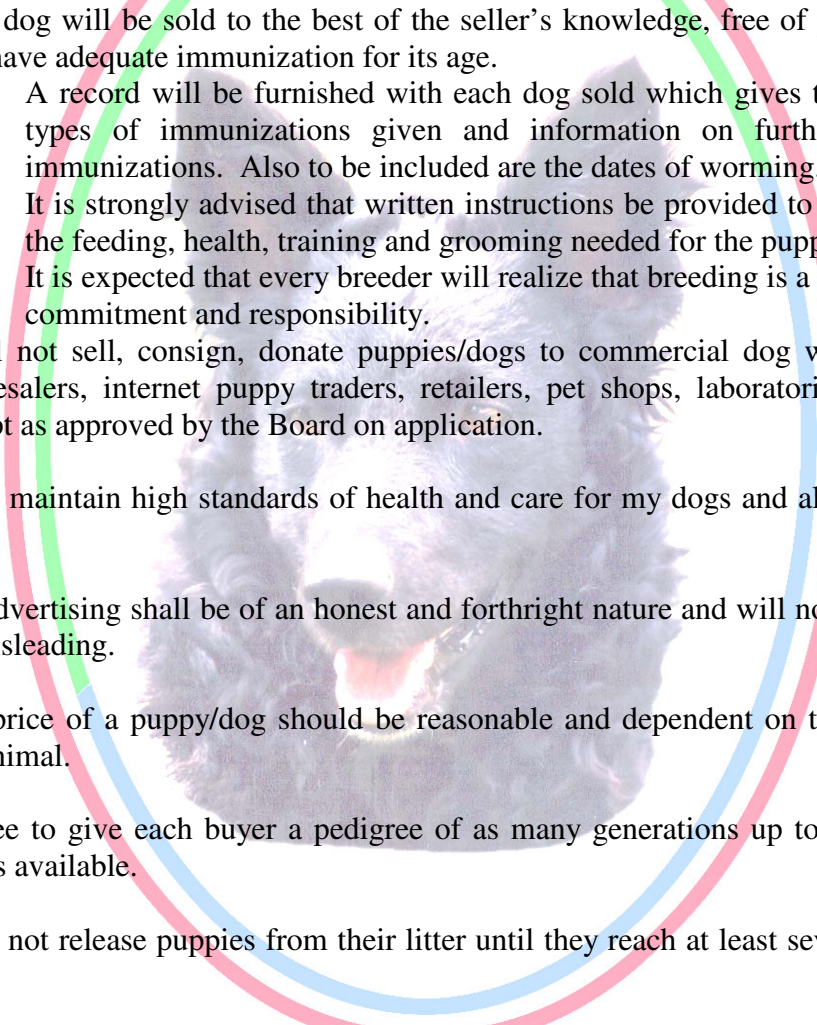
No dog or bitch shall be used for breeding until documented by OFA or PennHip and CERF, to be free of both hip and elbow dysplasia and hereditary eye defects at the very least, on the sire and dam. The eye exam is to be performed annually and the hips at not earlier than the second birthday. Other tests are also recommended such as heart, elbows and patellas.

- A. I shall use only dogs for breeding which are temperamentally sound, refraining from the use of animals which display vicious propensities and/or extreme shyness.
- B. I shall not use bitches for breeding unless and until they attain their second season and are two years of age. A normal bitch (i.e. having a six month cycle) should not be bred more than once a year or 2 out of 3 consecutive seasons unless so directed by a licensed veterinarian.
- C. It is strongly advised that a written agreement be established between the owners of the dogs stating the exact conditions of the breeding.
- D. Puppies should be culled for physical defects and albinism only. Hereditary faults and any color other than the accepted colors may not be used for breeding and should be sold with “not to be used for breeding” contracts and/or spayed/neutered before placement.
- E. I will not breed my Mudi to a not registerable Mudi, dogs of another breed or mixed breed dog. Puppies resulting from such accidental breeding shall be placed with “not for breeding” contracts and/or spayed/neutered before placement.

F. It is strongly recommended that inbreeding and line breeding practices not be used and the pedigrees are as unrelated as possible of the sire and dam. The use of Co-Efficient Of Inbreeding (COI) calculations is also strongly recommended to aid in this diversification of the gene pool.

H. It is also strongly urged to not use the current “popular sire” method of breeding.

Sales: All Mudi’s shall be sold in good condition and health at the time of their release to the new owner.

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- A. Each dog will be sold to the best of the seller’s knowledge, free of parasites and will have adequate immunization for its age.
1. A record will be furnished with each dog sold which gives the dates and types of immunizations given and information on further necessary immunizations. Also to be included are the dates of worming.
 2. It is strongly advised that written instructions be provided to the buyer on the feeding, health, training and grooming needed for the puppy/dog.
 3. It is expected that every breeder will realize that breeding is a lifetime commitment and responsibility.
- B. I will not sell, consign, donate puppies/dogs to commercial dog wholesales or wholesalers, internet puppy traders, retailers, pet shops, laboratories or raffles except as approved by the Board on application.
- C. I will maintain high standards of health and care for my dogs and all dogs in my care.
- D. All advertising shall be of an honest and forthright nature and will not in any way be misleading.
- E. The price of a puppy/dog should be reasonable and dependent on the quality of the animal.
- F. I agree to give each buyer a pedigree of as many generations up to at least five that is available.
- G. I will not release puppies from their litter until they reach at least seven weeks of age.
- H. When the puppy/dog is sold the issuance of registration and pedigree is then a matter of agreement between the seller and buyer, but a signed statement showing the terms of sale must be held by both parties. It is recommended that the contract should include the necessity of the new owner to register the puppy/dog with the AKC FSS and UKC as permitted and registration papers are to be given to enable this to the new owner.

- I. All new puppy/dog owners are to be given the information about the American Mudi Association and other groups Mudi's and owners are a part of and strongly urged to join.
- J. It is strongly recommended that some form of permanent identification be given to each Mudi sold such as tattoo or microchip and this be filed and kept current with the agency used for record keeping and contact.

General Conduct of Members:

- A. Members shall be aware at all times the American Mudi Association exists to improve and protect the breed and that these aims are to be uppermost in the minds of the members in all of their activities within the breed.
- B. No member shall:
 - 1. Knowingly falsify pedigree or breeding information.
 - 2. Sell to unethical breeders or persons whose intentions to resell the puppy/dog is known or suspected.
 - 3. Maliciously degrade another member's Mudi dog or kennel.
- C. Members shall:
 - 1. Make every effort to educate any new owner or interested person and to be both instructive and constructive in their comments. Mentoring is encouraged.
 - 2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
 - 3. Always behave in a manner that will be supportive of the advancement of the Mudi and the American Mudi Association.
 - 4. Whether in competition or a working situation, the welfare of the dog should be foremost.

Enforcement and Discipline:

- A. It is the responsibility of each member to make an inquiry concerning suspected violation of this Code of Ethics. Should such a violation appear to exist, the AMA Presidential Officers or Board of Directors should be notified and action may be taken in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Mudi Association.
- B. Board members may not take an active part in decisions which personally affect themselves.

The purpose of breeding Mudi's is to bring their natural qualities to perfection in accordance with the adopted American Mudi Association breed Standard. There exists a constant danger that disreputable or uneducated breeders may, by improper practices, produce physically mentally or temperamentally poor specimens to the detriment of the breed. By adhering to this Code of Ethics we will assure the quality and high standards being maintained for our breed and by our club.