

THE PHARAOH HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

CODE OF ETHICS

I. I shall comply with all the rules and regulations of the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Inc., and the American Kennel Club.

II. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

I shall provide clean, dry, temperature-appropriate housing with ample opportunity for proper exercise for all my Pharaoh Hounds.

I shall feed my Pharaoh Hound a properly balanced diet, ensuring that it meets the requirements of the breed.

I shall be certain that all dogs in my care and keeping are protected by all necessary immunizations as recommended by my veterinarian.

I shall make every effort to keep my dogs free from internal and external parasites; shall follow a worming (including heartworm) program in accordance with the advice of my veterinarian, and shall consult with them in all matters of parasite control and prevention.

I shall ensure that my Pharaoh Hound(s) have the socialization necessary to allow their natural love and acceptance of human companionship to be developed to the fullest.

I acknowledge that the Pharaoh Hound is an intelligent and sensitive dog and that, although they can be an excellent kennel dog, their love of human interaction necessitates daily human attention for proper care, training, socialization and development of a well-adjusted Pharaoh Hound.

III. BREEDING

I shall breed only to produce dogs that meet the breed standard of the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Inc. as accepted by the American Kennel Club.

I shall use for breeding only dogs I consider genetically, temperamentally, and physically free from defects. I shall screen all dogs used for breeding for all testing required for Pharaoh Hound CHIC certification PRIOR to breeding.

I shall use for breeding, or breed to, only Pharaoh Hounds I consider to be of a quality level that can preserve and improve the breed. I will only use a Pharaoh Hound that is registered with the American Kennel Club or a foreign registry that is officially recognized by the American Kennel Club for registry purposes.

I shall, with the knowledge that the demand for Pharaoh Hound puppies may not meet the supply potential, refrain from breeding merely for the sake of producing puppies; I shall be conservative and selective in my breeding program. Before the breeding of my Pharaoh Hound, I shall have adequate facilities to keep and care for all puppies until the proper homes are found for them.

I further agree that stud dogs should not be bred prior to twenty-four (24) months of age and should be in good health and free from communicable diseases and disqualifying faults. Stud owners are responsible for puppies produced by their studs and it is therefore recommended they verify the bitch owner is a responsible owner and breeder. Any bitch accepted for stud service shall be at least twenty-four (24) months of age, in good health and free from communicable diseases and disqualifying faults. Any and all breedings shall be done with the intention of the preservation and betterment of the breed, taking into consideration structure, health and temperament, as well as the ability of the breeder to be physically and financially responsible for all puppies produced.

I shall refuse stud service to any owner who is unwilling to cooperate in all efforts to protect the welfare of the breed as outlined in this Code of Ethics. I agree that no stud dog should be bred to any bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, litter lot sales, or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in these or similar activities.

I agree that no bitch should be bred within 12 months of delivering puppies or prior to twenty-four (24) months of age. I further agree that no bitch should be bred nor after seven (7) years of age without PRIOR veterinary certification stating that the bitch is of appropriate health to be bred. I agree that breeders who are the owners of the bitch to be bred are primarily responsible for puppies produced by their bitches, and that breeders verify that purchasers of puppies will be responsible owners who will provide proper homes and care. Further, the owner of the stud dog used for a breeding is secondarily responsible for puppies produced by the use of their stud dog.

I shall explain to all potential buyers and breeders the responsibilities they have to the breed and to the puppies resulting from any breeding.

I shall maintain records of health and breeding of each individual dog in accordance with the requirements of the American Kennel Club, and hereby agree to produce them within thirty (30) days of request to the Pharaoh Hound Club of America Board of Directors.

I acknowledge that I have a lifelong responsibility to make every effort to protect the wellbeing of each dog I own or produce. This includes accepting the return or rescue of any Pharaoh Hound that I have bred, regardless of age. If I am unable to do so, either physically or financially, I will contact Pharaoh Hound Club of America Rescue for advice and/or assistance. Under no circumstances will I knowingly allow a Pharaoh Hound of my breeding, or anyone else's, to be euthanized unless terminally ill or dangerous to society without PRIOR veterinary recommendation, placed in a shelter, or passed indiscriminately from home to home.

#### IV. SALES

I shall offer for sale only those dogs which are physically and mentally sound and I shall make every effort to properly place my dogs according to temperament and personality, realizing that the welfare of each dog I place is of prime importance.

I shall only offer an intact "pet" quality dog for sale providing a non-breeding clause is contained within a sales contract signed by both parties, and, whenever possible, the dog shall be released on an American Kennel Club limited registration only. When feasible the sales contract shall contain a spay/neuter clause.

I shall not release or ship puppies to their new homes until they are at least 8 weeks of age.

I shall screen potential buyers as carefully as possible and refuse to sell to any person whom I have reason to believe will not properly care for the dog, both mentally and physically, or anyone whom I believe will indiscriminately breed dogs or any dogs to commercial facilities, businesses, or agents thereof.

I shall provide each new owner with health and feeding information and any other pertinent information necessary for the care and keeping of the dog.

I shall provide each purchaser with a bill of sale, three generation pedigree, health record, registration (unless it is withheld by written agreement of both parties), and instructions for appropriate care and feeding.

I shall also supply a written health guarantee which details conditions for replacement and/or reimbursement.

I will have each puppy microchipped or otherwise permanently identified by an implanted microchip PRIOR to releasing it to its new home. I shall maintain permanent identification records on each puppy that I breed, and I shall provide all of the permanent identification information to the Recording Secretary of the Pharaoh Hound Club of America or, in the alternative, provide written documentation of permanent identification of each puppy including the date of the permanent identification, the number of puppies permanently identified and the method used for permanent identification. This information shall be provided to the Pharaoh Hound Club of America Recording Secretary within ninety (90) days of the whelp date. Failure or refusal to provide this information may result in punishment from the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, including, but not limited to, loss of Pharaoh Hound Club of America membership.

I shall recommend that all purchasers have their dog examined by a licensed veterinarian within 48 hours of receipt. I will accept the return of any puppy that I sell if the new owner is dissatisfied with the puppy for any reason.

I shall invite all purchasers to contact me at any time should any questions arise, and I agree to do all things within my power to assist them regarding the breed.

No bitch shall be bred for commercial reasons. No Pharaoh Hound will be sold to commercial facilities, businesses, nor agents thereof.

V. GENERAL

I shall provide everyone who receives a Pharaoh Hound from me a written contract for all leases, co-ownership, stud services and conditional sales.

I shall always conduct myself in a manner that reflects credit upon myself, the Pharaoh Hound breed, and the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Inc. I will practice good sportsmanship, good ring manners, and courtesy to both judges and fellow exhibitors. I will take responsible precautions to maintain hotels and show grounds in clean condition.

I shall stress the importance of membership in the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Inc. and encourage participation.

If requested, I shall submit a yearly health survey of my Pharaoh Hound(s) to the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, and hereby recognize and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in punishment from the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, including, but not limited to, loss of Pharaoh Hound Club of America membership.

I hereby accept and agree to abide by the foregoing Code of Ethics of the Pharaoh Hound Club of America and recognize that annual payment of PHCA membership dues shall likewise act as a renewal of this agreement and an agreement to continue to abide by the current Code of Ethics of the PHCA.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_