CODE OF ETHICS

POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA

Orlando Poodle Club • Est. 1948

As a member of the Poodle Club of America, I

• Acknowledge that I am a representative of PCA and my actions are a reflection of PCA

• Do not flaunt my membership, or use my membership to indicate that I am superior to PCA non-members

• Demonstrate in my actions concern for the best interests of the breed

• Participate in PCA by volunteering to work on committees and activities where possible

• Support both the parent and affiliate clubs

• Encourage eligible individuals to become a member of PCA

• Maintain the best possible standard of care for my dogs

• Bring to the attention of the Board any issues as to unacceptable behavior on the part of another PCA member as stated in the PCA constitution and By Laws

As an exhibitor, I

• Am committed to being a positive mentor to inexperienced individuals interested in the breed

• Display good sportsmanship, win generously and lose graciously

• Offer assistance and encouragement to all participants

• Demonstrate respect for judges, show, trial and test officials and other competitors

• Refrain from loud, outrageous displays which negatively reflect on PCA in the ring, at ringside, in the gallery or on the show/trial/test grounds

As a Breeder, I

• Develop my breeding program based upon the breed standard

• Plan each breeding selectively toward the goal on improvement of the Poodle, not purely for financial gain

• Keep accurate records as per AKC rules and regulations

• Test all breeding stock , as appropriate, for each variety's genetic and acquired disorders

• Remain abreast of new genetic testing available and readily participates in current genetic studies

• Never intentionally allow a Poodle to be bred to any other breed

• Screen prospective buyers or individuals with whom a dog is placed

• Provide a written contract for all interactions involving the breeding, selling, co-owning, placing and rehoming of my stock

• Sell puppies with individual records to include

– A Bill of Sale stating the conditions (terms) on which the sale was made

– A Pedigree of at least 3 generations

– An up-to-date health record

– proof of genetic/acquired condition testing

– a reasonable time frame for a return

– Never release a puppy before 8 weeks

– Sell non-breeding quality puppies with limited registration

– Require all non-breeding quality puppies sold to be neutered/spayed

• Assume responsibility for the well-being of all dogs sold including taking back adults in emergency situations and finding homes for rescues that have been identified from my breeding when possible

Acknowledgment

In signing this document, as part of my selection as a member of PCA, I acknowledge the responsibilities inherit in that membership and pledge to follow the Code of Ethics of the Poodle Club of America. In addition, if I find I am no longer willing to abide by this document, I agree to submit my resignation form PCA.

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Signature Date