

## **BCNC Breeder Referral Policy**

BCNC will prepare a Breeder Referral list on an annual basis. To be listed, breeders must: 1) complete the application; 2) have been a member in good standing for at least 5 continuous years; 3) must have finished a champion or put a title on a dog other than a CGC; 4) sign the BCNC Breeders Code of Ethics; 5) must attend a minimum of 1 meeting a Quarter; 6) must participate in Club activities in some way such as helping at matches, specialties, volunteering, etc.; 7) have done cardiac and patella health testing on breeding stock; 8) participate in rescue at least once per quarter; 9) have no more than 20 puppies or 3 litters a year, whichever is less; 10) microchip all puppies in litters the breeder has bred; 11) have HUU testing completed on all stud dogs prior to use for breeding. A donation to NCBR is strongly encouraged. If an application is received on or after October 1, it will be considered for inclusion for the following year. Breeders will be listed in the directory with the Club officers first, others in random order.

The Breeder Referral Chair will make the directory available to inquirers by phone, fax, mail, or email, and for posting on the website. Information provided will be limited to the name(s) of the breeders and contact information, including email if desired. (Breeders may opt out of the list at any time.) No breeder website links will be included. Prices will not be included.

Any specific violations of either the BCNC Member or Breeders Code of Ethics brought against anyone in the BCNC Breeders Directory must be submitted on the BCNC Breeder Complaint Form (following its grievance procedure) to the Recording Secretary, along with a \$10 deposit if charges are preferred by a Club Member. The Recording Secretary will send a copy of the charges to the Board, or present them at the next Board meeting. If undertaken, the Board shall set a hearing within 3 to 6 weeks of presentation of the charges. The accused member will receive a copy of the charges by registered mail, and will be entitled to self-defense at the hearing. Investigation and disciplinary measures will follow the Club's Constitution and By-Laws, Article VII.

If the Board determines the charges are valid, it may recommend anything from a written warning to expulsion from the Club. Any recommended expulsion by the Board must be ratified through a two-thirds vote of those present at a regular or special meeting. Any disciplinary action other than expulsion may be carried by a Board majority vote.

**Bulldog Club of Northern California  
Application for Breeder Referral Directory Listing**

All information except name, membership, and one form of public contact is optional. Leave fields blank or mark N/A if you do not want the information listed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date joined BCNC: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Full address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Stud service offered? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Website links will not be included. \*Not to be listed.

- I certify that my stock is AKC registered and that I am not now suspended from the Bulldog Club of Northern California, the BCA, or the AKC. I will conduct all sales, services and advertising in a manner that will benefit my breed and the Bulldog Club of Northern California.
- I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the BCNC and the BCNC Member and Breeders Codes of Ethics.
- As my directory listing provides a point of contact to the public, I agree to respond promptly and courteously to inquiries in order to educate the public so as to protect and better the breed and to provide honest, factual information.
- Below is noted the number (qty) of times I've performed any of the following **RESCUE** activities in the last 12 months:

\_\_\_ Foster rescue dogs \_\_\_ Transport rescue dogs \_\_\_ Completed home checks

- I have received a copy of the policies regarding Breeder Referral including information about handling complaints. If any charges or complaints are made to BCNC about my breeding practices, sales, services or advertising, I will promptly upon request of BCNC, reply fully in writing. If any such charges or complaints are not resolved to the satisfaction of BCNC I understand that BCNC may, in the sole discretion of the officers and board members of the club, refuse to renew my listing and/or forthwith remove my name from the Breeder's Directory without refund of any fee or donation. Misconduct found to be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed may result in expulsion from membership.

**Attach signed copy of the BCNC Members & Breeders Codes of Ethics.**

Agree: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Bulldog Club of Northern California, Inc. Member Code of Ethics**

The Bulldog Club of Northern California, Inc. (BCNC) in keeping with its aims of encouraging the development of finer Bulldogs has adopted the following Member Code of Ethics to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders and owners and to encourage cooperation in the improvement, advancement and protection of our breed. All members shall abide by this Member Code of Ethics.

### **MEMBER CONDUCT**

- Members shall maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness, safety and care of their dogs.
- Members shall assist in the goal that no Bulldog ever be surrendered to a humane society or shelter. Members will take all appropriate measures to assist a Bulldog in distress.
- Members will at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct, whether at home, at shows, or in hotels, in such a manner as to reflect credit upon themselves and the BCNC.
- Members should assist newcomers to the breed, so that they may become educated in ways to best preserve and improve the Bulldog.
- Members will ensure the truth and accuracy of any written or oral information and advertisements, as well as photographs, of their dogs and puppies. No advertising will be slanted to attract undesirable buyers or encourage the raising of Bulldogs as a money-making business.
- In all questions of ethics, covered or not covered by this Code, the individual Member shall act solely in the best interests of the breed, and the membership as a whole shall willingly aid any fellow Member in upholding these interests.
- Members will make every attempt to refer prospective buyers to breeders listed on the BCNC Breeders Referral directory.
- In the case of co-ownership, it is incumbent on the Member to see that the owner/co I owner of the bitch, stud, or litter, follow this Code of Ethics in all practices.
- Members will not use/display the BCNC logo on websites where puppies are listed for sale unless the website belongs to a Breeder Referral Member in good standing.
- Any Member who intends to breed Bulldogs (stud or bitch), or engage in puppy raising, is required to sign and submit the BCNC Breeders Code of Ethics prior to such an undertaking.

Agree: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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All Members involved with breeding Bulldogs shall abide by this Breeders Code of Ethics.

### **BREEDING PRACTICES**

- Members bear a responsibility to the future of the breed. When breeding a bitch or stud, members shall be conscientious about controlling and eliminating inherited problems and shall use the AJC standard as the guide for all breeding, with emphasis on exemplary breed type, stable temperament, health, elimination of disqualifying physical faults, and with consistent betterment of the breed in mind.
- Members will not engage in wholesaling litters or in individual sales or consignments of pups or adults to pet shops, dealers, catalog houses or other commercial establishments, nor shall they be donated or given as prizes in contests, raffles, or fundraising events, no matter how charitable. Bulldogs will not be bred as a money-making business.
- Foreign Bulldogs used for breeding shall meet all requirements of their country or registration.
- All animals to be bred shall have sound, typical structure, conformation and type, and shall be of sound temperament and free from crippling or disabling hereditary defects. Members will assure that all breeding stock meets the best health and physical condition. Members will make a reasonable effort to minimize the occurrence of known genetic abnormalities, or breed standard disqualifications by using BCA minimal recommended health testing requirements. The Bulldog Club of America (BCA) does not require its members to follow any specific health testing requirements. However, BCA does recommend that the three following health tests be performed on Bulldogs:
  1. Cardiac exam
  2. Patella Evaluation
  3. Evaluation for Tracheal Hypoplasia (by Radiograph).
- Breeders will not breed non-standard, disqualifying colored Bulldogs.
- Unless from a foreign registry, all breeding stock shall be AKC registered.
- A breeder shall refrain from using an individual who, although free from such hereditary defects, consistently produces afflicted offspring from different mates.
- Members shall plan each breeding with the paramount intention of advancing and protecting the breed, and only when they are in a position to give proper care to

both bitch and offspring. The owner of the bitch, if inexperienced, should consult with the breeder of the dog they own or another experienced breeder before undertaking any breeding.

- Members will keep accurate records and retain them for the duration required by AKC; these records will include: pedigree of all litters of puppies for sale and dogs/puppies sold.

### **Breeding Practices: Bitch**

- Recognizing the extended growth pattern of the Bulldog, the breeder shall not breed the bitch prior to 18 months of age or prior to her second season. Members shall not breed more than three litters with the same bitch, or any bitch over six years old.
- Members will ensure that a bitch receives complete and proper care during pregnancy and while nursing.

### **Breeding Practices: Stud**

If the stud has not been bred before, or has not produced a live litter, or has had sperm viability issues in the past, such information shall be provided to the bitch owner before the bitch is accepted for breeding.

Prior to accepting any bitch for service, it is the obligation of the stud owner to advise novice breeders of the responsibilities, problems, obligations and expenses involved in breeding a litter.

It shall be the responsibility of the stud owner to ascertain that any bitch brought to his stud shall meet the requirements of the BCNC Breeders Code of Ethics, whether owned by a club Member or not. The stud owner shall further ascertain to the best of his ability that any produce of the breeding shall be raised and sold in a manner in keeping with the ethical standards of this Breeders Code of Ethics. The stud owner shall supply any bitch owner who is not a BCNC Member with a copy of this Breeders Code of Ethics and explain its provisions.

The owner of the stud dog has an obligation to all dogs sired by his male(s). Therefore, if the owner of the bitch (breeder of the litter) refuses to take responsibility for the dogs produced, the owner of the stud dog shall assume the responsibility for rehoming.

### **Breeding Practices: Puppies**

- Breeders will see that all puppies receive complete and proper veterinary care from whelping until placed with their permanent owners.
- Breeders will give all puppies continuous close human contact to assure proper socialization to people.
- Breeders will not allow a puppy to leave for its new home before the age of 8 weeks.

## SALES

- Breeders shall sell only to responsible persons who agree to provide the highest quality of care, including socialization and training.
- There will be a written contract between the seller and buyer for all puppies and dogs sold delineating the specific requirements to abide by the BCNC Breeders Code of Ethics.
- Breeders will supply a copy of the Breeders Code of Ethics to all buyers and explain to them its provisions.
- Breeders shall supply the AKC full, or limited, individual registration form to all buyers, or a written guarantee that it shall be supplied on completion of sale, or per the written contract agreement.
- Any Bulldog sold under the designation "pet/companion" shall be sold without full registration papers and on a mandatory spay/neuter contract. A breeder may supply full registration papers upon proof of sterilization or upon the breeder's reassessment of the animal as being of "show/breeding" quality.
- A breeder shall not offer a buyer the choice of purchasing the same pup for one price with full registration and another price with limited registration. A breeder may choose to change a registration from limited to full at a later date. The buyer may be offered this option which may be contingent upon a change of contract and terms but not contingent upon payment of an additional price.
- Breeders shall sell or place only Bulldogs which are, to the best of the breeder's knowledge, in good health, unless health conditions are fully disclosed in writing to the new owner.
- Bulldogs being sold or placed shall have had all the necessary inoculations and worming for their age, along with records which detail all dates and types of medical care given, including vaccinations, and a dated veterinary health check.
- Breeders will supply a pedigree of no less than (3) generations.
- Breeders will request that buyers take their pup to a veterinarian of their choice within 10 days of receipt or other reasonable period, consistent with local law. If the pup is deemed unhealthy or if the buyer is not satisfied that the pup is as represented by the breeder, the breeder shall offer the buyers a full refund of the purchase price paid. (All shipping to be paid by the buyer.)
- Breeders are required to microchip all puppies prior to placement in their new homes.
- Members recognize that they have a lifetime responsibility for dogs they produce and/or own, and the inherent obligation to provide a stable environment that protects each Bulldog's physical and emotional well-being. This includes fostering or re-homing any progeny from their

breedings when necessary and encouraging buyers to notify them if they are ever unable to keep their Bulldog. Breeders should always be available to buyers for whatever reasonable advice and assistance they may need for the life of the dog.

- At the time of sale, breeders will supply a BCNC membership application and Club information for each buyer (who is not already a BCNC member) and who is living in BCNC's purview.

Agree: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_