



Lost Coast Kennel Club of California Members' Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics is set forth to protect and advance the purebred dog. Adherence to the Code is strongly recommended.

Health

Lost Coast Kennel Club members will insure that all dogs in their care are maintained in the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness, and veterinary care, including attention, affection, and proper socialization for necessary mental development.

Breeding

- Breeders shall breed only with the intention of improving their breed by breeding only those dogs that conform to their individual breed standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club.
- Breeders will use appropriate health clearances, such as OFA, CERF, Von Willebrand's, etc., as recommended for their specific breed.
- In accordance with California Code SB 914, Breeders will not release puppies under the age of eight weeks old without written approval from a licensed veterinarian.
- Breeders will furnish details on feeding, care, and inoculations; a three-generation pedigree; registration papers; and a written sales agreement. Breeders will screen prospective buyers to assure that puppies have a safe and loving home, and they will supply assistance and support to the puppy buyers for the life of the dog.

Sales

- Breeders will honestly evaluate the quality of dogs sold and fairly represent that evaluation. They will urge puppy purchasers to spay or neuter, within a specified time period, any puppy which for any reason will not be used for breeding and/or showing. All puppies sold on Spay/Neuter contracts will be given AKC Limited Registration papers if applicable.
- No Lost Coast Kennel Club member shall sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to laboratories, pet shops, or commercial ventures such as lotteries, raffles, or auctions.

Sportsmanship

Lost Coast Kennel Club members shall always conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves, their dogs, and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of the location or circumstance. Breeders are encouraged to be members in good standing with their national/regional breed club and adhere to their specific breed club's guidelines and/or Code of Ethics.

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