

Mile High Great Pyrenees Club

Code of Ethics

AS A DEDICATED PERSON TO THE GREAT PYRENEES BREED I SHALL:

MAINTAIN the best possible standards of health and care in my kennel, all stock to be inoculated and to the best of my knowledge to be parasite free.

ASCERTAIN that a prospective buyer is aware of the growth potential of a Great Pyrenees and has the proper intentions and facilities to care for a growing or grown dog.

DETERMINE to sell, place or breed only Great Pyrenees with stable temperaments.

ABSTAIN from selling in letter lots, or to known unethical breeders, dog wholesalers or retailers, nor for raffle or premium; nor to any buyer where there is reason to believe a Great Pyrenees will not be properly cared for.

FURNISH buyers of a puppy or adult Great Pyrenees with written details on health, breeding, registration and pedigree records; and feeding and general care. Inform buyers of faults under the official breed standard and offer the benefit of my experience in determining whether a Great Pyrenees sale is of “showable”, “pet” or other potential.

SET a price commensurate with the quality of healthy puppies or adults as to uphold the value of the breed and of my own stock.

ADVISE buyers to have a Great Pyrenees examined by a recommended, licensed veterinarian within 72 hours of receipt, or provide a veterinarians health certificate no more than a week old.

ADHERE to the American Kennel Club rules governing record keeping, registration, and sale and transfer of dogs; a signed copy of the bill of sale which covers guarantees and agreements to go to each party involved. Papers may be withheld or breeder’s right retained by mutual agreement in writing.

CONSCIENTIOUSLY PLAN the breeding of healthy adult Great Pyrenees which are free from hereditary defects (i.e. hereditary orchidism, malocclusion, entropion eyelid); each litter to be based on the parents appropriate qualities in retention to the breed’s official standard.

REQUIRE all breeding stock to be x-rayed to determine the absence or presence of hip dysplasia and inform prospective buyers or breeders of said results.

PROVIDE attention to ensure proper prenatal care for my bitch and optimum physical and emotional development for the puppies.

ACCEPT for stud service only those bitches which are in apparent good health; free from major faults and defects as specified in the official standard. Refuse to service a bitch where there is reason to believe the owner has unethical intentions.

EXPEND every effort to successfully breed a visiting bitch to the stud or acceptable substitute agreed upon but assume no obligation to effect a service if the visiting bitch is not as advertised by the owner.

REFUSE to register any puppies resulting from a bitch which could have been bred by two dogs.

SUPPLY the stud's pedigree and a stud certificate stating the stud used, date bred and date due to whelp. Assume upon use of a stud, responsibility to supply as much help as possible as to papers whelping and health to the owner of the bitch.

PROMOTE neutering those Great Pyrenees which for any reason will not be used for breeding and safeguarding unsprayed bitches from unplanned matings.

REPUDIATE the altering of any animal to correct any fault or feature (not injury). In the case where alteration is necessary for an animal's well being, inform a new owner of said alteration.

KEEP all advertising factual and avoid high powered phraseology which promotes one's own stock at the expense of another's stock. Consider it to be unethical to sue exaggerations or implications of superiority without factual basis.

SHOW dogs only in apparent good health and free of contagious diseases.

CONSIDER competing in group competition, an obligation to the Great Pyrenees breed.

CONDUCT myself as I would like to be treated under similar circumstance when confronted by a situation not covered by this code of ethics.