

St. Paul Minneapolis Bulldog Club BREEDER CODE OF ETHICS

The objective of the Breeder's Code of Ethics is to protect and advance the interests of the Bulldog breed. It is written to provide guidelines for responsible ownership and ethical breeding practices, and it is dedicated to the preservation and welfare of the Bulldog.

1. All dogs should be kept under sanitary conditions and be provided with appropriate immunizations, veterinary care, quality nutrition and proper socialization.
2. Anyone interested in breeding, and if inexperienced in the breed, should consult with an experienced breeder as a mentor before undertaking any breeding.
3. Anyone breeding his or her bitch bears a general responsibility to the future of the breed. Therefore, a breeder 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.
4. All bitches being bred will be well-tempered, of good health, and have typical structure and conformation as set forth in the Bulldog standard.
5. A responsible breeder will be knowledgeable about inherited health concerns in the breed and will do appropriate health evaluations on all breeding animals. It is strongly encouraged to perform health screenings that include (but are not limited to) trachea, patella and cardiac. Efforts should be made to submit all patella and cardiac health tests performed to the Canine Health Information Centers (CHIC) for inclusion in their data base.
6. A responsible breeder shall not breed a bitch prior to her second heat cycle. A bitch will not produce three consecutive litters. A veterinary consultation will be obtained before breeding a bitch over 5 years of age. Responsible breeders do not over-breed their bitches.
7. A responsible breeder will not allow a puppy to leave for its new home before the age of 8 weeks.
8. A responsible breeder will honestly and fairly inform the owner of the stud dog or bitch, as well as all buyers of puppies, all the known or suspected medical conditions or health issues of parents and puppies.
9. A responsible breeder will sell pet puppies on spay/neuter contracts and support the use of limited AKC registration on all Bulldog puppies and/or adults sold to pet homes.
10. A responsible breeder will provide puppies' new owners with a 3-generation pedigree and documentation of at least one veterinarian wellness exam.
11. A responsible breeder shall be available to his buyers for whatever reasonable advice and assistance they need.
12. A responsible breeder will ask the buyer(s) to advise the breeder if they are ever unable to care for their Bulldog, so that the breeder can either take the dog back or help assist in placing the dog in a new home.
13. A responsible breeder will assist any rescue that acquires a Bulldog the breeder has sold.
14. A responsible breeder will not use club meeting or events to actively engage in the selling transaction of a puppy.
15. A responsible breeder will refuse to engage in wholesaling litters or individual sales or consignment of puppies or adults to pet shops, dealers, catalog houses or other commercial establishments, nor will they be donated or given as prizes in contests, raffles, or fund-raising events.
16. All stud dogs being bred will be well-tempered, of good health, and have typical structure and conformation as set forth in the Bulldog standard.
17. A responsible stud dog owner will be knowledgeable about inherited health concerns in the breed and will do appropriate health evaluations on all breeding animals. It is strongly encouraged to perform health screenings that include (but are not limited to) trachea, patella and cardiac. Efforts should be made to submit all patella and cardiac health tests performed to the Canine Health Information Centers (CHIC) for inclusion in their data base.
18. A responsible stud dog owner will refuse stud service to bitches not registered with the AKC or a registry recognized by AKC, and any bitch considered to be in poor health, physically or mentally unsound, of inappropriate breeding age, or lacking in the breed characteristics.

The St. Paul Minneapolis Bulldog Club Breeder's Code of Ethics has been designed as a voluntary guideline for breeders. A breeder's signed (yearly) agreement to these guidelines, along with SPMBBC board approval, places them on the St. Paul Minneapolis Bulldog Club Breeder Referral; providing prospective buyers of purebred bulldogs a referral list of responsible, local breeders. To participate, the breeder must be an active, attending SPMBBC member. The board reserves the right to terminate the breeder referral if unethical breeding practices have been found; or if membership is no longer active.

Member Signature

SPMBBC Board Signature

Date