

CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics is presented as an informative guide for breeders and potential breeders of Dalmatians, whose foremost aims are the welfare and betterment of the Breed. The by-laws of the Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club, Inc., state that the club shall do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Breed.

1. I will breed Dalmatians only with the aim of improving the quality of the Breed, according to the official AKC Dalmatian Standard.
2. I will only use for breeding Dalmatians, which are of sound temperament free from hereditary and congenital defects, free of any disqualifying faults as stated in the Dalmatian Standard and comply with all rules and regulations where they pertain.
3. I will refuse stud service to any bitch that is not AKC registered and to any bitch that has any disqualifying faults listed in the Dalmatian Standard.
4. I will destroy all deaf Dalmatian puppies as soon as this condition is positively determined.
5. Dalmatians having defects of a nature that would make it detrimental to the Breed will only be sold under the condition that it be spayed or neutered and I will note on the AKC transfer records that the dog is a pet and not to be bred.
6. I will not sell or donate to commercial dog wholesalers or retailers and will require the same practice from the owners of any bitch for whom I provide stud service.
7. I will supply each purchaser with the following at the time of sale: AKC registration, 4-generation pedigree, health certificate, diet and care information, and health record and health guarantee.
8. I will guarantee the health of my stock, subject to a Veterinarian's examination within 48 hours of the sale.
9. I will, at all times, represent and advertise my stock openly and truthfully. At no time will I knowingly mislead any purchaser.
10. I will offer my assistance to the purchaser for the life of the dog in every way possible within reason.
11. I will not deliberately degrade any member, his dogs, or his kennel operation.
12. I will practice good sportsmanship both inside and outside the ring.

13. I will promise to help educate the public on the Dalmatian Standard and in the care and welfare of the dogs.
14. All actual owners shall be responsible and liable to the Board, under conditions of said Code of Ethics.
15. Any club member who breeds to someone whose privileges have been revoked, shall not be granted any advertising Privileges of the Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club, e.g., club advertising, telephone referral ads, catalog advertising, etc.
16. No club member shall be permitted to advertise any breeding, etc. of any person or persons whose membership has been revoked.
17. Disciplinary Process:
 - a. President appoints a committee of three (3) individuals.
 - b. Committee to-investigate violations according to Robert's Rules of Order, i.e.,

Chapter .xx, &60, "A committee whose members are selected for known integrity and good judgment, should conduct a confidential investigation (usually including an interview with the accused) to determine whether further action, including the preferring of charges if necessary, is warranted."
 - c. Committee presents findings to the Board for action according to the club's Constitution, i.e.,

Article VII, Section 3, "Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months after the date of the hearing. And, if it deems the punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership, that the penalty be expulsion."

In accordance with the Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club's policies regarding sales referrals and newsletter advertising, I agree to abide by this Code of Ethics, as set forth above.

Signed

Date