

MARSHFIELD AREA KENNEL CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

The Marshfield Area Kennel Club is a nonprofit organization of breeders, fanciers, exhibitors and trainers, established for the advancement of purebred dogs. As such a Code of Ethics has been established to serve as a guide to all members in striving to accomplish the goals and purposes set forth in the constitution and by-laws of the organization. Members who violate this code will be dealt with in accordance with Article VI of the Marshfield Area Kennel Club Constitution and By-laws.

1. All dogs will be kept in a clean, healthy, and safe environment. Dogs will be provided with socialization and appropriate vaccinations and medical care to provide maximum mental and physical well-being.
2. Members will refrain from any activities, which would be detrimental to any dog or the Marshfield Area Kennel Club.
3. Members shall at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct. Whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels, they will treat all present, including competitors, judges, officials and spectators with respect and courtesy.
4. Members will maintain high standards in the health and care of their dogs, always putting the welfare of their dogs above the goals of competition. A dog should be in good health while being trained or shown.
5. Members will not breed for, sell, consign or give puppies or adults to auctions or raffles, or to pet shops, catalog houses, brokers for resale purposes or research facilities. Members shall not purchase puppies from brokers for resale or breeding purpose.
6. Members are strongly encouraged to join their individual breed clubs and to be familiar with the breed standard, genetic screening recommendations and code of ethics of these clubs.
7. Members will conscientiously plan each litter considering, primarily, the betterment of the breed. No member shall purposefully breed or sell any non-AKC registrable dog.
8. Members should, to the best of their ability, place puppies only in homes where the owners understand and are prepared to undertake their commitment of responsible dog ownership for the life of the dog. Members are required to use a take back/buy back clause on all dogs bred by them. Owners of stud dogs are encouraged to be mutually responsible for all offspring throughout their lives.
9. Members will use a spay/neuter contract or limited registration in the sale of pet puppies.
10. Breeders shall be familiar with AKC rules concerning record keeping, registration, sale and transfer of dogs, and abide by these rules.
11. Members are encouraged to keep abreast of AKC information on all facets of dog ownership and competition.
12. Members are urged to foster friendship and offer educational advice to newcomers and novices.
13. Members are not to engage in false or misleading advertising.

I (we) understand the MAKC Code of Ethics as stated above and agree to abide by it.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of 2nd Applicant for Family Membership

Date