

Code of Ethics

OBJECTIVES:

- a) To encourage and promote the ownership and selective breeding of purebred Lhasa Apsos; to do all that is possible to bring the Lhasa Apso's natural qualities to perfection; to educate and inform the general public about the history, care, breeding and grooming of the Lhasa Apso; and
- b) To do all in my power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by maintaining high breeding standards, and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, rally events, matches, and all competitive events.

TO ELABORATE ON THESE TWO OBJECTIVES:

I) **PURPOSE** - In Lhasa Apso breeding, emphasis shall be placed upon outstanding qualities of character as well as upon appearance - consistent with the aforementioned. I agree to breed indiscriminately and, using the best of my knowledge, to try to improve upon stock and therefore to try to reach as closely as possible the standard of perfection approved by the Canadian Kennel Club (the "CKC"). I shall always search for suitable homes for my stock. I will never knowingly sell to any person connected with either pet shops or puppy farms.

II) **RECORDS** - I agree, if I breed my bitch or use my stud in service, to keep accurate records of stock, matings, pedigrees, and to register my stock with the Canadian Kennel Club.

III) **BREEDING** - I shall aim to breed as closely as possible to the accepted CKC standard and try to breed out any serious faults, including but not limited to:

- dogs lacking two testicles in the scrotum
- overshot or seriously undershot bites
- ectropian or entropian (and other hereditary eye disorders)
- kidney disorders
- nose colour other than black
- undesirable temperament exhibited as consistent, such as extreme shyness or viciousness towards human beings

I further agree that I shall endeavour to have a Canadian Kennel Club "Non-Breeding" agreement completed and signed for any dogs with any serious faults.

IV) **BITCHES** - As owner of a bitch, I will breed only normal, healthy, mature bitches. I will not let any bitch produce litters in three (3) consecutive seasons (given normal seasons of twice in one year). I agree to cull any deformed puppies. When a bitch has been bred to multiple sires, whether intentionally or not, I agree to follow the CKC protocol for registering the litter and puppies by collecting and submitting DNA tests along with the proper documentation. A bitch in whelp will not be taken to dog shows after 53 days gestation.

V) **DOGS** - As owner of a stud dog, I will breed only healthy, mature, sound dogs - and I will refuse service to any immature bitch, or one I consider to be in poor health, or one having serious faults.

VI) **HEALTH** - I agree to maintain good standards of health, cleanliness and care for my dogs, including proper veterinary care. I further agree that proper mental health includes regular contact with people and early exposure to the outside world.

VII) **SALES** - I will refuse to sell to, or buy from, or recommend breeders who do not conform to the obligations expressed in this Code; or to dog wholesalers or retailers (i.e. "puppy farms," pet shops); or to donate a Lhasa Apso for raffle purposes; or to sell or buy in large litter lots. I shall insist that Canadian Kennel Club Non-Breeding agreements be entered into with prospective owners of any of my stock which I consider should not be allowed to propagate. I will pass on to the buyers of my stock accurate health, breeding, registration records, and pedigrees.

I will further recommend that any puppy which I consider to be pet quality be sold with a Canadian Kennel Club "Non-Breeding" agreement completed and signed.

I shall endeavour not to release any puppy until they are at least eight weeks of age. No matter their age, I will not release any puppy unless I have full knowledge that they are healthy and only when they have had at least an initial medical inoculation and been permanently identified either by a Microchip or a Tattoo.

I will urge my puppy purchasers to provide proper training and grooming and will recommend books and other informative literature which will be of use to them.

As a breeder, I will make a sincere effort to see that every dog will have an adequate and loving home and will be properly cared for.

VIII) **ADVERTISING** - I agree that my advertising, oral or written, shall be factual, shall not be worded so as to attract undesirable buyers, and shall not in any way encourage the raising of purebred Lhasa Apsos as an easy-money scheme.

IX) **SPORTSMANSHIP** - I shall conduct myself at all times in a manner which will reflect credit upon me and the breed and upon the Club, regardless of the circumstances and location, but especially when attending dog shows, whether as an exhibitor or a spectator. I shall endeavour to make all competitors feel welcome as exhibitors at any given show; and to look upon competitors' dogs with a favorable eye. This does, of course, extend to all members of Lhasa Apso Canada whether at Club meetings or at large. I shall endeavour to promote the Lhasa Apso in a factual way to the public. I shall endeavour to recommend fellow Club members' stock to prospective buyers when I do not have the stock the buyer may require, or when I feel that the type would be more suitable for the prospective buyer.

X) **LEGAL** - I am in good standing with the local, provincial/state and federal animal protection agencies. I have not been convicted of animal cruelty by any of the above-mentioned agencies or the CKC or AKC.

XI) **ENFORCEMENT** - I understand and agree that, upon receipt of sufficient written proof of violation(s) of this Code of Ethics, sanction will be taken by the Board of Directors according to the Constitution of Lhasa Apso Canada.

XII) **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES** - I further understand and agree that, should I, through no fault of my own, be in violation of any of the aforementioned provisions, I shall have recourse to the Board of Directors of Lhasa Apso Canada.

Please sign and return this along with your membership application to the Club Secretary. If this is a family membership both parties must sign. For clarity, words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular.

I/We hereby endorse the Code of Ethics of Lhasa Apso Canada and agree to adhere to the ethical standards outlined therein.

Printed name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____