

The Bulldog Club of Northern California, Inc.  
CODE OF ETHICS

1. It is our goal that no bulldog ever be surrendered to a humane society or shelter.
2. All dogs should be kept under sanitary conditions and be given maximum health protection through regular inoculations and proper nutrition.
3. All bulldog owners should ensure that their dogs are not a nuisance to their neighbors or community.
4. 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. The owner of a bitch, if inexperienced, should consult with the breeder of the dog they own or some other experienced breeder before undertaking any breeding.
5. Recognizing the extended growth pattern of the bulldog, the breeder shall not breed the bitch prior to 15 months of age or prior to her second season. Back to back litters and more than three litters with the same bitch are not encouraged. After a bitch is six (6) years old her owner should seek the opinion of a veterinarian regarding her health for breeding.
6. All bulldog bitches being bred shall be sound and have typical structure and conformation and shall be of good temperament.
7. No breeder shall offer at stud any bulldog who does not meet the above qualifications.
8. If the stud dog has not sired a litter or has had breeding problems in the past, such information shall be provided to the owner of the bitch before the bitch is bred.
9. The owner of the stud is under no obligation to service a bitch that is not as represented by her owner or who presents serious hereditary defects.
10. Owners of stud and bitch should consider signing a written agreement, clearly stating the conditions and terms of service. An agreement should also include what type of breeding will take place (natural, AI, chilled semen, frozen semen.)
11. It is the obligation of the breeder to honestly and fairly inform the owner of the stud dog or bitch, as well as all buyers of pups, all known or suspected medical conditions or health problems.
12. A breeder shall be available to his buyers for whatever reasonable advice and assistance they need.
13. No BCNC member shall engage in wholesaling litters or in individual sales or consignments of pups or adults to pet shops, dealers, catalog houses or other commercial establishments, nor shall they be donated or given as prizes in contests, raffles or fundraising events, no matter how charitable.
14. The breeder will ask the buyer(s) to advise them if they are ever unable to keep their bulldog, so the breeder can either take the dog back or give every assistance in placing it in a

new home.

15. Breeders are encouraged to:

- Not allow the puppy to leave for its new home before the age of 8 weeks.
- Supply a pedigree of no less than (3) generations.
- Supply records which detail all dates and types of medical care given the pup, including all vaccinations for the pup's age.
- Sell all companion quality puppies or puppies to non show homes on the AKC Limited Registration Certificate and spay/neuter agreements.
- Request that buyers take their pup to a veterinarian of their choice within 10 days of receipt or other reasonable period, consistent with local law; and if the pup is deemed unhealthy or if the buyer is not satisfied that the pup is as represented by the breeder, the breeder shall offer the buyers a full refund of the purchase price paid. (All shipping to be paid by the buyer.)
- Microchip all puppies prior to placement in their new home.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*The AKC expects all breeders and sellers of dogs to meet the highest standards of care, custody and breeding practices, including:*

- Assuring that all breeding stock is certified by a veterinarian as meeting the best health and physical condition.*
- Being certain that a bitch receives complete and proper care during pregnancy and while nursing.*
- Assuring that all puppies receive complete and proper veterinary care from whelping until placed with their permanent owners.*
- Giving all puppies continuous close human contact to assure proper socialization to people.*
- Being sure buyers have a fundamental appreciation of the dog as a companion animal, and that the dog is prepared to be a healthy, well adjusted family member.*