



PORTUGUESE POINTER CLUB OF AMERICA Code of Ethics

These guidelines are established in accordance with the mission of the Portuguese Pointer Club of America and are set forth to protect and advance the interests of the Portuguese pointer by maintaining high standards for the care and breeding of the Portuguese pointer and by promoting good sportsmanship.

CARE:

- Members should maintain the best possible standards of canine health and veterinary care, including sufficient exercise and socialization for all animals in their care.
- Members should provide suitable housing for each animal, ensuring cleanliness and comfort.
- Members are highly encouraged to health screen all their animals, regardless of breeding potential, in an effort to detect potential health issues within a line.

BREEDING:

- The objective of the selection of the dogs to be bred should always be to produce puppies that are of better quality than the sire and dam in accordance with the accepted standard.
- Breeding should be done for the betterment of the breed, not for monetary reasons.
- Only animals of quality with characteristic type, sound structure, temperament and working ability in accordance with the accepted standards should be bred.
- Members should not breed a bitch unless they are willing to keep all puppies until responsible homes are found and be responsible for each dog they breed for the life of that dog.
- Members must be honest in their breeding practices and attempt to eradicate inherited problems. If a problem should arise, it should be disclosed to all buyers of closely-related dogs and no repeat breedings undertaken.
- Only UKC or FCI-registered animals should be used for breeding.
- Bitches should not be bred more than once per year.
- Bitches and dogs should be at least one year of age prior to breeding. Breeding animals of less than two years is discouraged in order to better ascertain potential hereditary problems that may arise.
- Bitches should not be bred after seven years of age.

SALES

- All service and sales agreements should be mutually agreed upon, stated in writing, and signed by all parties involved.
- All dogs sold by members should be honestly evaluated and represented regarding their pedigree, temperament, potential, and faults.
- Substandard or inferior quality animals should be sold with a written agreement stating that the animal will not be bred and will be neutered or spayed.
- Barring severe health issues, no puppy should be removed from the litter or placed in a new home prior to seven weeks of age.
- Members should not sell puppies to a pet store, even on commission; they should not wholesale litters, sell at auctions, or be offered as prizes at raffles or lotteries. Breeding stock should not be sold to

commercial operations or persons who knowingly sell to pet stores or puppy mills. No puppy or adult should be sold for the purpose of dog fighting or crossbreeding.

- All members should furnish copies of all veterinary records, pedigrees, registration and transfer documents to each buyer unless a written agreement is made at the time of sale that such documents will be withheld.
- Health guarantees should be clearly detailed and included in the sales agreement.
- Members should carefully screen all prospective buyers to assure that dogs will have a safe and loving home.
- Members should follow up on dogs after placement to ensure their continuing care.

REGISTRATION/RECORDS

- Each litter is to be registered. Members must maintain accurate records of stock, breeding and pedigrees.
- Members should become familiar with the UKC rules regarding record keeping, registration, sale, and transfer of dogs as well as the procedures regarding exhibiting dogs and the holding of dog events.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Members should conduct themselves in all aspects of the sport of dogs in a manner designed to reflect credit upon the Portuguese pointer and the Portuguese Pointer Club of America.
- Members should practice the principles of good sportsmanship, considering competitors a challenge rather than a threat.
- Members should not spread rumors about other dogs or other people.

I (We), the undersigned, have read and pledge to abide by these guidelines. I (We) understand that any violation of these guidelines could result in loss of membership in the Portuguese Pointer Club of America.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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