

MUDI CLUB OF AMERICA

CODE OF ETHICS

The purpose of the Code of Ethics is for the preservation and welfare of the Mudi breed, and as a guide for the members of the Mudi Club of America (MCA) to always act in the best interest of the breed. MCA members have therefore agreed to uphold these practices to the best of their ability, and aid others in honoring the contents as well.

In breeding the Mudi, the main emphasis will be on preserving the working ability and other outstanding qualities of this breed, along with proper appearance and sound structure. It is crucial that the MCA Code of Ethics is followed by those who are concerned with the propagation of physically, mentally, and temperamentally sound Mudi of proper breed type according to the AKC Mudi breed standard.

MCA members are encouraged to educate the general public with the contents of this code to ensure no party becomes innocent partners in improper breeding practices or unsatisfactory living conditions for a Mudi. Consistent with the above, as a member of the MCA, I agree with and will adhere to the Code of Ethics as set forth below.

1) Assistance and encouragement shall be willingly offered by members to educate novices and others needing advice and guidance. The welfare of the Mudi will be in their hands in the future.

2) MCA members shall be willing to refer potential Mudi purchasers to other reputable breeders who maintain the standards of the MCA Code of Ethics, and to be helpful and courteous to those who request information about the breed.

3) All MCA member dogs will be kept under safe and sanitary conditions, be given reasonable and prudent health care and protection which includes regularly prescribed vaccinations and proper nutrition.

4) Mudis will not be sold or consigned to dog wholesalers, dealers, retailers or their agents, nor sold to disreputable breeders. No adults, puppies, nor stud services will be offered as prizes or for raffles.

5) Prospective buyers will be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their intent, as a good home environment for all Mudis is our desire.

6) All Mudis offered for sale will be sold with written sales agreements to include clear terms and conditions and be signed by both the seller and buyer. The contract will request that the seller be contacted in the event and at any time the owner is unable or unwilling to keep the dog, and it will be the obligation of the seller to assist in the placement of the dog in question.

7) All Mudis sold will have had the required veterinarian evaluation, vaccinations, and health tests appropriate for their age, and to be deemed healthy. The seller shall fully disclose to the buyer any serious or disabling hereditary defects, including the reasonable possibility of such defects. The breeder should check limited on the individual AKC registration papers of puppies sold as pet quality and is further encouraged to include the requirement to spay/neuter these puppies in sales contracts.

8) Breeders will provide puppy buyers with written details of feeding schedules, general care, date and types of future vaccinations and worming protocols. Grooming instruction and future advice shall be provided when requested.

9) Stud service will be offered only to healthy AKC registered* Mudi bitches and breeding services will be accepted only from healthy AKC registered* Mudi dogs both of sound structure and temperament, with no radical departure from the AKC Mudi breed standard. The breeding contract will require AKC registration of the resulting litter for any litters bred in the United States.

*includes FSS recorded Mudi as well as Mudi registered in country of birth with a Foreign Registry Organization listed in Section IV of the AKC Special Registry Services pamphlet.

10) Both stud dogs and brood bitches shall be screened prior to breeding for both infectious and hereditary diseases using the generally accepted and available techniques. Mudis used for breeding should be free of serious congenital and hereditary defects verified by submitting test results to nationally recognized canine health registries; at a minimal for hips, elbows, patellae and eyes. They should neither exhibit a questionable temperament nor a radical departure from the AKC Mudi breed standard. Mudis used for breeding should be over two years of age at the time of their mating.

11) MCA members who breed Mudis shall strive to conform to the AKC Mudi breed standard. They will also strive to improve progeny, eliminate hereditary health problems and to reduce faults to a minimum.

12) Advertising by MCA members shall be factual, professional in appearance and location, accurate photography, and shall not promote non-AKC Mudi breed standard characteristics as "rare".

13) MCA members shall comply with the rules of the AKC concerning record keeping, AKC registration, identification, sale, and transfer of dogs.

14) MCA members shall not publicly defame other MCA members nor seek to intentionally impair their reputations. It is the responsibility of MCA members to report thru the appropriate channels any serious situation that is detrimental to the Mudi breed, the MCA, or is inconsistent with these principles.

15) The above document can be amended as necessary to aid the MCA in promoting, protecting and preserving the Mudi in America.

MCA MEMBER ENDORCEMENTS

As a member of the MCA, I agree with and will adhere to the Code of Ethics.

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