

GREATER FORT MYERS DOG CLUB, INC.

CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics is presented as a guide for members of the Greater Fort Myers Dog Club, Inc. breeders and owners of purebred dogs. I shall always remember I am a constant representative of this club and of my breed, and will practice the rules of good sportsmanship and courteous behavior at all times. In any activity involving the club, the breeding or exhibition of my dogs I shall strive to adhere to the following tenants:

1. I shall maintain my dogs in sanitary conditions and always provide adequate food, water and shelter to maintain their health and safety. I shall not allow my dogs to roam free. I will provide adequate medical care to maintain health of the animals and vaccinations for the protection of the animals and the community.
2. When contemplating a breeding I will maintain the purity of my breed with the standard of the AKC and Parent Club as a guide. I shall not breed unless I can adequately provide medical care as needed for both the bitch and he puppies and am prepared to keep the resulting puppies until appropriate homes are found. I shall not sell to pet shops, sell in litter lots or participate in "brokering" puppies. I will not breed without evidence of a current brucellosis test.
3. I will honestly evaluate any puppies for quality according to their standard, and will not misrepresent any puppy to potential buyers. I will sell/place puppies with major faults only after spayed or neutered, or with a spay/neuter contract or with "limited" registrations.
4. I will remain available to puppy buyers after the purchase to enhance their knowledge and assist with problems. I will attempt to educate the public about my breed, health concerns both general and specific to my breed, grooming, and maintenance needs and the problems associated with pet overpopulation.
5. Every puppy I sell or place will have a three generation pedigree, health record, and AKC registration application or a registration certificate at the time of sale, or a bill of sale stating when AKC papers will be available.
6. I will provide adequate and appropriate medical testing of any breeding stock to reveal genetic problems associated with my breed including x-rays, eye exams and/or blood tests as recommend by the National Breed club specific for my breed. I shall consider the health of the bitch considered for breeding and breed neither too young, too old or too often.
7. The betterment of my breed and the education of the public are primary aims. My conduct shall reflect these ideals to the best of my ability.

Signed: _____ & _____

Date: _____

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GREATER FORT MYERS DOG CLUB, INC.

Membership Application

Date _____ First Reading _____ Second Reading _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____ OCCUPATION _____ EMPLOYER _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

WHY DO YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GREATER FORT MYERS DOG CLUB, INC.? _____

WHAT FACET OF DOG CLUB ACTIVITIES INTEREST YOU THE MOST? _____

CIRCLE THE COMMITTEE(S) WHERE YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK & YOUR TALENTS WOULD SHINE

Sunshine
Public Education
Programs
Newsletter
Special Dinners
Website

TRAINING: Obedience
Conformation
MATCH: Secretary
General Committee
OTHER: _____

SHOW: Grounds
Vendors
Trophies
Advertising & Publicity
Catalogs
Hospitality (Transportation, Luncheon, Ringside)

PLEASE LIST ANY CLUB MEMBERSHIPS, OFFICES, AND ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED? _____

WHAT BREED(S) DO YOU HAVE _____ NUMBER OF YEARS IN DOGS _____

NUMBER OF DOGS YOU NOW OWN _____ CO-OWN _____

NUMBER OF LITTERS BRED DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS _____

I hereby make application for membership in the Greater Fort Myers Dog Club, Inc. If accepted, I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws of the Clubs and the rules of AKC. I clearly understand that memberships are based upon a yearly basis and that dues are due and payable on January 1 of each year.

(Signature of Applicant or Applicants)

SPONSORS—Please provide any information of the applicant's activities including how long you have known the applicant(s) and why the applicant(s) is qualified to become a member of the Greater Fort Myers Dog Club, Inc.

SPONSOR #1 _____ SPONSOR #2 _____

Date _____ Signature _____

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