

THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF GREATER ATLANTA, INC. CODE OF ETHICS

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to improve and protect the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and to promote good sportsmanship between club members and Cavalier owners.

I. Recommended Guidelines for Breeding a Cavalier Bitch:

- A. Before breeding my bitch, I will study the AKC Breed Standard and breed only those specimens that meet the standard.
- B. I will not breed a bitch until her second heat, or before she reaches fourteen (14) months of age.
- C. I will not breed any bitch once she has reached eight (8) years of age.
- D. I will not breed any bitch unless I am prepared to keep all puppies for which I cannot find suitable homes.
- E. I will spay bitches determined to be unsuitable for breeding. I will make certain that any bitch placed in a pet home is placed with restricted papers and a spay agreement.
- F. I will make certain that my bitch is tested annually by a board certified cardiologist and ophthalmologist for Mitral Valve Disease and inherited eye disorders. If my bitch is clear of MVD/inherited eye disorders, I may choose to breed her following the guidelines in this Code of Ethics.

II. Recommended Guidelines for Breeding Stud Dogs:

- A. Before placing my dog at stud, I will study the AKC Breed Standard and breed only those dogs that meet the standard.
- B. I will neuter dogs determined unsuitable for breeding. I will make certain that any dog placed in a pet home is placed with restricted papers and a neuter agreement.
- C. I will not offer stud services to any persons who do not take sincere ethical measures to protect/improve the breed, or to any persons who would place puppies without spay/neuter contracts.
- D. I will make certain that my stud dog is tested annually by a board certified cardiologist and ophthalmologist for Mitral Valve Disease and inherited eye disorders. If my stud dog is clear of MVD/inherited eye disorders, I may choose to breed him following the guidelines in this Code of Ethics.

III. Recommended Guidelines for selling Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Puppies:

- A. I will be discriminate in the placement of all Cavalier puppies or dogs that I breed.
- B. I will not place puppies/dogs in pet shops, with animal brokers or persons who sell/buy in litter lots.
- C. I will not donate puppies/dogs for raffles or contests.
- D. I will not release puppies to new homes before 8 weeks of age and all will have immunizations/wormings appropriate for their age.
- E. I will provide full instructions to new owners on the care and feeding of their puppy/dog. It is strongly advised that puppies be checked by a veterinarian prior to leaving for their new home and that the veterinary health certificate be provided to the new owner(s).
- F. I will place all pet quality puppies with restricted papers and a spay/neuter agreement.
- G. In the event that a puppy/dog that I place cannot be kept by the buyers, the sales contract will state that the puppy/dog will be returned to me or that I will assist in finding a suitable home for the puppy/dog.

IV. Business Integrity

- A. I will represent my puppies/dogs honestly.
- B. I will not use misleading or deceptive advertising.
- C. I will discourage anyone from breeding Cavaliers for fun or profit.

V.

I will never broker puppies/dogs for anyone regardless of club affiliation or credentials.

VI.

I agree to abide by and uphold all AKC rules and regulations and the Constitution/ByLaws and Code of Ethics of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta, Inc. and I understand that I will be held accountable for my actions.

VII.

I will assist fellow members in any way that I can. I will, at all times, educate and offer appropriate club resources.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by this Code of Ethics.

Print Name(s): _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date: _____

Co-applicant's signature _____ Date: _____

Return signed application, signed Code of Ethics and membership fees to: the Recording Secretary Listed on the membership App.