

SENECA SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

I. CANON OF ETHICS

- A. Each member of the Seneca Siberian Husky Club has the obligation to protect the interests of his breed by conducting himself in a manner designed to reflect credit on himself, his breed and on the Seneca Siberian Husky Club.
- B. Each member who contemplates breeding a litter, or who allows the use of his stud dog to the same end, shall direct his efforts toward producing dogs of exceptional quality, temperament and condition, and shall not use for breeding purposes any unregistered Siberian Husky.
- C. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or misrepresentation of his breed, nor shall he malign his competition by making false or misleading statements regarding his competitor's dogs, breeding practices or person.
- D. It is considered to be unethical for any Seneca Siberian Husky Club member to sell dogs to any pet shop, any wholesale dealer in dogs, or to knowingly sell to any breeder who sells to pet shops or in any way aids or abets the sale of any dog through pet shops, lotteries, pet dealers or other commercial sources of distribution.
- E. A reputable breeder will maintain the best possible standards of health and care of his kennels.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BREEDER

The breeder shall:

- A. Be familiar with the breed standard and use for breeding only those specimens, which closely conform to this standard.
- B. Be familiar with AKC rules concerning record keeping, registering, sale and transfer of dogs and abide by these rules.
- C. Use for breeding only dogs which are healthy and free from serious congenital and/or hereditary defects characteristic of the breed.
- D. Produce puppies only when he has the time and facilities to provide adequate attention to physical and emotional development until such time as they are sold.
- E. Not breed a bitch more often than two out of three heat seasons, unless the seasons occur every nine months or more. Then, breed only if she is in robust health and never at the time of her first season unless the season occurs after 18 months of age.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SELLER

The seller shall:

- A. Keep accurate records showing dates of immunization, types of vaccines used, dates of worming, etc., registration and pedigree records and furnish these records with the sale of each puppy.

B. Be willing to cover all sales by a written contract, listing registration numbers of sire and dam, and litter registration number of dog available, conditions of sale, description of quality of dog, health, and full description including a three-generation pedigree.

C. Request that newly purchased dog be examined by the buyer's veterinarian (at the buyer's expense) within 48 hours of sale or 72 hours if on a weekend. If the dog is to be returned to the seller, a written health record, with reasons for return, must be furnished by the examining veterinarian within this period.

D. Provide registration papers with each dog sold within four months of sale unless the reasons for not providing such papers are clearly stated in each sales contract.

E. A dog, showing serious deviation from the standard, rendering it unsuitable for breeding, can be sold only if surgically altered or registration papers will be withheld until proof of surgery is furnished. Sales contract will state reasons for withholding papers.

F. Apprise the buyer of growth potential and breed peculiarities to insure that the placement of the dog is mutually satisfactory.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUD OWNER

The stud owner shall:

A. Not offer at stud a dog showing a serious inherited defect which is characteristic in the breed, structure, or temperament, and owners of stud dogs shall not accept for breeding any bitch, the reproduction of which is likely to be detrimental to the breed/ It is recommended that a stud dog should not be under 12 months old.

B. Not breed a bitch less than 18 months of age and not before a bitch's second season, unless the first season occurs after 18 months of age.

C. Refrain from breeding a bitch owned by a party known to have dealing with pet shops, wholesale dealers, lotteries, catalog houses, pet dealers, or other commercial sources of distribution.

D. Make every effort to apprise the owner of the bitch of the responsibilities involved in the raising and proper care and placement of puppies resulting from this breeding.

Each member of the Seneca Siberian Husky Club will receive a copy of the Code of Ethics, with a place for agreement signature, to display to prospective purchasers.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Address _____
