



Columbia-Willamette Beagle Club

Code of Ethics

The Columbia-Willamette Beagle Club, recognizing our responsibility to the Beagle and the Beagle enthusiast, establishes this Code of Ethics to reflect the desire of the membership to:

- Keep the Beagle sound, healthy and free of hereditary diseases.
- Maintain the working ability of the Beagle.
- Conform to the American Kennel Club's published Standard of the Breed.
- Exercise truth in advertising.
- Exercise good sportsmanship in all activities involving Beagles.

It is the intent of the membership of the club to support and promote breeding programs which would continue to improve the quality of the breed. To this end, careful attention must be paid to the soundness, natural ability, tractability and conformation of the sire and dam of each litter. In order to establish minimum criteria for demonstrating these characteristics, the following method of evaluating suitability of stud dogs and brood bitches for breeding programs is suggested. Stud dogs and brood bitches must:

- Be AKC registered or registered with a foreign registry.
- Be clear of any hereditary disorders such as epilepsy.
- Be sound in temperament as well as conformation.
- Have proven their ability to contribute to the breed through having earned conformation points, or working titles and/or have at least four dogs in their pedigree within three generations that have earned such distinctions.

Columbia-Willamette Beagle Club strongly recommends that its members adhere to the following:

- Use stud dogs and service brood bitches that meet the above qualifications.
- Purchase puppies whose sire and dam have likewise been qualified.
- Assure the general health of the sire and dam at the time of breeding and whelping.
- Never supply puppies for resale to pet stores or other wholesale outlets.
- Guarantee the general health of the puppies at the time of sale.
- Use the Limited Registration option and spay/neuter contracts for all but the best quality puppies in each litter, and any puppies sold to strictly pet homes.
- Exercise truth in advertising.

In addition to maintaining the strictest policies in breeding programs, members of the Columbia-Willamette Beagle Club desire to promote the Beagle by exercising the highest standard of good sportsmanship. This standard includes:

- Cheerful willingness to help newcomers and observers of the breed.
- Refraining from public expression of negative remarks about fellow exhibitors.
Gracious winning as well as gracious losing.

I/We Agree to Uphold the CWBC Code of Ethics:

Date: _____ Member's Signature: _____

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