

CODE OF ETHICS
THE FIVE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB, INC.

As a member of the Five Valley Kennel Club, Inc., I fully endorse and subscribe to the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club, Inc. and the Five Valley Kennel Club, Inc., as set forth in their respective Constitutions.

In keeping with the primary objective of both organizations, i.e., "To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs". I resolve to:

- I. Support responsible promotion and breeding of registered, purebred dogs by:
 - A. Not engaging, directly or indirectly, in the breeding of any dog that is not purebred.
 - B. Breeding only for the highest standards possible in temperament, conformation, working ability and health.
 - C. Knowing my breed standard(s) and be willing and able to explain, demonstrate and interpret it honestly for novice buyers.
 - D. Being willing and able to offer information and advice on the selection, care, well-being and breeding of any purebred dog.
 - E. Emphasizing that purebred dogs means AKC registered purebred dogs.

- II Conduct myself as a responsible owner by:
 - A. Maintaining clean and adequate kenneling for all dogs in my care,
 - B. Attending conscientiously to the physical, emotional and medical needs of all dogs in my care.
 - C. Treating all dogs humanely and tolerantly.

- III Conducting myself as a responsible breeder. To this end I will:
 - A. Breed only mature, healthy adults that exhibit no disqualifying or serious faults as defined by their breed standard. I will screen for hereditary defects appropriate for by breed (s).
 - B. Breed bitches no more than two out of three consecutive seasons, unless advised otherwise by a veterinarian.
 - C. Utilize limited registrations and spay/neuter contracts for any puppy sold as a pet, explaining that this dog may be entered in obedience, but no progeny of this dog may be entered in obedience, but no progeny of this dog may be registered with AKC.

 - D. Sell no puppies or litters to pet shops or the likes thereof; and prohibit such sale in any co-ownership or stud agreements.

 - E. Screen potential buyers carefully to make the best placement possible.
 - F. Indicate no selling price of puppies or adult dogs in public advertising.
 - G. Humanely destroy deformed puppies in any litter I breed or whelp.

- IV Practice good business ethics and breeder relations by:
 - A. Providing healthy puppies and dogs, accompanied by pedigrees, AKC registrations, health records and written contracts when appropriate.
 - B. Be willing and able to assist with information and/or advice in any area relating to purebred dogs, giving references to resources when appropriate.
 - C. Conduct myself in a sportsman-like manner, always to promote the Sport of Purebred dogs, whether in or out of the show ring.
 - D. Referring buyers or questions to appropriate breeder (s) I know to be ethical, as signified by signing this or other such Codes of Ethics.

E. Promoting American Kennel Club and Five Valley Kennel Club sponsored events.

V. Maintain complete and accurate records as required by the American Kennel Club.

I do hereby endorse and support the above Code of Ethics as a condition of being a member in good standing of the Five Valley Kennel Club, Inc.

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SIGNATURE