



CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ETHICAL GUIDELINES

Introduction

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Southern California (CKCSCSC) is a regional club, recognized by American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc. (ACKCSC, Inc.) The ACKCSC is the parent club recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC.) The purpose of the ACKCSC is to preserve and protect the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel breed through the responsible ownership and conduct of its members, and the members of its regional clubs. These responsibilities encompass representation of the breed to the public, exhibition at dog shows, and through breeding. Acceptance of these Ethical Guidelines is a prerequisite for membership in the CKCSCSC.

All current CKCSCSC members, any new members for Associate or Regular membership, and anyone applying for the CKCSCSC's Breeder Referral listing are asked to sign a copy of the Ethical Guidelines. Breeder Referral is a privilege extended to those members who have been regular members in good standing for an uninterrupted period of two (2) years, and have signed the Ethical Guidelines. The CKCSCSC Secretary will keep a list of those members who have signed the Ethical Guidelines.

Responsibilities of the Membership

1. I understand that my conduct reflects on the CKCSCSC, and as such I will:

- a. Review and understand the breed standard to the best of my ability, and will ask for clarification from a more knowledgeable member or mentor if need be.
- b. Educate and/or mentor interested members of the public, and new owners, in a positive and constructive manner.
- c. Demonstrate good sportsmanship inside and outside the show ring.
- d. Provide my Cavalier(s) with proper veterinary care, exercise, housing, sanitary conditions, training, food, water, and attention.
- e. Strongly consider permanent identification, such as microchipping, for my Cavalier(s).

2. I will not:

- a. Knowingly falsify information pertaining to my Cavalier(s) including but not limited to pedigrees, health screenings, or breeding information.
- b. Under any circumstance, sell a Cavalier to a pet shop, broker, a third party dealer, or through a channel where I have not properly screened a potential buyer.
- c. Purchase a Cavalier for resale to a pet shop, broker, or third party dealer or website.
- d. Supply or sell any of my Cavaliers at a flea market, a raffle, an auction, or any similar enterprise.
- e. Under any circumstance, sell a Cavalier to a known unethical breeder, or a person who intends to resell to a third party.
- f. Falsely advertise or mislead the public regarding a specific Cavalier, or the breed in general, through advertising or social media.
- g. Speak or write dishonorably or deliberately seek to impugn the reputation or character of another member.

Responsibilities of Breeding

1. I understand that the purpose of breeding is to bring the natural qualities of the breed as close as possible to the approved ACKCSC, Inc. breed standard. I understand that if I am an inexperienced or first time breeder, I am strongly encouraged to consult with a mentor and/or experienced breeder before undertaking any breeding on my own.

If I decide to breed a litter, I will:

- a. Carefully study the breed standard as it relates to the mating pair.
- b. Selectively consider conformation, physical well-being, and temperament of the mating pair.
- c. Breed only those Cavaliers that do not have inheritable, disqualifying, disabling, or potentially disabling health defects.
- d. Breed only Cavaliers that are registered with the AKC, or are eligible to be registered by the AKC, and are not subject to a "limited" registration by the AKC.
- e. Properly care for the bitch and her litter.

As the owner of a stud dog, I will:

- a. Ensure that prior to breeding, I have my Cavalier examined by a board certified cardiologist, and a board certified ophthalmologist, and receive health certificates. In addition, I will strongly consider obtaining his OFA patella and hip certificates.
- b. Only breed to a bitch whose owner agrees to act in accordance with our Ethical Guidelines.
- c. Only breed to a bitch who I believe is an asset to the preservation and well-being of the breed.
- d. Only breed to a bitch after I have ascertained the bitch's age, pedigree, registration, ownership, and health testing.
- e. Supply a dated stud certificate, including a written agreement of terms of service.
- f. Consider providing one free return stud service of the same dog for a bitch that fails to conceive or whelp a viable litter as long as the stud dog is still in my ownership.

As the owner of a bitch, I will:

- a. Ensure that prior to breeding, I have my bitch examined by a board certified cardiologist, and a board certified ophthalmologist, and receive health certificates. In addition, I will strongly consider obtaining her OFA patella and hip certificates.
- b. Not breed a bitch before she is eighteen (18) months old, or her third season, whichever comes first.
- c. Not breed a bitch who has reached her eighth (8th) birthday.
- d. Not allow a bitch to whelp more than two (2) litters, during three (3) consecutive heat cycles.
- e. Not allow a bitch to carry to term and rear more than six (6) litters in her lifetime.

When caring for puppies, I will:

- a. Provide proper veterinary care.
- b. Provide a balanced and nutritional diet.
- c. Provide safe and proper worming procedures for puppies and adult Cavaliers to ensure all remain free of parasites.
- d. Follow proper vaccination protocols to ensure the health of the puppies and adult Cavaliers.
- e. Humanely euthanize any puppy that is suffering from an irreversible medical condition.

When I am ready to transfer a puppy, I will:

- a. Transfer any puppy that is not being sold to a show home on a limited registration, with an agreement that the puppy will be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age.
- b. Will only release a puppy to its new home after it has reached ten (10) weeks of age, while understanding that twelve (12) weeks of age is suggested.
- c. Provide documentation to the new puppy owner including:
 - 1. A contract including terms of sale and dates, signed by both parties.
 - 2. Feeding instructions.
 - 3. Written medical records of immunizations, types of vaccines used, worming, and any other pertinent medical information, including dates and veterinarian information.
 - 4. Copies of all of the health certificates for the sire and the dam, if available.
 - 5. AKC registration papers.
- d. Provide instruction and support to new puppy owners including:
 - 1. Encouraging the new owner(s) to have their puppy checked by their veterinarian within 72 hours and inform me of any issues.
 - 2. Provide guidance and mentorship as need be.
- e. Request and encourage the new owner(s) to keep me informed about the puppy, including development, health issues and death.
- f. Ask the new owner(s) of any Cavalier acquired from me to advise me if they are unable to keep the puppy so that I can take the puppy back, or assist the owner in finding a new home for the puppy.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE CKCSCSC ETHICAL GUIDELINES AS OUTLINED ABOVE, signed:

Signature

Date