

CANADIAN CANE CORSO ASSOCIATION

CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics is established in accordance with the objectives of the Canadian Cane Corso Association. This document includes both Required and Recommended Standards of Practice for Members and for Breeders. Required Standards of Practice must be followed and Recommended Standards of Practice are strongly encouraged.

The Cane Corso is above all a working dog and must exhibit the balanced temperament, intelligence, structure and movement of a working companion. The physical appearance is described by the current breed standard.

REQUIRED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR ALL CCCA MEMBERS

AS A CCCA MEMBER, I SHALL/AGRRE:

1. To recognize and accept the CCCA as the official breed club of the Cane Corso in Canada and the CKC as the official Canadian Registry for purebred dogs. If breeding a litter, I agree to provide proper paperwork (CKC, FCI, AKC, ICCF, etc) in a timely manner, but no longer than 6 months (from date of birth), unless so stated in the purchase contract, and to mark each pet quality pup as limited (spay/neuter) registration on the puppy registration form.
2. To never knowingly falsify papers or documents, including but not limited to health records, registration papers, show records and other such documents.
3. To never publically make accusations or try to discredit other members, exhibitors or breeders. In the event of a valid concern, issues may only be brought to the attention of the CCCA Board of Directors and the Disciplinary Committee.
4. To observe the highest standards of sportsmanship and good will at conformation shows, performance events and any other event involving Cane Corsi. Assist all newcomers to the breed so that they may be guided in the ways that can best conserve and improve the Cane Corso.
5. To maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness and care of all dogs. Dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner is unable to personally supervise their safety.
6. To never sell dogs or puppies to commercial pet stores or dog brokers nor knowingly dispose/sell any dogs or puppies into rescue or any medical facility.
7. To never materially or knowingly misrepresent my dogs to anyone.
8. To give the CCCA and/or the breeder the first right of refusal should an individual decide to place a Cane Corso in a pound or local shelter, should the CCCA establish a formal rescue organization. The CCCA will make all efforts to protect and find a suitable home for said animal.
9. To never be involved in or use my dogs for any illegal activity.
10. To choose names for official registration which do not use prefixes or kennel names associated with other recognized breeders of Cane Corsi in Canada, the United States of America, Italy or any other foreign country, unless written permission is obtained from the original user of the name.

11. The CCCA membership list is restricted for Club use only. It is considered to be confidential in nature and is not to be sold or given away, nor is it to be encompassed into any business database.
12. That I will recognize the CKC Standard for the Cane Corso as the Breed Standard for official use and practice.

AS A CCCA MEMBER, I SHALL ENCOURAGE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE:

1. Strongly encourage members to health test their Cane Corsi for various health clearances and to participate in health studies which will be conducted by the CCCA. Encourage members who are not using their dogs/bitches for breeding to have them tested for the various health clearances in order to provide better statistical results.
2. Encourage working titles to retain the breed's correct working temperament. Encourage the showing of future breeding animals in the conformation ring, keeping in mind that the purpose of such shows is to improve the breed by objective evaluation of the animals in competition according to the Breed Standard.
3. It is recommended that ALL dogs/bitches, especially those used for breeding, have a Canine Good Neighbor Certification and/or pass a Temperament Test.

REQUIRED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR BREEDERS

AS A CCCA MEMBER, WHOSE DOG OR BITCH IS USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES, I SHALL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE:

1. Strive to keep the Cane Corso purebred and will not knowingly breed the Cane Corso with another breed of dog.
2. Study and strive to conserve and improve the breed in structure, health, movement, temperament and working ability. Always breeding as close to the CKC Breed Standard as possible.
3. Plan all litters with the goal of improving the Breed giving consideration to individual health benefits and concerns. Breed only registered mature dogs and bitches which are no less than 18 months of age, have stable temperaments and no disqualifying faults per the Cane Corso Standard.
4. Breed only dogs and bitches which have OFA, PennHip, or OVC evaluated hips so hip scores may be disclosed when appropriate.
5. Dog and bitches older than one year of age, being imported into the Canada must have the above required health test before being used for breeding. This also applies to any imported fresh or frozen semen.
6. If a bitch is bred consecutively, it shall be on no more than 2 consecutive seasons. Bitches bred to more than 1 sire during a single season must adhere to the CKC regulations.
7. Offer at stud, with a signed written contract, only mature (no less than 18 months) healthy, free of communicable diseases, and meeting all of the above requirements. Refuse stud service to any bitch not meeting the same requirements.
8. Sell all dogs with a signed, written contract. All dogs/puppies sold must be guaranteed to be in healthy condition, including at the very least protection against crippling hip dysplasia or proven congenital diseases. ie....epilepsy, cardiac disease, etc.

9. Pass on to buyer's accurate health, breeding and registration records and pedigree records. Registration papers may be withheld or breeder's rights retained only by mutual agreement in writing, signed by both parties. Require that all Cane Corsos not purchased as show and breeding stock be made incapable of reproducing, and require that limited CKC registration forms be provided, or that registration papers be withheld until a veterinarian's certificate is received as proof of sterilization. Release puppies to their new home only after they reach a minimum of 7 weeks of age.
10. Evaluate honestly according to the CKC Cane Corso Standard, and state clearly to the Buyer the quality of any Cane Corso sold. All advertising shall be honest and informative and shall in no way misrepresent the stock offered. Prices shall be based on individual merit and shall not be included in any advertising. Breeders shall not advertise in local daily media sources, such as classified ads either in print or online.
11. Sell only to responsible persons and not knowingly sell to anyone or any entity who engages in any activity which might exploit the breed. Cane Corsi shall not be given as prizes, offered in raffles, or sold at auctions, nor shall Cane Corsi be exploited in any detrimental manner.
12. Breeders recognize that they have a LIFETIME responsibility for puppies produced by their brood bitch or stud dog. Breeders and stud dog owners recognize the inherent obligation to provide a stable environment that protects each puppy's physical and emotional well being. This includes using best efforts to assist in relocating to a new home a puppy (or adult dog) with which the owner is dissatisfied, or returning that puppy (or adult). Any provisions for refunds or reimbursement of expenses shall be handled in the contract between breeder and owner. Unless required to do so by law, no puppy or adult dog bred or owned by a CCCA member shall be disposed of in an animal shelter or pound or knowingly be allowed to remain in the care of a rescue organization.

BREEDER RECOMMENDED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

AS A CCCA MEMBER WHOSE DOG OR BITCH IS USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES, I SHALL ABIDE BY THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

1. It is strongly recommended that in an attempt to lower the incidence of Hip Dysplasia in Cane Corsi, to breed to only dogs/bitches that have passing hip scores.
2. It is strongly recommended that prospective breeding candidates and their immediate relatives are not affected with (or not carriers of) hereditary disease for which there is diagnostic testing.
3. It is strongly recommended that Dogs be limited to 12 or fewer breedings (resulting in 3 or more live puppies) in a 12 month period to allow opportunity to realize their contribution (both positive and negative) to the gene pool. Note: Dogs' semen can be collected and stored allowing them to produce puppies long after their life has ended.

As a member of the Canadian Cane Corso Association, I have read and understand that I shall be required to abide by the above Code of Ethics in all ways. I understand that the Code of Ethics is applicable to all dogs owned, co-owned or leased by or from me. I further agree to the best of my ability, abide by the above Recommended Standard Practices.

I understand and agree that upon receipt of sufficient written proof of violations of this Code of Ethics, the Board of Directors will proceed according to the Canadian Cane Corso Association Bylaws.

AS AN CCCA MEMBER, I SHALL ADHERE TO THE ABOVE REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE as set forth before me and the previously mentioned Constitution and By-Laws of the CCCA. I shall always put the welfare of the Cane Corso and the integrity of the club and its members first. I agree that any violation of the Code of Ethics or the Club Constitution and By-Laws is grounds for immediate expulsion or suspension from the privileges of the Club.

Signature: _____

Date: _____