

**COLLIE CLUB OF AUSTIN
CODE OF ETHICS
AND STANDARDS OF MEMBERS**

This code shall establish a standard of conduct to be followed by all members of the Collie Club of Austin in the normal course of breeding, exhibiting, selling and judging collies. We recognize it is impossible to cover all situations; thus, any failure to comply with the intent of this code will be dealt with in the same manner as if a specific violation had been committed.

SECTION 1. Members are responsible for the improvement of the Collie and will accomplish this by: personally using breeding techniques that will improve the physical and mental soundness of the dogs that we sell to the public; encouraging the public to select sound stock from sound breedings; encouraging the public to follow the same sound breeding principles; encouraging proper training of our own and other's dogs; supporting Club policies, activities and programs; and any other activity which promotes the Collie.

SECTION 2. Members will not engage in careless, haphazard or financially convenient breedings which do not contribute to the improvement of the breed. In advertising puppies, grown dogs and stud service, members shall refrain from making any false or misleading statements. Members who violate the above are subject to the provisions of Article VI—Discipline found in the By Laws.

SECTION 3. No member of this Club shall knowingly sell puppies or breeding stock to pet dealers, catalog houses, or to other commercial sources for resale or to be given by them in contests as prizes or otherwise exploited.

SECTION 4. Collies shall be sold in good health, free from communicable diseases, with health guaranteed for a reasonable length of time.

SECTION 5. Any collie sold with papers shall be free of defects restricting it from being a suitable pet or companion. Breeding stock shall be examined for defects prior to sale by a mutually acceptable veterinarian.

SECTION 6. All dogs offered at stud shall be in good health, free from communicable diseases; dogs known to be sterile or cryptorchids shall not be offered as studs. Customers shall be informed of disqualifying defects or major faults of the stud.

SECTION 7. Bitch is to be bred only to the selected stud. Owner of the bitch is to be consulted before any other stud is used.

SECTION 8. Only an actual, witnessed tie is to be considered a breeding unless mutually agreed to by both parties.

SECTION 9. All advertising is to be honest and in no way misrepresentative or fraudulent. Smooths shall be so designated in all advertising.

SECTION 10. Every member shall, at all times whether at home, traveling, at shows, or at motels, conduct himself/herself in such a manner as to reflect credit on the dog show game and on collies in particular.

SECTION 11. No member shall bind the Club to any agreement or contract unless fully authorized by the membership.

SECTION 12. All members shall be shown a copy of this code when joining and joining shall signify their acceptance of the code in its entirety. Any member violating this code either in content or in essence shall be punished according to the severity of and intent of the violation-up to and including expulsion from the Club.

SECTION 13. An Ethics Board consisting of three members shall hear all cases and make recommendations to the Executive Committee which shall confirm their recommendation by a simple majority vote. The Executive Committee shall also have the power to recommend further review if it so desires. Confirmation by the Executive Committee shall not be necessary where warnings only are issued. Members of the Ethics Board shall serve for one year and shall be appointed by the president with the sanction of the Executive Committee.