## **KENAI KENNEL CLUB CODE OF ETHICS**

The Code of Ethics of the Kenai Kennel Club Inc. is to study and strive to conserve and improve all breeds structure, temperament and working ability, never sacrificing one for the other.

Members must ensure that their dogs are kept safe and under control at all times.

Members should properly train their dogs so that they are an asset to their community and not a nuisance. Dogs must be maintained with their safety and good health in mind at all times, including adequate and appropriate attention, socialization, grooming, feeding, veterinary care, housing, and exercise.

1. Each member of the club will keep breeding and pedigree records accurate, complete, up-to-date, and in accordance with the American Kennel Club (AKC) regulations.

2. Each member who contemplates breeding a litter, or who allows the use of a stud dog or brood bitch, agree to breed only those dogs tested and found clear of any genetic defects as found in each specific breed's parent clubs Code of Ethics.

3. No bitch shall be bred such that she produces a live-born litter more often than two(2) out of three(3) consecutive heat seasons, and then only if she is in robust health; never at the time of her first season, unless this occurs after eighteen (18) months of age.

4. No member will be swayed by commercial interest. The sale price of puppies will be based principally on type and quality. No member will seek to undersell other breeders for the sake of bargain prices, nor will any member engage in the wholesaling of litters, the selling of breed stock, or individuals to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources of distribution; nor shall they be supplied for raffles or lotteries.

5. All members will actively participate with Kenai Kennel Club and American Kennel Clubapproved events, whenever and wherever possible.

6. Good sportsmanship shall be expected of all members, and to further this end, members will familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. Members shall conduct themselves in an orderly manner at club meetings, shows, and exhibitions.

7. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising nor make any misrepresentation regarding the quality or attributes of their breed; nor shall they malign their competitors by making false or misleading statements regarding their competitors' dogs, breeding practices, or person.

8. No member shall participate in the breeding of unregistered dogs.

Each member of this club has an obligation to protect the interest of the breed by conducting themselves in a manner designed to reflect credit on themselves, the breed and the club.

9. Failure to comply with this Code of Ethics will subject members to reprimand, suspension, and/or expulsion from the Kenai Kennel Club.

10. It is expected that this entire Code of Ethics will be reviewed, updated and changed as needed.

Signature:

Date:

**Print Name:**