

Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club Ethical Guidelines

- All Affiliate Clubs of the Poodle Club of America shall be dedicated to the preservation of the Poodle Breed.
- All GMPC members must ensure their actions are in the best interest of the breed.
- Participate in our club by volunteering to work on committees and activities where possible
- Support both the parent and affiliate clubs.
- Display good sportsmanship, win generously and lose graciously.
- Offer assistance and encouragement to all participants and be a positive mentor to inexperienced individuals interested in the breed.
- Demonstrate respect for judges, show, trial and test officials and other competitors.
- Maintain the best possible standard of care for dogs in their possession.
- Develop a breeding program based upon the breed standard.
- Plan each breeding selectively toward the goal on improvement of the Poodle, not purely for financial gain.
- Keep accurate records as per AKC rules and regulations.
- Test all breeding stock , as appropriate, for each variety's genetic and acquired disorders.
- Remain abreast of new genetic testing available and readily participates in current genetic studies.
- Never intentionally allow a Poodle to be bred to any other breed.
- Screen prospective buyers or individuals with whom a dog is placed.
- Provide a written contract for all interactions involving the breeding, selling, co-owning, placing and rehoming of any stock.
- Sell puppies with individual records to include:
 - A Bill of Sale stating the conditions (terms) on which the sale was made.
 - A Pedigree of at least 3 generations.
 - An up-to-date health record.
 - proof of genetic/acquired condition testing.
 - a reasonable time frame for a return.
 - Never release a puppy before 8 weeks.
 - Sell non-breeding quality puppies with limited registration.
 - Require all non-breeding quality puppies sold to be neutered/spayed
- Assume responsibility for the well-being of all dogs sold including taking back adults in emergency situations and finding homes for rescues that have been identified from any individuals breeding whenever possible.
- Any violations of the Ethical Guidelines will be brought to the Board's attention and dealt with as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the club.