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## **Tamaskan Dog Register, Inc. Breeder's Code of Ethics**

### **1) Legalities**

- a) The breeder will abide to any local laws and legalities, as applicable, pertaining to the care and welfare of adult dogs and puppies.
- b) The breeder will make exceptional effort to identify proper and legal homes for all puppies.
- c) Every puppy shall leave the breeder's home with a written puppy contract signed by the breeder and the buyer.
  - i) Minimally, the contract must include:
    - Health guarantee

### **2) Registrations**

- a) Breeders shall minimally register their litters with the Tamaskan Dog Register.
- b) All puppies in a litter must be included at the time of registration, including any who did not survive whelping, or within the first few weeks. Puppies who did not survive shall still be listed in the litter's registration request for the sake of record keeping, but will neither receive a registration number, nor be charged as a registration. The cause of death should also be explained in as much detail as possible.
- c) Registrations shall not be withheld from puppy owners as a means for ensuring adherence to a puppy contract.

### **3) Breeder Responsibilities**

- a) Breeders shall ensure their actions are that of a role-model and that they exemplify the very best conduct and practices possible.
- b) Breeders shall strive to breed only the best possible specimens in accordance with the official Breed Standard, that are healthy and free from serious congenital and hereditary defects, in order to continually improve the breed for future generations. Breeders agree to contact the Committee of Breeders (CoB) before proceeding with any breeding that is known or suspected to have developed congenital or hereditary defects or other health concerns.
- c) Breeders shall strive to select all breeding pairs by reviewing each dog's faults and virtues, health data, littermate health and temperament data, relationship coefficient reports, and breed warnings on all prospects being considered for breeding.
- d) Breeders shall notify the CoB in the event that their dog should be considered in another breed's outcross program, prior to any mating, so that the TDR is aware of the upcoming outcross plans and may provide additional relevant information which the Breeder should be aware of.
- e) Breeders shall do their best to prevent unplanned matings.
- f) Breeders who intentionally or accidentally breed dogs that have not completed their health tests must immediately report the breeding to the CoB.
- g) Breeders shall notify the CoB of any dogs in need of rehoming and keep the TDR/CoB updated with any new owner information for registry purposes.

- h) Maintain good records on their dogs and progeny, and share all information regarding the health of their dogs to the CoB, as well as contributing to the TDR's Tamaskan Database.
- i) Breeders should seek help from qualified, knowledgeable colleagues and experts on improving the bloodline(s) whenever necessary.
- j) All dogs living or under the care of the breeder shall be properly cared for, including proper nutrition, socialization, health care, and training.
- k) Breeders shall commit to supervise and enforce all of their contractual clauses and uphold any guarantees stipulated by their contracts in a fair and timely manner.
- l) Breeders shall not sell to persons whose intention (either known or suspected) is to resell or use the puppy in a breeding program non-compliant with this Code of Ethics or Breeding Regulations. This includes to pet shops, puppy mills, or for auctions, contests, raffles, or gifts.
- m) Breeders shall represent their dogs and all progeny honestly, giving accurate and complete information to potential buyers, other breeders, and organizations when asked.
- n) Breeders shall contact the TDR/CoB when there are questions or concerns about any business or actions to do with the TDR or another TDR breeder, for any reason, rather than offering public discrepancies or discord over social media or any other public platform.
- o) Breeders shall refrain from what may be conceived as personal attacks or disparaging comments about breeders or litters on any platform, including social media, nor encourage others to join in such comments in any form as this directly affects the unity of the breed, which is of the utmost importance.

#### 4) Puppy Health and Continued Welfare

- a) Breeders shall provide a comfortable, sanitary, safe, quiet (during whelp), dry, and climate-controlled whelping area, which is free of danger from other dogs or children.
- b) All puppies shall receive early stimulation, early socialization, health care, exercise, training, and proper nutrition prior to going home.
- c) All puppies shall be microchipped, and the microchip information provided to the TDR.
- d) All puppies shall be examined by a licensed veterinarian prior to going home.
- e) Rear dewclaws shall be surgically removed, as applicable, if permitted by law.
- f) Puppies shall be properly immunized and dewormed.
- g) Puppies should be evaluated at 7-8 weeks for conformation and temperament by an experienced tester.
- h) Puppies may not be (traditionally) neutered/spayed before leaving to their new homes.
- i) Puppies shall remain with their breeder and their mother until at least 8 weeks of age.
- j) Breeders shall provide continued support to the needs of their puppy owners, within reason and to the best of their ability, for the duration of the life of the puppy.

Breeders who agree to these Code of Ethics, Breeding Regulations, and Registration rules but who fail to adhere to their contracts may incur the following penalties:

- First Offense: Formal Warning from the TDR Board of Directors
- Second Offense: One-year suspension as a TDR-Registered Breeder
- Third Offense: Two-year suspension as a TDR-Registered Breeder
- Fourth Offense: Expulsion as a TDR-Registered Breeder

Please reference the preamble of the TDR Breeding Regulations for more details.