

Breeders Code of Ethics

If I breed a Kangal Dog, I will further adhere to these principles:

1. I will make sure that anyone acquiring a dog from me understands their responsibilities for the care and welfare of the animal.
2. I will not breed a Kangal Dog with a breed disqualification.
3. I will not breed any Kangal Dog that is of poor temperament, especially one that is known to have bitten a person without provocation, or an adult dog that has shown a strong tendency to chase, bite, and injure flock animals, traits which are contrary to a fundamental characteristic of the breed: a reliable guardian temperament.
4. I will never breed a Kangal Dog with a dog of any other breed, and I will only breed my Kangal Dog to another Kangal Dog of good quality and type, that is either registered/registerable with the UKC, or possesses valid Turkish registration papers.
5. I will certify the hip status of any breeding dog that I own, and I will do my best to obtain hip certification for any dog that I breed to, so that I can make an informed breeding choice for the welfare of my puppies and their owners.
6. I will undertake each breeding with careful consideration of the positive and negative characteristics of sire and dam, with the foremost goals of preserving working Kangal type and temperament, and reducing genetic defects such as hip dysplasia in the breed.
7. I will ensure that the pedigree information of all dogs owned or co-owned has been submitted for inclusion in the KDCA's Health and Pedigree database, including pedigree information on all current and upcoming puppies that have been produced.
8. I will cooperate with the KDCA Health Committee by providing hip certification (OFA or PennHIP) reports, as well as information about other health problems which may have a genetic basis that appear in any dogs used in my breeding program, their progeny, and relatives, to the best of my ability.
9. I will ensure that any dogs that I own and that will produce a litter after March 1st, 2011 will be DNA-certified using the UKC's DNA service. Proof of DNA certification must be sent to the KDCA club secretary within 6 months of producing a litter when breeding dogs that have not previously been DNA certified.
10. I will register all Kangal Dog litters born in the US with the UKC. I will also require owners to permanently register every Kangal Dog, in the owner's name or in co-ownership, whether the dog is intact or desexed, so that the KDCA and the UKC can keep accurate records of Kangal Dogs and their ownership.
11. I will supply my puppy buyers with written contracts that clearly specify ownership, spay/neuter requirements, and breeding agreements, and will specify that dogs not sold specifically as potential breeding animals must not be bred.
12. I will endeavor to help the new owners of my pups with any behavioral or training issues that may arise and to assist in rehoming dogs that I have bred, so as not to create a burden for Kangal Dog Rescue volunteers.