

CONSTITUTION

THE ASSOCIATION OF GREAT DANE FANCIERS

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ARTICLE 1: **NAME / AREA OF OPERATION**

1-1 **Name**

The name of the organization shall be the "Association of Great Dane Fanciers (AGDF), Hereinafter referred to as "The Association"

1-2 **Area of operation**

Southwestern Ontario or as limited by the regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club

ARTICLE 2: **OBJECTIVES**

2-1 **The objective of the Association shall be**

- a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of Great Danes and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- b) to encourage and assist members and breeders to accept the standard of the Great Dane as approved by The Canadian Kennel Club as the premier standard of excellence.
- c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of Great Danes and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at conformation shows, obedience trials and matches.
- d) to hold sanctioned and approved Matches, Boosters and Specialty Shows under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club and to abide by the principles of The Canadian Kennel Club Code of Ethics.
- e) to establish education programs, including obedience training.
- f) The Association shall be operated on a non-profit basis. Any resulting surplus shall not be used to the benefit of any member of the Association.
- g) the members of the Association shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

- h) The Association shall work in co-ordination with and in accordance with the bylaws of The Canadian Kennel Club.

ARTICLE 3:

MEMBERSHIP

3-1

Membership eligibility

Any person, irrespective of race, colour or creed, over the age of sixteen (16) years, who are in good standing with The Canadian Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of the Association.

- a) that person shall have declared an interest in registered Great Danes
- b) that person has not been refused membership in or has not been expelled from or is not under suspension from any or all of the following clubs:
 - i) The Canadian Kennel Club
 - ii) The American Kennel Club
- c) that such person has not been convicted of neglect or cruelty to animals, or is not actively engaged in the breeding, buying or selling of dogs that are not registered or who knowingly provides puppies, dogs or related services to commercial pet wholesalers or retailers or to raffles.

– All members are encouraged to become members of the Canadian Kennel Club

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Application for membership

- a) Any person desiring membership in the Association shall submit the Association's application form duly sponsored by an Association member in good standing whenever possible, together with membership dues for one year to the person designated on the form.
- b) Prospective members are encouraged to attend Association meetings as guests before becoming members in order to get acquainted.

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Approval of membership

Applications for membership will be published in the minutes of the meeting at which the Application is submitted. The application for membership will then be voted on at the next Meeting. No candidate shall be present at the meeting at which his/her application for Membership is being considered. Membership must be approved by a majority vote of the Ordinary members

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Membership types and voting privileges

ASSOCIATE: All new members first become Associate members. Associate members have no voting privileges and are not eligible to hold elected office. Associate members will receive all mailings and can attend all meetings. After one (1) year an associate member can become an Ordinary.

ORDINARY (Regular): An Ordinary member has the privileges outlined in the Constitution. After one (1) year Ordinary members shall be entitled to one vote each and may hold an elected or appointed office within the Association. Reference to Ordinary members in the Constitution shall be specified. Where the

words member, members or membership is used it shall denote Associate or Ordinary.

SINGLE: Entitled to one (1) if an Ordinary member.

JOINT: Two (2) members residing at the same address will receive one mailing but are entitled to one vote each if Ordinary members. Any additional members residing at the same address shall pay the single membership fee.

FOUNDING: A list of founding members will be attached to each copy of the

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Membership fees

- a) fees for the following year shall be established each year at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) members whose fees for the current year have not been paid within 60 days of the first day of the fiscal year, shall be considered non-members and in order to re-join the Association must follow the same procedure as if newly joining the Association.
- c) should a membership application be approved for membership after the first day of the tenth month (July 1st) his/her fees shall be applied to the following year.

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Membership year

Membership in the Association shall be based on a calendar year.

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Rejection of membership

Any applicant who has been rejected must be provided in writing with a reason for such rejection.

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Termination of membership

- a) Resignation—Any member may resign from the Association upon providing written Notice to the Secretary.
- b) Any membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's due remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year.
- c) Expulsion: A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article 13.

ARTICLE 4:

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

4-1

PRESIDENT

Duties: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of President of similar organizations. He/she shall be ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee, and Chairman of

the meetings of the Association and of the members.

4-2 **VICE PRESIDENT**

Duties: If the President is absent or unable to act, the President's duties and Power shall be exercised by the Vice President.

4-3 **SECRETARY**

Duties: The Secretary shall attend all Association meetings and shall record exact minutes of the proceedings of such meetings in a book provided by the Association for that purpose: retain and file all copies of correspondence received and sent pertaining to the affairs of the Association; attend to all correspondence regarding the affairs of the Association. The Secretary shall be supplied with a petty cash fund of \$50. The Secretary will keep a record of standing resolutions and present it at the Annual General meeting.

4-4 **TREASURER**

Duties: Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Association giving duplicated receipts for same; shall deposit all monies, by duplicate slip in a bank account in the name of the Association; shall pay all bills promptly, retaining invoices for same, providing the indebtedness has been approved and sanctioned at any meeting of the Association; keep an accurate record of all income and expenditures in a ledger provided by the Association. The Treasurer shall give a report of the financial status of the Association at each meeting. A petty cash fund of \$50 shall be in the hands of the Treasurer from which unforeseen accounts may be paid, up to that amount without authorization, such as postage, etc. The Treasurer shall be the official purchasing agent of the Association. The Treasurer shall submit annually the books and accounts for inspection to two (2) members appointed at the Annual General meeting as auditors. The books and accounts may be inspected at interim dates upon request of the Executive or Ordinary member.

4-5 **SHOW CHAIRMAN**

Duties: To administer the show activities for the Association. The show chairman or members of his/her household shall not enter or handle dogs in the official classes of the Specialty show for which he/she is Chairperson

4-6 **DIRECTORS**

Duties: The Directors (3) shall act in an advisory capacity including supervision and guidance of applicable standing committees. Each Director will act as liaison with respective committees and this way the Executive as a whole can be advised of the progress of such committees. The Directors will transact the business of the Association not otherwise provided in the Constitution, always bearing in mind the objectives and the welfare of the Association, it's members and the community and forgetting petty grievances

ARTICLE 5:

EXECUTIVE

5-1 The Executive of the Association shall consist of the above duly elected officers plus the immediate past President.

5-2 **TERM OF OFFICE AND ELIGIBILITY**

- a) the term of office for President, Vice President, Secretary, Show Chairman, Directors and Treasurer shall normally be one (1) year. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall not run for more than two (2) consecutive years unless there is no other accepted nominations, in which case the incumbent officer can serve for an indefinite number of one (1) year terms until another member accepts the nomination.
- b) should any Executive member miss three (3) consecutive meetings during the course of a year, said position will be considered vacant unless he/she presents to the membership prior to or at the following regular meeting adequate reason for continuing his/her term of office.
- c) any vacancy arising in the Executive, shall be filled at the next regular meeting by nomination of eligible members from the floor, with election by the Ordinary members at the meeting or by mail in or email votes received by the Secretary. The exception is the President who will be automatically replaced by the Vice President for the balance of the term.

ARTICLE 6:

COMMITTEES

6-1 Chairpersons of the following standing committees may be elected from among the Ordinary members in good standing in the Association at the Annual General meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General meeting—MEMBERSHIP—EDUCATION—OBEDIENCE. Such committees shall always be subject to the final approval by the Board.

6-2 The Board may form committees for specific projects as the need arises and appoint committee chairpersons as they see fit.

6-3 Committee appointments: Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board upon written notice being sent to the appointee, and the Board may appoint a successor to the person whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE 7:

MEETINGS

7-1 There will be a minimum of nine (9) Association meetings a year, to include the Annual General meeting which is to be the first Wednesday in October and at which time the election of Executive and committees for the coming year shall take place. The dates for regular meetings for the upcoming year are to be established at the Annual General meeting.

7-2 Guests may be invited to attend regular meetings with a limit of 2 regular meetings per membership year. Guests may not attend Special meetings or the Annual General meeting

7-3 A special meeting of the Association may be called on ten (10) days notice in writing under any of the following circumstances:

- a) at the discretion of the President
- b) at the discretion of the Executive
- c) at the discretion of any ten (10) Ordinary members in good standing

7-4 An Executive meeting may be held at the discretion of any member of the Executive with forty-eight (48) hours notice by the member to the other members on the Executive.

ARTICLE 8: CLUB YEAR / ELECTIONS / VOTING PROCEDURES

8-1 The Association year shall run from October 1st to September 30th.

8-2 Election of the officers will take place at the Annual General meeting. The officers, with the exception of the President, may be nominated from among the eligible Ordinary members in good standing. The President shall be nominated from the present Executive. No proxy votes are allowed. All elections will be conducted by secret ballot.

8-3 A nominating committee may be struck two (2) months prior to the Annual General meeting. This committee will:

- a) contact and identify members eligible and willing to stand for office
- b) make available to the Secretary one month prior to the Annual General meeting a nomination list for review and publication. Nominations will also be open to the floor at a regular meeting one month prior to the Annual General meeting and such nominations shall also be published. If a Nominating Committee is not struck the floor shall be open to nominations at the Annual General meeting. Members nominated, if eligible to stand, will be recorded by the Secretary and upon no further nominations, the Secretary will inquire of each nominee if he/she is willing to stand commencing at the bottom of the list.

8-4 All Ordinary members in good standing have the right to vote at all meetings of the Association either in person, by mail in vote or by email vote (said votes should be sent to the Secretary and a copy (marked cc) to one other of the board members for confirmation or loss or delay in delivery)

8-5 All mail in or email votes must be registered with the Secretary, prior to the start of the meeting. All questions or motions shall be decided by a majority vote of Ordinary members present (or mail in or email votes pertaining to the specific

issue). In case of a tie vote, the President will cast the deciding vote. At a regular meeting, a vote will be taken with a show of hands. At the Annual General meeting if a vote is necessary it will be done by secret ballot, counted by two (2) non-voting members. Voting by proxy vote is not allowed.

8-6 Any issues (selecting judges for show, venues for show, standing resolutions, etc.) that affect the club as a whole and for which any two members present at a meeting feel that a club vote is required to clarify shall be tabled. The issue shall be published in the meeting minutes and a vote will be taken at the following meeting. Votes will include members present and any mail in or email votes received from the Ordinary membership.

ARTICLE 9: ORDER OF BUSINESS

9-1 Regular Meetings of the Association

The Association will have a regular meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at a location and time decided at the Annual General meeting or decided by the Board as necessary. The order of business of all regular and special meetings shall be as follows:

- a) Recording the members present by signature of members
- b) Program—(education)
- c) Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- d) Business arising out of the minutes
- e) Reports—Treasurer, Membership, Show and other committees
- f) Reading of correspondence
- g) Business arising out of correspondence
- h) Unfinished business
- i) New business
- j) Adjournment

9-2 The Annual General Meeting

Will be held on the first Wednesday of October at a location and time designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the Annual General meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the Annual General meeting shall be 10% of the total current membership, all of who must be in good standing with the Association. The order of business at the Annual General meeting shall be as follows:

- a) The present Executive will step down though the meeting will be chaired by the past President and the minutes will be recorded by the past Secretary.
- b) Elections—two (2) non-voting members shall distribute, collect and count ballots and Announce results. The Secretary shall provide a list of members eligible to vote and hold office. The nominating committee will present the slate for the election or if there is no nominating committee, report the floor

will be open for nominations. Election for each position in the Executive and for Standing Committees will commence with the President and proceed in the order listed herein.

- c) At the conclusion of the elections the newly elected President shall take the chair and the newly elected Secretary shall record the further minutes of the meeting.
- d) Motion to destroy ballots from the election
- e) Review and set membership fees for the upcoming year
- f) Set meeting dates for upcoming year
- g) Present and vote on any standing resolutions or amendments to the Constitution.
- h) New business
- i) Adjournment

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Board Meetings

The first Board meeting shall be held immediately after the elections. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are agreed to by a majority vote of the Board. The Secretary shall mail written notice of such meeting to each member of the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

- a) The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board voting in person or by mail.
- b) The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail or electronic means. The Secretary shall conduct such meeting.

ARTICLE 10:

FINANCES / FISCAL YEAR

10-1

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on the 1st day of October and conclude on the 30th day of September.

10-2

Dues shall be amounts decided and voted on annually at the Annual General meeting.

10-3

The financial records of the Association may be audited by two (2) Ordinary members in good standing with the Association, appointed to do so at the Annual General meeting.

10-4

The Executive has the power to authorize an expenditure up to \$100. An expenditure in excess of \$100 must be approved by a majority vote of the Ordinary members present at a meeting of the Association or any mail in or email votes received prior to the meeting.

10-5

The Association must have a separate and independent bank account. All outstanding accounts approved shall be payable by cheque from this account, signed by any two (2) of the President, Vice President or Treasurer. These

signatures must not be made by two (2) members of the same family. There shall be no remuneration paid to officers or members of the Association.

ARTICLE 11: COMPLAINTS

No club member shall accuse any other club member of any offence at a club function. All accusations, complaints or charges against a club member that alleges non-compliance with the Association constitution, must be submitted in writing and by registered mail to the Board of Directors, care of the Association Secretary. Complaints or charges against any club member will only be considered if accompanied by a detailed affidavit (including the name of the individual or kennel accused in the complaint, accurate chronological description of the alleged offence and a list of substantiating witnesses to the alleged offence) and a deposit of \$25. The deposit will be returned if the complaint of charge is substantiated. When such complaints or charges fail to be substantiated the deposit is forfeited and placed in Association funds.

ARTICLE 12: DISCIPLINE

12-1

The members of the Association shall have the power to suspend, expel or censure any member of the Association who has violated:

- a) The Constitution of the Association
- b) The bylaws of the Canadian Kennel Club
- c) The bylaws of the American Kennel Club
- d) Been found in non-compliance in regard to Article # 11

12-2

The procedure for dealing with any complaint regarding the conduct of a member of the Association shall be:

- a) The complaint shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association
- b) The Secretary shall immediately notify the President (if the complaint is against the President, then the Vice President shall be notified), who will call an Executive meeting to discuss the complaint. Both the member with the complaint and the member that the complaint is about shall be advised by registered mail postmarked at least fourteen (14) days prior to said Executive meeting and requested to attend.
- c) If the complaint cannot be resolved at this meeting, it shall be taken to the General Membership for the purpose of setting up a Disciplinary Committee.
- d) The Disciplinary Committee will deal with this complaint. Upon resolution of the complaint, the said Disciplinary Committee shall be dissolved.

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Suspension, when imposed, shall automatically deprive the member of privileges for the period ordered.

ARTICLE 13: EXPULSION

13-1

Expulsion of a member from the club shall be accomplished at an Annual General meeting of the Association, following a proper hearing and upon the

recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee. The President shall read the complaint and report the findings and recommendations of the committee and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak on his own behalf. The members shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A majority vote of those present shall be necessary for expulsion.

13-2 At the discretion of the board, expulsion may also take place by mail-in vote consisting of a 2/3 majority of all eligible voting members in favour of expulsion. Expulsion when imposed shall terminate membership permanently

ARTICLE 14: STANDING RESOLUTION

A list of Standing Resolutions shall be kept by the Secretary in a book provided by the Association for that purpose. These resolutions shall be for the purpose of establishing a matter of policy whereby such policies may be given a trial period before being placed as an amendment to the Constitution. The list of standing resolutions should be appended to the constitution. A standing resolution must be brought forward at the Annual General meeting for a vote within two (2) years of its inception or it will be automatically dropped.

ARTICLE 15: AMENDMENTS

15-1 Proposal of the amendment

Amendments to the constitution and/or bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by two Ordinary members in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be considered by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting and must subsequently be presented to the Board within ninety (90) days of the date when the petition was received.

15-2 Amendment by vote

The constitution and/or bylaws may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which he may indicate his choice for or against the action to be taken. Dual envelope procedures shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. For constitution and bylaw changes a majority vote of 2/3 of eligible voting members is required. Voting must be by mail-in ballots.

15-3 No amendment to the constitution shall become effective until it has been approved by The Canadian Kennel Club

ARTICLE 16: DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved at any time by the consent in writing of not less than 2/3 of the Ordinary members. After payment of all debts and liabilities of the Association, the property and assets shall be donated to the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Ontario in aid of canine research

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

- 1 TROPHIES – The Best of Breed Trophy always be given by the Association. Anyone holding any other trophy be approached first to see if they still want to support the trophy before giving it to someone else. (AGM 1988)
- 2 MEMBERSHIP FEES – Annual fee \$20 single / \$25 joint (AGM 2008)
- 3 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS – The Association will check references before voting on a new membership application. (April 1992)
- 4 CODE OF ETHICS – attached (May 1992)
- 5 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS – Any Great Dane owned or co-owned by an Ordinary Association member is eligible to compete for any awards offered by the Association. In regard to co-owned Great Danes only one of the owners need be a member of the Association to apply for an award. (August 2002 and AGM 2009)
- 6 MEETINGS – Regular meetings are to be held in March, May, July, September, October and December. (March 2006 and AGM 2009)
- 7 DATES OF MEETINGS – Article 7-1 of the constitution to read “a weekday in the first week” rather than “the first Wednesday”. (AGM 2008)

FOUNDING MEMBERS

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| Marilyn Annable | Adele Arnold | Fred Burow | LaReine Burow |
| Joan Damarell | Dorothy Gauthier | Ken Gauthier | Brian Hall |
| Loretta Hall | Agnes Malaga | John Malaga | Karen Malaga |
| Keith Medwin | Lois Medwin | Jim Miller | Sandi Miller |
| Art McKeown | Lisa McKeown | Don Reid | Jane richardson |
| Ralph Singleton | Pat Singleton | Ian Stewart | Florence Stewart |
| Anne Stewart | Sandi Stoakley | Sandi Brown-Todd | Ted Todd |
| Bill Yundt | Jackie Yundt | | |

CODE OF ETHICS

This code is presented for members of the Association of Great Dane Fanciers who are breeders or owners of Great Danes. This code embodies two of the foremost aims of the Association: namely, the welfare and improvement of the breed, and promotion of the interests of the Great Dane in Canada.

An ETHICAL breeder is constantly aware of the underlying responsibility to the breed and conduct all related activities as follows:

1.0 **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Members should ensure that their dogs are not a nuisance to their neighbors or the community in general and that they are properly licensed, controlled and supervised at all times. Members should try to do all they can to foster good relations between dogs, their owners and the general public.

2.0 **BREEDING PRACTICES**

Before deciding to produce a litter, the breeder considers the possibility of accepting responsibility for puppies that cannot be properly placed.

2.1 **HEALTH**

The breeder keeps all stock under sanitary condition and gives maximum health protection through worming, inoculation and annual veterinary examinations.

2.2 **BREEDING**

- a) The breeder must ensure that all breeding is carried out with the Canadian Kennel Club standard in mind.
- b) The breeder uses only healthy adult dogs and bitches of approximately 24 months of age that are of sound temperament. In consideration of the overall improvement of the breed, the breeder should decline any breeding when the presence of any undesirable or potentially debilitating genetic or behavioural trait is known or suspected in either the sire or the dam.
- c) The breeder allows spacing between litters. If a bitch whelps three or less puppies, it is permitted to breed on her following season. However, should she raise more than three puppies, she should not be bred on her subsequent season unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- d) No bitch should be bred on her first season. It is preferred that she be limited to 3 litters with appropriate time allowed between litters as above. Bitches and studs who have fulfilled their breeding potential should be spayed or neutered for health reasons

2.3 **CLEARANCES**

- a) All breeding stock must hold a final clearance for hip dysplasia through the Orthopedic Foundation of Animals (OFA) obtained at a minimum of 24 months of age, or the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) obtained at a minimum of 18 months of age.
- b) All breeding stock must be clear of entropion, should be checked for Von Willdebrands disease and be clear of any disqualifying faults that appear in the

CKC standard, with the exception of colour.

c) All puppies must be sold on CKC approved non-breeding contracts (CKC201E 11/89 - copy attached) until such time as clearances and breeder's approval can be obtained. Pet puppies should be sold on a spay/neuter contract with possibly a percentage of the purchase price returned on certification of spay/neuter.

d) The breeder shall not benefit financially or otherwise for the cancellation of the non-breeding agreement, other than the applicable CKC fees.

2.4

REGISTRATION

The breeder registers ALL stock with the CKC and keeps accurate records of matings and pedigrees. The purchaser must be provided with registration papers as per the Livestock Pedigree Act and no additional fee may be charged for this.

2.5

ADVERTISING

All advertising is factual. It is not so worded as to be misleading or misrepresentative, to attract undesirable buyers or to encourage the raising of Great Danes as a money-making scheme. If a person submits information to be printed in a club publication which states that a dog / bitch is free of hip dysplasia and or inherited eye or blood condition, that person must supply a copy of the appropriate certification of clearance.

2.6

SALES

a) The breeder does not consign puppies or adult dogs to pet stores or any other commercial dealers. The breeder does not supply puppies or adult dogs for raffles, give-away door prizes or other such projects. The breeder sells Great Danes, permits stud service and leases studs or bitches only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give the Great Dane proper care and attention and who are in accord with this Code of Ethics.

b) The breeder provides buyers with written details of feeding, general care, dates of worming and a certificate of all inoculations given. The breeder will provide buyers with the results of any hip, eye and blood examination carried out on the dog being purchased and its sire and dam. The breeder will provide a four (4) generation pedigree on request.

c) The breeder provides buyers with a minimum WRITTEN puppy guarantee Consisting of replacement of the puppy or refund of the purchase price (option of the Breeder) if a veterinarian substantiates that the puppy is unable to function normally As a result of hereditary factors.

d) Replacement / refund is to take place within a mutually agreed upon time not to exceed one (1) year.

e) All puppy buyers, particularly first time dog owners, will be encouraged to take their puppy to a Puppy Kindergarten program for socialization and basic good manners.

f) The breeder's contract will state that the dog is not to be sold, given away or relocated under any circumstances without the breeder being advised. The breeder will accept the responsibility of the return of any of their breeding regardless of age.

g) It is recommended that all puppies leaving the breeder's possession be at least seven (7) weeks old. If a puppy is to be cropped, the breeder will assume this

responsibility and provide the assistance required for taping of ears.

3.0

COLOUR CODE

The approved colour code is as follows:

- 1) Fawn bred to Fawn or Brindle
- 2) Harlequin bred to Harlequin or Boston for Harlequin breeding; Harlequin bred to Black from Harlequin breeding or Black for Black breeding; Black from Harlequin breeding or Boston breeding bred to Harlequin or Black from Harlequin breeding or Black from Boston breeding or Black from Black breeding; Boston bred to Harlequin
- 3) Blue bred to Blue or Black from Blue breeding or Black for Black breeding 4) Black from Black breeding bred to Black or Blue or Harlequin breeding

The approved colour code should be always considered first. Cross colour breeding should only be entered into with a sound knowledge of colour genetics. However, should a breeder elect to go outside the approved colour code the following must be adhered to:

- a) Any stock sold must be on a spay/neuter or non-breeding contract. The purchaser must be advised that the puppy is from breeding outside of the approved guidelines.
- b) Should the breeder elect to retain a puppy for breeding purposes, the breeding of same will reflect great consideration of the approved colour code and puppies sold from the breeding will be placed on a spay/neuter contract or a non-breeding contract. With the exception of the above situation, wherein a breeder elects to cross colour breed with the express purpose of improving his/her breed type and has agreed to absolutely abide by the above noted restriction, the approved colour code must be followed. Should any doubt arise that the purchaser will not follow such a contract, it is strongly recommended that a co-ownership be placed on the animal in order to maintain the strictest control possible.

4.0

CONDUCT

- a) The breeder makes available to the novice the benefit of his / her knowledge, experience, advice and service.
- b) When confronted by a situation not covered in the Code of Ethics, the actions of an Association member reflect the treatment the Association member would expect under similar circumstances