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The American Bouvier des Flandres Club is pleased to hear of your interest in our organization. Our objectives are to provide information and services that will maintain that interest.

Please fill out the attached Membership Application Form and return it to me at the above address. Two persons living in the same household may submit a single application as long as both parties are identified. You will note that you are required to have two sponsors for membership in the ABdFC. These sponsors must be current Club members who do not reside in the same household. Photocopies of their signatures will not be accepted.

The fee, which must accompany the application, is \$32.50 for one person or \$65.00 for two persons. This includes an initiation fee of \$2.50 per person and annual dues of \$30.00 per person. Junior Membership is \$17.50, which includes \$15.00 dues and \$2.50 initiation fee. Family membership is \$35.00 per couple per year, but that membership may not be selected until dues are renewed for the second year. **Checks and money orders must be made payable in U.S. funds to the ABdFC.** If a membership is not approved, the dues will be returned.

Once your application has been received, your name(s) will be printed in the minutes of the next Board of Governors meeting. At the following meeting, the Secretary will report to the Board any comments received regarding your application, and the Board will vote on your application to membership. Please be patient, as this process can take from three to four months to complete. You will then begin to receive our publications.

Thank you for your support and your interest in our breed.

Very truly yours,

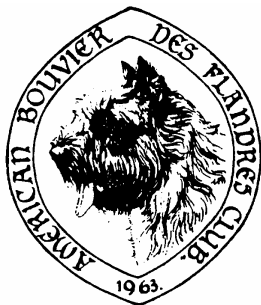
Pat Holmes, Secretary

Enclosures:

1. The ABdFC Code of Ethics.
2. The AKC approved ABdFC Bylaws.
3. A Membership Application Form.
4. A Job Volunteer Form.

AMERICAN BOUVIER DES FLANDRES CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Fee Enclosed \$ _____

E-mail address _____ Date of b (for Jr. Member) _____

Registration of the Bouvier(s) which you presently own *

Registered Name	Registration #	Sex
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Bouvier litters produced of which you are the breeder of record *

Litter	Sire/Dam	Date Whelped
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Additional Information *

Please include any other information about yourself & your activities with dogs which you consider relevant to your application for membership, such as your breeding or exhibiting experience and plans, other club affiliations, your occupation, etc.

I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club and subscribe to the purposes of the American Bouvier des Flandres Club as stated in its Constitution. At the time of this application for membership, I am either an owner or a co-owner of a Bouvier des Flandres, or an immediate member of a family, which owns or co-owns a Bouvier des Flandres. I acknowledge that I have received and read the ABdFC Bylaws and Code of Ethics and I agree to abide by those rules and accept the code if elected as a member.

Sponsor's signature & printed name

Applicant's signature

Sponsor's signature & printed name

Applicant's signature

* Use reverse side for additional space if necessary.

Job Volunteer Form

Name _____

Phone No. (day) _____

Address _____

(evening) _____

Officers

_____ President

_____ Treasurer

_____ Vice President

_____ AKC Delegate

_____ Secretary

_____ Chairman of the Board

Committees

_____ AKC Gazette Columnist

_____ Membership

_____ Awards Committee

_____ OFA Statistician

_____ Bouvier Club Liaison Committee

_____ Performance Events

_____ Bylaws Committee

_____ Publication

_____ Dirty Beards Editor

_____ Rescue League

_____ General Education

_____ Specialty Management

_____ Judges Education

_____ Standard Committee

_____ Genetic Health

_____ Statistician

_____ Health and Nutrition

_____ Trophy

_____ Historian

American Bouvier des Flandres Club

Constitution

Article I

Sec. 1. The name of this Club shall be the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.

Sec. 2. The purpose for which this Club has been formed are:

- a. To promote and advance the breeding of pure bred Bouviers des Flandres and the dissemination of knowledge regarding Bouviers des Flandres.
- b. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Bouviers des Flandres shall be judged.
- c. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and owners by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- d. To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- e. To lend aid, encouragement, counsel and advice to laymen and the inexperienced.
- f. To encourage the organization of independent local Bouvier des Flandres specialty clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club.

Article II

Sec. 1. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to make this organization a partnership or to make any member of this organization in any way responsible or liable under the partnership law for the acts, debts, defaults or liabilities of any character whatsoever of any member.

Sec. 2. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

By-laws

Article I

Sec. 1. There shall be two types of membership:

- a. Open to any person over the age of eighteen (18) years in good standing with the American Kennel Club, who at the time of application for membership, is an owner or part owner or is the spouse of an owner or part owner of a Bouvier des Flandres.
- b. Junior: Open to any person seventeen (17) years or under who is in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribes to the purposes of this Club. Junior members will not be entitled to vote on any Club matters nor will they be eligible to hold office. A Junior member shall become a Regular member with all of the rights and privileges attached thereto upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age.
- c. Every application for membership shall be made on the Club's official form, shall be endorsed by two (2) members in good standing, who shall not be related to each other by blood or marriage and who are not residents of the same household, and shall be forwarded to the Secretary who shall, after making such inquiry regarding the applicant as he shall deem adequate, report thereon to the Board of Governors who shall consider and take action on the application with reasonable diligence. Election to membership shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors, cast either by mail or at a meeting of the Board.

Sec. 2. Dues

Dues for the following calendar year shall be set by the Board of Governors at its first meeting after the Club's annual meeting in October, but in no case shall dues for Regular members exceed thirty (\$30.) per year per individual member. Dues of Junior members will be half that of Regular members and will remain at that level until the end of the calendar year in which they turn eighteen (18) years of age. For those who are elected to membership at or after the annual meeting held in October of any given year, the dues submitted with the application shall be applied to the ensuing year.

Sec. 3. Initiation fee:

An initiation fee of \$2.50 is required with each application for membership.

Sec. 4. Membership in the Club may be terminated:

- a. By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign by giving written notice to the Secretary. Such resignation shall be presented to the Board of Governors at their next meeting following its receipt, but the acceptance of such resignation shall not be required to make it effective.
- b. By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if the member's dues remain unpaid sixty (60) days after the first day of the calendar year. In no event may a person whose dues are unpaid as of the date of a meeting be entitled to vote at that meeting.
- c. By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VIII of these Constitution and By-laws.
- d. Members in good standing are those that:
 - a. are not suspended by the ABdFC or the AKC,
 - b. have paid all current dues, or
 - c. possess only authorized ABdFC equipment, records or funds.

Article II Meetings

Sec. 1. Annual meeting:

There shall be an annual meeting of the Club in October of each year. The time and place of the meeting must be announced by the Secretary according to Article IV Section 4.

Sec. 2. Special meetings:

Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President. Special meetings shall be called by the Secretary either upon the request of a majority of the entire Board of Governors or upon the written request of six (6) members of the Club.

The object for which a special meeting is called shall be stated in said request and a notice of such special meeting shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior thereto, to every member in good standing.

No business other than that which is stated shall be transacted at said meeting.

Sec. 3. Time and place of any meeting of the membership shall be determined by the Board of

Governors, except as otherwise provided by these By-laws.

Sec. 4. Notice of annual and special meetings of the members shall, at least ten (10) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, be given to each member by delivering a written or printed notice thereof to him personally or by mailing such notice, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his post office address registered with the Club.

Notice of all meetings shall set forth the place, date, time and purpose of the meeting.

Sec. 5. Quorum and manner of acting:

At all meetings of members, the presence in person of fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and except as otherwise required by statute or by the by-laws, the act of a majority of the members present at any such meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the members. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of more than thirty (30) days at any one time, until a quorum shall attend.

At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given.

Sec. 6 Board meetings:

- a. The Board of Governors shall meet from time to time as they shall deem necessary and the Secretary shall call special meetings of the Board of Governors by order of the President or Chairman or upon the request of any three members of the Board.
- b. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum of the Board for the transaction of all Business.
- c. The Board shall prescribe rules for its own regulations and government, and shall define the duties and powers of its committees.
- d. The Board of Governors may conduct its business by mail through the Secretary.

Article III Officers and Governors

Sec. 1. Board of Governors:

The number of Governors shall be eleven (11) and shall be comprised of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and seven (7) other persons, all of whom are members in good standing who are residents of the United States.

The management of Club and the care and custody of its property shall be vested in its Board of Governors. Other than the officers, two (2) governors shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of three (3) years, or until their successors shall have been elected or installed with the exception of every third year when three (3) governors will be elected, thus maintaining the total of seven (7) governors and four (4) officers.

Sec. 2. Officers:

The Club's Officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its members and the Board and its meetings.

All Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Club and shall hold office for a term of one year or until their successors shall have been elected and installed. The office of President may not be consecutively held for more than two (2) terms.

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall perform such duties as are usually incidental to the office of the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors, and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.
- b. The Vice President shall in the absence of the President perform the duties of the President.
- c. The Treasurer shall collect all fees, dues and other monies that may become due or owing to the Club and shall keep suitable books for that purpose and a correct account of the same. All monies of the Club shall be immediately deposited in the name of the Club in such bank or trust company as the Board of Governors may designate and shall not be drawn out except upon a check signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by the President or other Officer. In the event of illness, absence or inability of the Treasurer to act, his duties may be performed by such persons as the Board of Governors may appoint for the purpose. The Treasurer shall submit at the annual meeting of the Club a written report of the receipts and disbursements during the preceding year and the amount of monies and property on the date of said report. The books shall be open at all times for inspection by the Board of Governors and shall be audited at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.
- d. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club and keep an accurate and correct list of members and their addresses. The books shall be open for inspection at all times by the Board of Governors. The Secretary shall have

charge of all correspondence and shall promptly notify all members of matters which they may be entitled to know. It will be the Secretary's responsibility to send out annual dues notices thirty (30) days in advance of due date.

The Secretary shall have charge of all books and papers, excepting those of the Treasurer, of the Club and its Seal, and shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office. In the absence of the Secretary, his duties may be performed by such person as the Board of Governors may appoint.

- e. The Delegate shall regularly attend all American Kennel Club delegate meetings and shall report to the Board of the American Bouvier des Flandres Club the results of such meetings. The term of the Delegate shall be one (1) year. The Delegate to the American Kennel Club is not necessarily a member of the Board of the American Bouvier des Flandres Club. However, he is not precluded from being a member of the Board.
- f. Duties of the Chairman of the Board shall include:
 - a. preside at all regular and special meetings of the Board of Governors,
 - b. assist the secretary in the preparation of the agenda for each Board meeting,
 - c. coordinate the activities of the Club to make sure that all jobs are being covered adequately, and
 - d. perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Governors.

Sec. 3 A vacancy in any office shall be filled at once by the Board of Governors until the next election and the voting shall be by ballot.

Sec. 4. The Board of Governors shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its own members who shall preside at all its meetings.

Sec. 5. The Board of Governors may require a bond from any Officer, Agent, or representative of the Club whose duty it shall be to handle the finances of the Club.

Sec. 6. The retiring Officers and Committees shall give their reports covering the year's work at the annual meeting.

Sec. 7. The address of the Club for mail, correspondence, etc. shall be that of the Secretary.

Article IV

The Club year eligibility, nominations, elections, and voting.

Sec. 1. Year

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first (1st) day of July and end on the thirtieth (30th) of June of the following year.

The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting. The elected Officers and Governors shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the annual meeting, except that the President, if newly-elected, shall take the Chair immediately. Each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after the election.

Sec. 2 Eligibility

Failure of a retiring officer to turn over properties, records or funds will result in that person being designated a member not in good standing. (See Article 1, Section 4 d)

Any regular member in good standing may be eligible for nomination for any office, subject to the provisions contained in these By-laws. Any candidate for re-election, whether to the same or any other position on the Board, as a Delegate or an Officer, must, during the previous calendar year, have attended at least half of the meetings of the Board for which he shall have received written notice.

Sec. 3 Nominations

The Board of Governors shall appoint a Nominating Committee before May 1st of each year. The committee shall consist of three (3) members (one of whom shall be designated Chairman) and two (2) alternates. All Committee members shall be Regular members in good standing but no more than one (1) may be a member of the current Board of Governors.

The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail.

The nominating Committee shall nominate, from among the eligible Regular members of the Club, one candidate for each office, for each open position on the Board in accordance with Articles III, Section 2 of these By-laws, and for Delegate to the American Kennel Club, and shall obtain in writing the acceptance of each such nominee.

The Committee shall submit before June 10th, its slate of candidates to the Secretary who shall mail the list, including the full name and address of each nominee, to each member in good standing

by July 1st. This will allow additional nominations to be made by the members if they so desire.

Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition signed by fifteen (15) or more members in good standing. The petition must be sent to the Secretary's regular address and received by August 15th. Written acceptance by each such additional nominee must accompany the petition. Biographical information from each candidate, regardless of how nominated, must be received by the Secretary no later than August 15th. Except for the position of Delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position.

Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting nor in any manner other than as provided in these By-laws.

Sec. 4 Elections

If the final slate consists of only one candidate for each office, the nominees shall be declared elected at the time of the annual meeting and no balloting will be required. When there is more than one candidate nominated for any office, the Secretary, by September 1, shall mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing, in alphabetical order, all of the nominees for each position together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking his ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which he, in turn, shall place in the second envelope addressed to the Secretary. Biographical information on each candidate shall accompany the ballot and shall include the state of residence of each and background information as submitted by the nominee.

At the annual meeting three (3) members in good standing who are neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot, shall be chosen by the members present at the meeting to act as inspectors of election. The inspectors of election shall first check the returned envelopes against a list of members in good standing. After this has been done, all outer envelopes shall be opened and discarded prior to opening the blank envelopes containing the ballots which they should then proceed to count. If any nominee, at the time of the meeting, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and if there is no other nominee for the same office and a vacancy is thus created, it shall be filled by the new Board at its first meeting in accordance with

Article III, Section 3. The inspectors shall certify to the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the election.

Sec. 5 Voting

Each Regular member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. At the annual or any special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the annual election of Officers, Delegate and Governors. Amendments to the Charter, By-laws, the Standard for the breed, as well as the selection of a judge or judges for the regular breed classes at the Club's Specialty show, shall be conducted by written ballot cast by mail. The ballot shall be sent to the Secretary using the same procedure as for elections, except that the "count" shall be conducted by the Secretary and two other members appointed by the Board. In addition to the above, the Board may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail. Preferential voting may be used in the selection of judges.

In case of a tie vote on any matter brought before the Club membership, the Robert Rules of Order shall prevail, except that in the event the tie occurs in the vote for an Officer, Delegate or governor at the annual meeting, the counting of the votes will be performed by two individuals who will be appointed as inspectors of election by the President at the meeting at which the results of the first balloting were announced.

Either or both of the newly appointed inspectors of election may but need not have been members of the previous inspectors of election panel.

In the event special circumstances so warrant, the Board may designate an independent accounting firm to receive and count ballots for an election or other issue of an unusually sensitive nature.

Article V Committees

Sec. 1. The Board of Governors may each and every year appoint a Chairman of the Bench Show Committee, who shall select other members to serve with him or said Committee, and which said Chairman shall hold office until his successor is appointed. The Committee shall have full, complete, and final authority in all matters appertaining to the conduct of point shows, subject to the general supervision of the Board of Governors.

Sec. 2 The President, or the Board of Governors, may appoint special committees at will whenever

they deem it necessary for the best interest of the Club.

Sec. 3. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee, and the Board may appoint successor to those persons whose service has been terminated.

Sec. 4. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

Article VI Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and to the standard of the breed may be proposed by the Board of Governors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty (20) per cent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Governors and must be submitted to the members with recommendation of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

Sec. 2. The Constitution and By-laws and the standard of the breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member accompanied by a ballot on which he may indicate his choice for or against the action to be taken. The notice 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. The favorable vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members in good standing whose ballots are returned within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

Sec. 3. No amendments to the Constitution and By-laws or to the standard of the breed adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

Article VII Dissolution

Sec. 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be

given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Governors.

Article VIII

Sec. 1. American Kennel Club Suspension:

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

Sec. 2. Charges:

Charges may be preferred by any member against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board or a Committee following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly notify the Board of Governors who shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board or a Committee of not less than three (3) members of the Board, not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

Sec. 3 Board hearing:

The Board of Governors or Committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board or Committee may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing, or until the next annual meeting if that will occur after six (6) months. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board or Committee. Immediately after the Board or Committee has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

Sec. 4 Expulsion:

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the annual meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board of Governors or Committee as provided in Sec. 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf through no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present at the annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted the suspension shall stand.

Article IX

Sec. 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail on all procedural matters not covered by the by-laws during meetings of either the Club or the Board.

Sec. 2. The order of business to be followed at each meeting shall be:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Standing Committees
5. Reports of Special Committees
6. Communications and Bills
7. Election of Officers and Board
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Adjournment

Sec. 3. The Constitution and by-laws heretofore set out are made and adopted subject to the rules, regulations, Constitution and by-laws of the American Kennel Club, and in case of conflict the American Kennel Club rules, regulations, Constitution and by-laws shall control.

Sec. 4. An Historian may be appointed by the President.

American Bouvier des Flandres Club

Code of Ethics

Approved June 1997

This Code is designed to establish a standard of conduct to be followed by all members of the AMERICAN BOUVIER des FLANDRES CLUB in the course of breeding, selling, exhibiting and advertising Bouviers.

I. GENERAL

Each member of the club will consider the welfare of the breed when engaged in any activities involving breeding, exhibiting and selling of Bouviers, and will refrain from any actions which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the breed and the Club.

Every dog should be provided with humane living quarters and personal care as well as adequate veterinarian-supervised health care.

II. BREEDING

- a) All breeding stock shall be in good health and free from communicable disease.
- b) While x-raying of breeding stock is not mandatory, it is highly recommended and individuals whose dog or bitch is to be bred to another's are urged to furnish and request such x-rays for the stud and bitch.
- c) A bitch shall be bred to only one stud dog during any one oestrus cycle.
- d) No bitch shall be bred more often than two out of three heat seasons (and only if in excellent health), and never at the time of her first season unless this occurs after 12 months of age.
- e) Full disclosure, when requested by either party to a proposed breeding, of what the dog or bitch has previously produced and background details as known.
- f) To breed carefully and with discrimination for the purpose of improving the breed, not just for profit.
- g) It is recommended that, to protect all parties, stud service contracts be made in writing, executed by both parties.

- h) A Bouvier without registration papers shall not be used for breeding.
- i) All breeders will be responsible for any dog for which they are the breeder of record that is in need of rescue or are in the rescue program. This responsibility is to include the cost of returning the dog to the breeder. If the dog remains with rescue, the breeder shall conform to all rescue guidelines, and shall reimburse rescue for all costs incurred.

III. SALES

- a) No member of the club shall engage in wholesaling of litters of Bouviers or individual sales of puppies or adults to pet shops, pet dealers, catalog houses or other commercial establishments, nor shall they be given as prizes in contests nor exploited to the detriment of the breed or of pure-bred dogs.
- b) All Bouviers sold shall be in good health and condition, free from communicable disease. No adult or puppy shall be sold without adequate immunization against disease in terms of its age.
- c) Prices of puppies and adults shall be based on individual quality. Pet quality stock shall not be misrepresented as show prospects.
- d) Any puppy sold as a show prospect which subsequently develops a congenital or disqualifying defect shall be:
 - (1) replaced by the breeder with another show prospect puppy,
 - (2) the money refunded and the dog returned to the breeder, or
 - (3) the buyer's money refunded to the extent of the difference between the price paid and the price of pet puppies sold from the same or similar litters, the buyer retaining the dog.
- e) A puppy showing deviations from the standard, rendering it unsuitable for breeding or showing, will be registered by the breeder with a limited registration. Only the breeder may request the AKC to remove the limitation at some later date,

when conditions warrant such action. All other puppies eligible for registration will be registered within the time constraints of the AKC. Papers may not be withheld without a signed agreement with the buyer.

- f) Sellers are to provide buyers with the following papers:
 - (1) A sales contract specifying all conditions of the sale and signed by both buyer and seller. (A condition of the sale of a pet quality puppy is that the puppy should be neutered as soon as practical.)
 - (2) The rules pertaining to limited registration if appropriate.
 - (3) An application to register or an application to transfer ownership with the necessary information filled in unless the sales contract specifies that papers are to be withheld until certain conditions of the sale have been completed.
 - (4) A four-generation pedigree.
- g) The seller of pet bitches or any quality bitch which will not be shown or bred shall recommend spaying for the comfort and convenience of both dog and owner.

IV. EXHIBITING

All members of the Club shall conduct themselves at all time in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves and upon the breed, regardless if the location or circumstances, but especially when attending dog club meetings or shows, whether as an exhibitor or spectator.

V. ADVERTISING

All advertising shall be truthful and ethical. Any claims made must be provable. Fraudulent advertising, misrepresentation or misleading statements shall constitute prima-facie evidence of violation of the intents of this Code.

In the case of untruthful or unethical advertising, the censured member must, at his expense, have a retraction printed in the same publication and in the same size as that of the advertising for which he was censured.

VI. INFRACTIONS

Violations or infractions to the Code are to be brought to the Board's attention and dealt with in the manner prescribed by the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.