

AMERICAN BOXER CLUB, Inc.

MEMBER AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

2. Owners/breeders should not breed, sell or consign puppies or adults to pet shops, commercial dog wholesalers, retailers, dealers or researchers.
3. Puppy purchasers should be urged to spay or neuter all pets.
4. Breeders should honestly represent the quality of all Boxers sold with reference to the Standard.
5. Substandard or inferior quality animals may be sold or placed but only with a written agreement to have the animal altered and papers withheld pending alteration.
6. Stud service contracts and Bills of Sale must be clear and complete with any and all conditions stated. A signed copy must be provided to each party involved.
7. During the life of any puppy or dog sold, the breeder should endeavor to help the owner in every reasonable way.
8. Prospective buyers should be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their desire and ultimate intent for each puppy or dog and, also for their interest and ability to provide a safe, adequate and loving home for each individual Boxer concerned. Fenced yards and crates should be recommended.
9. Members of the American Boxer Club should help educate the public on the Standard and care of the Boxer and in other areas where they are qualified.



Code of Ethics

Adopted by the Board of Directors
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Code of Ethics Committee

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This Code of Ethics is set forward as a guideline to protect and advance the interests of Boxers and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trails and tracking tests, including respect for people and dogs. It is presented as a guideline for American Boxer Club members when buying, breeding, selling or exhibiting Boxers.

Members of the American Boxer Club should always conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dog showing and Boxers in particular regardless of the location or circumstances.

American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and American Boxer Club By-Laws should be known and adhered to at all times. It is important to know the current Standard of the breed.

Breeding

1. Breed only with the intention of improving the breed.
2. Breed only from healthy, sound, typey parents of good temperament and qualities which are free of known disqualifying faults.
3. All dogs offered at stud should be in good health. They should be free from Canine Brucellosis and other communicable diseases as well as disqualifying genetic faults. A written Stud Contract is essential and it should state that the owner of the Stud will not sign to register with the American Kennel Club any puppies with a color disqualification of over one-third of white markings or total black ground color. Monorchids are not recommended for breeding.
4. Any bitch accepted for stud service should be at least eighteen months of age, in good health, free from communicable diseases and disquali-

fying genetic faults. Bitch must be accompanied by a current Veterinarian's Certificate stating that she does not have Canine Brucellosis. It is the responsibility of the stud dog owner to properly provide for all visiting bitches and breed them only to the stud dog specified by the owner. A change of stud dog is only permitted with the express consent of the owner of the bitch and should be included as an amendment to the Stud Contract.

5. Bitches should not be bred more often than once a year.
6. Breeders should keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.

Health and Registration

1. Breeders should encourage the X-raying and O.F.A. Certification of Hips on all dogs to be used for breeding.
2. All sales of puppies or adults must include American Kennel Club registration papers, an accurate three generation pedigree, leaflet or copy of the standard for the breed, health record and as well as diet and care information. Registration papers may be withheld at the time of the sale in such cases of prior agreement in writing.
3. Other than tail docking, removal of dew claws and ear cropping, corrective cosmetic surgeries should not be performed on Boxers. If and when such corrective surgery becomes a necessity, the dogs will no longer be exhibited if such alteration is not considered acceptable by the American Kennel Club.

Sales

1. Misleading or untruthful statements must not be used in the selling or advertising of puppies. Misrepresentation of American Boxer Club awards, A.K.C. and/or foreign titles must be carefully avoided.