

CODE OF ETHICS & WELFARE STANDARDS

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ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Ethics & Welfare Standards is to establish the ethical principles, professional conduct expectations, and animal welfare standards applicable to all members, breeders, exhibitors, judges, officials, clubs, and participants associated with Caribbean United Kennel Club Limited (CUKC).

1.2 Commitment

CUKC is committed to promoting:

- Responsible dog ownership
- Ethical breeding practices
- Humane treatment of dogs
- Fair competition
- Professional conduct
- Integrity within the canine community

ARTICLE II – GENERAL MEMBER CONDUCT

2.1 Member Responsibilities

All members shall:

- Conduct themselves honestly and professionally.
- Comply with CUKC governing documents and policies.
- Respect fellow members and participants.
- Maintain accurate records and information.
- Support the objectives of CUKC.

2.2 Integrity

- Members shall not knowingly:
- Submit false information.
- Misrepresent ownership.
- Falsify pedigrees.
- Forge signatures or documents.
- Engage in fraudulent activities.

2.3 Respectful Conduct

Members shall refrain from:

- Harassment
- Intimidation

- Threatening behavior
- Defamation
- Conduct detrimental to the reputation of CUKC

ARTICLE III – RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

3.1 Care and Welfare

Owners shall provide:

- Adequate food and clean water.
- Appropriate shelter and housing.
- Veterinary care when necessary.
- Proper exercise and socialization.
- Humane handling and treatment.

3.2 Legal Compliance

Owners shall comply with applicable laws relating to:

- Animal welfare
- Licensing
- Transportation
- Public safety

3.3 Identification

Owners are encouraged to maintain accurate identification records, including microchip information where available.

ARTICLE IV – BREEDER RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Ethical Breeding

Breeders shall:

- Breed responsibly and with consideration for health, temperament, and breed preservation.
- Maintain accurate breeding records.
- Represent dogs honestly and accurately.
- Disclose known health concerns when appropriate.

4.2 Health Testing

Health and genetic testing are strongly encouraged to improve canine welfare and breed quality.

4.3 Record Keeping

Breeders shall maintain records relating to:

- Breeding dates
- Litters
- Ownership transfers
- Veterinary information where applicable

4.4 Puppy Placement

Breeders should make reasonable efforts to place dogs in suitable homes and promote responsible ownership.

ARTICLE V – JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

5.1 Professional Conduct

Judges and officials shall:

- Act impartially.
- Maintain professionalism.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Follow CUKC rules and procedures.

5.2 Integrity

Judges shall not:

- Accept improper inducements.
- Manipulate results.
- Engage in conduct that compromises fairness.

5.3 Representation

Officials shall represent CUKC in a professional and respectful manner.

ARTICLE VI – ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

6.1 Humane Treatment

All dogs shall be treated humanely and with respect.

6.2 Prohibited Conduct

The following conduct is prohibited:

- Cruelty
- Abuse
- Neglect
- Abandonment

- Unnecessary suffering
- Inhumane housing conditions

6.3 Veterinary Care

Owners and custodians shall seek appropriate veterinary care when reasonably necessary to protect the health and welfare of their dogs.

6.4 Welfare Priority

The welfare of the dog shall take priority over competition, profit, titles, or recognition.

ARTICLE VII – SALES, TRANSFERS AND ADVERTISING

7.1 Honest Representation

Dogs offered for sale, transfer, lease, breeding, or placement shall be represented honestly.

7.2 Advertising

Advertisements shall not contain:

False claims

Misleading information

Fraudulent registration claims

Misrepresentation of titles or achievements

7.3 Documentation

Sellers should provide accurate documentation relating to registration status and ownership where applicable.

ARTICLE VIII – EVENTS, SPORTSMANSHIP AND PUBLIC CONDUCT

8.1 Sportsmanship

Participants shall demonstrate good sportsmanship at all CUKC events and activities.

8.2 Respect

Members shall respect:

- Judges
- Event officials
- Volunteers
- Competitors
- Spectators

8.3 Social Media Conduct

Members representing CUKC should conduct themselves responsibly on social media and public platforms.

Members shall avoid:

- False accusations
- Defamatory statements
- Harassment
- Conduct likely to damage the reputation of CUKC

8.4 Public Representation

Members acting in an official capacity shall communicate professionally and accurately.

ARTICLE IX – VIOLATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

9.1 Complaints

Complaints concerning violations of this Code may be submitted to CUKC in writing.

9.2 Investigation

CUKC may investigate alleged violations and request supporting information.

9.3 Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary action may include:

- Written Warning
- Suspension
- Revocation of Privileges
- Removal from Events
- Membership Termination
- Registry Restrictions

9.4 Appeals

Affected individuals may appeal disciplinary decisions in accordance with CUKC procedures.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

10.1 Amendment Authority

CUKC reserves the right to amend this Code of Ethics & Welfare Standards at any time.

10.2 Publication

Updated versions shall be published through official CUKC communication channels and on the official website.

10.3 Effective Date

Unless otherwise stated, amendments shall become effective upon publication.

