

**AMERICAN POMERANIAN CLUB
CODE OF ETHICS**

1. I agree to follow the regulations as set forth by the American Kennel Club and the American Pomeranian Club Inc. as they pertain to purebred dogs.
2. I will furnish a signed registration application or transfer with each puppy sold, unless a written agreement stating the reason for withholding papers is made with the purchaser at the time of sale.
3. I will not sell my puppies to pet shops or commercial pet mill establishments, nor will I donate puppies for raffles or auctions.
4. I will not crossbreed or advertise for sale puppies that have been crossbred.
5. I will not provide stud service to bitches that are not registered with the AKC or an AKC recognized foreign registry.
6. Before I sell a puppy/dog, I will have said puppy/dog checked by my veterinarian and will furnish the buyer with a copy of the puppy/dog's immunization and health record. I will advise the purchaser of my puppy/dog to have the puppy/dog checked by a veterinarian within 72 hours of the sale unless a different specified time is agreed upon, in writing, by the seller and the buyer.
7. I will maintain the best possible standard of health and care in all of my dogs and see that puppies are immunized and checked for parasites.
8. In my breeding program I will work to control and/or eradicate inherited problems and conditions that are particular to Pomeranians.
9. I will not willingly or knowingly breed merle to merle, merle to brindle or merle to white, cream or orange. If any offspring of a merle breeding (one or more of the ancestors is a merle) is born clear (no black or brown hair) the offspring will be DNA tested for the merle gene unless the offspring are sold on a spay/neuter agreement. Failure to comply may be considered to be actions not in the best interests of the breed and could result in unwanted merle to merle breeding's that produce serious health issues.
10. I will adhere to the Breed Standard that is set forth by the American Pomeranian Club.
11. I will represent my dogs as honestly as possible to prospective buyers and try to assist the serious novice in their understanding of the breed. Further, if I send written or photographic representation of my dogs, these images shall represent the animal as it appears at the time, unless otherwise noted.
12. I acknowledge that the American Pomeranian Club recommends puppies are not sold before 10 weeks of age unless there are unusual and necessary circumstances.
13. The American Pomeranian Club recommends that the sale of all Poms be defined in a written contract between seller and buyer.
14. I will try at all times to show good sportsmanship and keep in mind that the good of the breed comes before any personal benefit and that the Club exists to protect the breed.
15. In order to promote good sportsmanship and to preserve the integrity of the membership no APC member will defame or make malicious statements about any Pomeranian, breeder, handler, judge or APC to include all social media platforms.

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