



CODE OF ETHICS

Nederlandse Kooikerhondje Club of the USA, Inc.

In keeping with the bylaws and philosophy of the club, and to protect and advance the Kooikerhondje, the KCUSA Code of Ethics has been established.

1. I subscribe to the purpose of the Kooikerhondje Club of the USA as set forth in the Bylaws and will abide by the rules set down by the Club.
2. I will acquaint myself with the approved Kooikerhondje breed standard, and with principles of good health and grooming for the breed.
3. I will exhibit sportsman like conduct that will reflect on me and on the breed at all competitions, and will encourage others to do so. I will refrain from public criticism and malicious degrading of others and their dogs.
4. I will ensure humane treatment, including proper feeding, maintenance, health care, and training, for all my animals and will encourage others to do the same.
5. I will commit myself to continuing education in matters pertaining to the care and training of the Kooiker.
6. If I breed, I will strive to improve the Kooiker breed according to the Kooikerhondje Breed Standard. I will conscientiously plan each breeding, choosing only parents of appropriate temperament, appearance and other desirable qualities.
7. I will become aware of genetic defects that can be harmful to the breed. When breeding, I will endeavor to select animals that will reduce the incidence of genetic problems while enhancing the positive attributes and abilities of the breed. I will be open with all persons interested in the welfare of the Kooiker and will discuss possible physical or temperament defects in my own stock.
8. I will act responsibly in regards to all puppies produced by my breeding for the lifetime of the puppies.
9. I will never knowingly sell to, or place a Kooiker with unethical persons or those who would not provide proper and humane care to the dog. I will refuse to sell any Kooiker to any pet shop or to any wholesale dealer in dogs.
10. Should I become aware of mistreatment, abuse, or need for relocation of any Kooiker, I will make every effort to be of assistance by notifying the breeder of the dog involved and the appropriate local authorities, and I will assist in any other manner which I am able.