



Saint Lawrence Valley Dog Club



Membership Application

*Membership application must be accompanied by the appropriate dues (\$5.00 individual / \$6.00 family).

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Endorsed by: _____

Breed of dog(s) owned/raised: _____

If family membership, list members to be included and ages of any minor children:

Reasons for joining dog club: _____

Ways you would like to help with club activities (assist with obedience training, do publicity, help with events, etc.):

I agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws and the code of ethics of the St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club and Rules of the American Kennel Club:

Signature

Date

Code of Ethics

1. Each member of the Saint Lawrence Valley Dog Club (SLVDC) has an obligation to protect the interests of their breed by conducting themselves in a manner designed to reflect on themselves, their breed, and on the SLVDC.
2. Members shall not engage in the breeding, buying or selling of dogs which are not pure bred, either as principal, agent, intermediary or otherwise.
3. It is considered to be unethical for any club member to sell dogs to any pet shop, or any wholesale dealer in dogs, or to knowingly sell to any breeder who sells to pet shops. Breeders are expected to raise and sell their own puppies/dogs rather than making it a practice to raise and sell other's litters for profit.
4. Members who contemplate breeding a litter, or who allow the use of their stud dog to the same end, shall direct their efforts toward producing dogs of exceptional quality, temperament and condition.

Responsibilities of the Breeder

Members shall when breeding:

1. Be familiar with their individual breed standard and breed only those specimens which conform to it.
2. Be familiar with AKC rules concerning record keeping, registration and sale and transfer of dogs and abide by these rules.
3. Mate only healthy, mature animals which can be guaranteed to be:
 - a. Registered or register-able with the AKC.
 - b. Of sound temperament.
 - c. Free of congenital defects.
4. Cover by written agreement the terms of all stud services. (Normally payment is required in advance and one return service is guaranteed should no live progeny result from the original service.)

Responsibilities of the Seller

Members when selling or offering for sale (and these expressions shall cover giving, trading, etc., with or without exchange of money) pure bred dogs:

1. Shall advertise only factually.
2. Shall cover all transactions in writing with bills of sale reflecting all details thereof.
3. Shall practice no deception of any kind.
4. Shall sell no animals to pet shops, brokers or dealers.
5. Shall clearly state to a prospective purchaser whether the sale is of "show," "show-able" or "pet" stock caliber. Both the "show" and "show-able" dog is without natural disqualifying faults as listed in the AKC Complete Dog Book. However, the "show" quality dog has proven ability to win points at point shows.
6. Shall provide purchasers with details of proper feeding, general care and advisable inoculations.