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Code of Ethics

In order to promote the highest ideals among Siberian Husky owners and breeders, and to aim for the continuous improvement of the breed within the framework of the American Kennel Club approved breed standard, I pledge to:

- A. Encourage and promote responsible dog ownership, to assure the humane treatment of Siberian Huskies, and to reduce the abuse and neglect of unwanted Siberian Huskies through supporting the club's Rescue Program which seeks to relocate displaced Siberian Huskies into permanent, caring, and loving homes. If volunteering and working with the Rescue Program, to adhere to the Rescue Program's procedures regarding the rescuing and placing of Siberian Huskies.
- B. Do all possible to bring the natural qualities of the pure-bred Siberian Husky to perfection through selective breeding by educating and urging breeders, club members, and the general public to adhere to the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club.
- C. Educate Siberian Husky owners about training and the humane care of their Siberian Huskies and promote good canine citizenship.
- D. Do all in my power to protect and advance the interests of the breed.
- E. Encourage and follow the rules of sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, sleddog races, obedience trials and other Siberian Husky related sports and events. I am aware that I represent my club to the public at *Siberian Husky Club & Rescue of Southern New England* sponsored events and will conduct myself in an appropriate manner.
- F. Fully explain to all prospective Siberian Husky owners the disadvantages, as well as the advantages, of owning a Siberian Husky.
- G. Recognize my responsibility to assist, encourage and befriend novice exhibitors, racers and breeders. To this end, I will actively participate in assisting and training, to the best of my ability, club members and other Siberian Husky owners to help them achieve their individual goals with their Siberian Husky(s).
- H. Refuse to deal with dog wholesalers, or buy from or sell puppies or dogs to pet shops or stores. If a breeder, I will include in all stud contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies resulting from the mating will be wholesaled or sold to pet shops or stores.

I. If I Breed Siberian Huskies:

I will keep informed in the field of genetics, and will work persistently to eliminate hereditary defects from the breed. I will share the knowledge I have gained in this area with other breeders and promoters of Siberian Huskies.

I will not participate in, or encourage others to, "in-breed" to produce desirable traits within the breed, and I will report such activity to the appropriate regulatory authority of the AKC and to the *Siberian Husky Club & Rescue of Southern New England's* Board of Directors if I become aware of same.

I will not destroy a litter or puppy simply because said litter or puppy may not conform to the breed standard as approved by the AKC or my preferences. I will report such activity to the appropriate regulatory authority of the AKC and the *Siberian Husky Club & Rescue of Southern New England's* Board of Directors if I become aware of same.

I will, before entering any breeding agreement, carefully analyze the traits, conformations and pedigrees of the prospective sire and dam and, keeping the breed standard clearly in mind, refuse a mating if it will not be in the best interest of the breed. If I deny breeding services, I will fully explain my reasons to the owner said sire or dam in writing.

J. Use of Club's Membership and Other Maintained Lists:

If for any reason I am entrusted with the club's "Membership List", the club's "Placed Siberians List", or any other club maintained lists, or I acquire said lists from any other source, I agree that said lists are the property of the *Siberian Husky Club & Rescue of Southern New England* and I may only use said lists as approved by the Board of Directors, and then only as specifically approved and directed by the Board of Directors.

Under no circumstances will I use said lists to promote any activity not approved by the Board of Directors. I will not use said lists to complain to fellow club members, or others, if I have a disagreement over any issue with the Board of Directors or other club members. I agree to pursue any such disagreements or issues as provided for under the club's Constitution & By-Laws.

I also will not use said lists as a marketing tool for activities outside the scope and purpose of the club. I will not share or give said list to any non club member without written permission from the Board of Directors.

If, for any reason, I am no longer a member of the club I will return or destroy any hard copy (printed version) of said lists, and remove same from any electronic medium (computer, ipod, ect.) I may have same stored in.

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