

Northwest Cardigan Welsh Corgi Fanciers

Each person applying for membership will certify that he/she will endorse and subscribe to the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club and the Northwest Cardigan Fanciers and will abide by the Code of Ethics as set forth below. Each applicant understands that violations of this code may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

Code of Ethics

1. Each member will consider the welfare of the breed when engaged in any activities involving the breeding, exhibiting, and selling of Cardigan Welsh Corgis and will refrain from any activities that would be prejudicial to the best interests of the breed and this club.
2. Each member of Northwest Cardigan Fanciers is expected to comply with the following procedures:
 - A. Any member who contemplates breeding a litter, or who allows the use of his/her stud dog to the same end, shall direct his/her efforts towards producing Cardigan Welsh Corgis of exceptional quality.
 - B. Only dogs and bitches of characteristic type, sound structure, and temperament, without serious inherited defects, shall be used for breeding. Members will refrain from any dogs and bitches whose reproduction is likely to be detrimental to the breed.
 - C. If a dog or bitch has produced any offspring with serious inherited defects detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, or impairment of the vital function, and produces like results with a different mating partner, the owner shall refrain from further use of this animal.
 - D. An owner of a bitch shall not engage in the overbreeding of his/her bitch for profit with no regard for quality. A bitch should not be bred more often than two of three consecutive heat seasons, and then **ONLY** if she is in robust health and **NEVER** at the time of her first season, unless her first season occurs after twelve (12) months of age.
 - E. A member should not undertake the breeding of a bitch unless he/she is prepared to keep the resultant puppies until each is suitably placed even if it takes longer than anticipated. A member offering a dog at stud should request similar assurances from the owners of outside bitches.
 - F. No member of the club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters of Cardigan Welsh Corgis or the selling of breeding stock to such places as pet dealers, catalog house, or other commercial sources of distribution, nor shall he/she engage in the overbreeding of his/her bitches for profit with no regard for quality.
 - G. Prices of puppies, adults and stud services should be based on individual quality. All puppies and adults shall be sold in a clean and healthy condition and shall be old enough, at least eight (8) weeks of age, to make the adjustments to a new home safely. No adults or puppies shall be transported or sold without adequate immunization against disease in terms of age.

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- H. A puppy or adult showing serious deviation from the standard, rendering it unsuitable for breeding, shall be sold with a signed spay/neuter contract and limited AKC registration. This contract shall be clearly understood by the buyer. All other puppies and adults shall be registered or eligible for registration with the AKC, and the buyer shall be provided with accurate and valid papers.
 - I. No member shall engage in the breeding of a blue merle Cardigan Welsh Corgi to a Cardigan other than a black with or without tan or brindle points, or occasionally to another blue merle.
3. Each member of the Northwest Cardigan Fanciers is expected to conduct him/herself in an honorable and ethical manner in all areas involved in promoting the Cardigan Welsh Corgi.
- A. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentation of his/her Cardigan Welsh Corgi; nor shall he/she malign his/her competitors by false or misleading statements regarding his/her competitor's Cardigans, breeding practices, or person.
 - B. No member shall exhibit a Cardigan Welsh Corgi that is a merle other than blue, nor breed to or from such a merle, nor sell it as a show or breeding stock.
 - C. Each member has an obligation to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner whether in or out of the show ring.
 - D. Each member should be willing to assist with information and/or advice regarding Cardigan Welsh Corgis when appropriate.
 - E. Each member of the club has an obligation to protect the interests of the breed by conducting him/herself in a manner designed to reflect credit on him/herself, the breed and upon the Northwest Cardigan Fanciers.