



Shiba Inu Fanciers of Southern California

Code of Ethics

The Shiba Inu Fanciers of Southern California's goal is to protect and advance the interests of the registered Shiba Inu. This Code of Ethics is designed to establish a standard of conduct to be followed by all members of the SFSC in order to promote the highest ideals among Shiba Inu owners and breeders, and aim for the continuous improvement of the breed within the framework of The National Shiba Club of America and The American Kennel Club approved breed standard.

1. Each member shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves and upon the breed regardless of the location or circumstances, but especially when attending dog club meetings or shows, whether as an exhibitor or a spectator, and will promote goodwill among fellow members and other fanciers of the breed.
2. Each member will keep well informed in the field of genetics and work to eliminate hereditary defects from the breed by participating in a program of hip x-raying and eye examinations by qualified veterinarians to eliminate hip dysplasia and congenital eye problems.
3. Each member will, before entering into a breeding agreement or doing any breeding of their dogs, carefully analyze the conformation and pedigrees of the prospective sire and dam.
4. Each member will refuse the mating if, in their opinion, it will not be in the best interest of the breed.
5. Each member will refuse to deal with dog wholesalers or to sell puppies to pet shops and 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, sold or given to pet shops or wholesale dog breeders or dealers.
6. It is recommended that any puppy sold with the designation pet/companion be sold on a spay/neuter agreement/contract with limited registration now supplied by AKC. The breeder may retain the registration papers until proof of sterilization if they wish.