

United American Bully Association Code of Ethics

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Introduction

This Code of Ethics is established in accordance with the objectives of the United American Bully Association as set forth in Article 1 Section B of the Club Bylaws and is intended to set forth minimum standards of practice to which UABA would have its members adhere as they strive to accomplish the goals and purposes set forth in the Bylaws.

While not required by Standard, the United American Bully Association supports the practice of ear cropping when performed in compliance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

This Code of Ethics constitutes the required standard of behavior and actions expected of members. Any member found to be in violation of these recommendations detailed in the UABA Code of Ethics may be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in Article 10 of the Club Bylaws.

- Article 1 -

General

All Members will:

- 1) Honor all agreements entered into freely between themselves and others concerning American Bullies and American Bully related activities.
- 2) Conduct themselves at all times to enhance and improve the American Bully breed and its image to the public.
- 3) Understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that their actions are always in the best interest of the breed.
- 4) Believe that the breed and its welfare are of paramount importance and supersede any other commitment to the American Bully, whether that is personal, competitive, or financial.
- 5) Abide by the constitution and bylaws of the United American Bully Association and all the rules and regulations of the United Kennel Club.
- 6) Conduct themselves to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs in general and American Bullies in particular. This includes respect for show sites, facilities, internet forums, social media, and all other aspects of responsible dog ownership inside and outside of the ring.
- 7) Share their knowledge, expertise and experiences with one another. All members understand that it is their responsibility to respectfully provide mentorship and guidance to junior and novice handlers.
- 8) Display good sportsmanship, including demonstrating respect for judges, show officials, and other competitors. Winning and losing with grace is the minimum standard of good sportsmanship in all forms of competition.

- 9) Support the efforts of UABA relative to health issues known to affect the breed. Members agree to disclose both positive and negative genetic health testing results and all genetic health concerns observed in their dogs to the UABA to aid in the further research of documented illnesses within the American Bully breed.

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Breeding

All Members will:

- 1) Register their dogs and litters with the United Kennel Club whenever possible, which will strengthen the genetic pool and thus, guarantee further progression towards the ideals of the Standard, keeping authentic records of their activities.
- 2) Not breed an American Bully to any other breed of dog that is not a registered American Bully, including but not limited to the American Pit Bull Terrier.
- 3) Keep accurate breeding records, registrations, pedigrees, and maintain appropriate standards of canine health, cleanliness, and care. Members shall abide by their local laws and ordinances relating to dog care and ownership.
- 4) Breed with the intent to preserve and better the American Bully, taking all things into consideration including structure, health and temperament.
- 5) Understand that any American Bully they use for breeding should have a temperament that is conducive to that of a companion breed, as described in the Breed Standard. Members are encouraged to make marked efforts to avoid human and dog aggression in their breeding dogs.
- 6) Agree that breeding stock should be tested for the health disorders known to affect or suspected to affect the breed including, but not limited to:
 - a. Hip Dysplasia
 - b. Elbow Dysplasia
 - c. Cardiac Abnormalities
 - d. Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 4A
 - e. Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Cone-Rod Dystrophy 4/1
- 7) Agree that all animals used for breeding shall be in good health and free of communicable diseases.
- 8) Agree to consider 24 months of age as the recommended minimum age for breeding dogs and bitches.
- 9) Not breed (or breed to) a Merle or Albino American Bully.
- 10) Be responsible for the puppies produced by their animals. Breeders and stud dog owners shall take responsibility for the dogs they produce by taking dogs back or in some way assisting with the placement in another home if they can no longer be cared for by the owners.

- Article 3 -

Sales

All Members will:

- 1) Guarantee that all advertising is honest and not in any way misrepresentative, fraudulent or misleading.
- 2) Evaluate the structural and temperamental qualities of all American Bullies sold or placed, and share the findings of such with the new owner(s).
- 3) Ensure that all services and sale arrangements shall be in writing, signed by all involved parties. When appropriate, animals shall be sold with written agreement to have the animal altered and UKC registration or transfer documents withheld pending proof of alteration.
- 4) Ensure that at the time of sale, all relevant United Kennel Club registration, transfer documents, pedigree, and medical records including vaccine and deworming schedule are provided to the new owner unless a written agreement is made at the time of sale providing that the registration papers are to be withheld.
- 5) Not sell or breed their stud dog to any bitch owned by a person who is directly or indirectly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, pet shops, or any other wholesale distributor of animals. No American Bully shall be supplied for raffles, draws or lotteries.