



The Southern Magnolia Havanese Club Code of Ethics, Adopted

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Introduction:

- A. Responsible pet ownership and responsible breeding are the hallmarks that distinguish members of the Southern Magnolia Havanese Club.
- B. This Code of Ethics is presented as a guide for members whose foremost aim should be the welfare, improvement and advancement of the Havanese breed, in accordance with the Standard, as approved by the American Kennel Club.
- C. This code sets forth principles of conduct to be followed by all members of The Southern Magnolia Havanese Club. Every member is charged with the responsibility to uphold, promote and practice the principles set forth in this Code of Ethics.
 - C. Membership in The Southern Magnolia Havanese Club automatically obligates the member to this Code of Ethics.

Conduct:

- A. Each member of The Southern Magnolia Havanese Club will consider the welfare of the breed when engaged in breeding, exhibiting or selling Havanese, and will refrain from activities which are contrary to the best interests of the breed and the Club.
- B. Every member will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southern Magnolia Havanese Club, and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club as they pertain to breeding, registration, record keeping and exhibiting.
- C. Every Havanese will be provided clean living quarters, adequate veterinary care, proper nutrition and grooming.
 - A. Every Havanese will be provided with a rich, stimulating environment and time and attention from a caring owner.
 - D. Gossip, hearsay and innuendo regarding another member or their dogs is strongly discouraged.
 - E. Members are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and will not engage in false statements regarding judges, other exhibitors, or their dogs.
 - F. All advertising will be factual and not misleading in any way.

Responsibilities of breeders:

- A. Every breeding will be done from the standpoint of bettering the breed. Only Havanese that are physically and temperamentally sound and free of disqualifying faults will be used for breeding.
- B. No Havanese will be sold to pet dealers, pet stores, pet wholesalers, or pet brokers, because SMHC Breeders/Sellers have the utmost concern for the proper placement of Havanese in good homes providing proper care.
- C. SMHC members are strongly discouraged from buying Havanese from pet dealers, pet stores, pet wholesalers, or pet brokers because such animals are not the product of responsible breeders.
- D. SMHC members will not use as breeding stock any Havanese purchased from pet dealers, pet stores, pet wholesalers, or pet brokers because the temperament and genetic faults of such animals ancestors cannot be substantiated.
- E. No Havanese will be used for breeding if it is known to be affected with, or a carrier of Juvenile Cataracts, PRA, heart disease or any other condition which affects the health of the progeny.
- F. It is recommended that dogs offered at stud will not be bred prior to one year of age, nor after twelve years of age. Dogs will be in good health and free of communicable diseases and genetic faults.
- G. Stud service will be refused to any bitch which is unregistrable or shows serious faults under the breed standard.

- H. It is recommended that bitches will not be bred prior to 18 months of age, nor after eight years of age. Bitches will be in good health and free of communicable disease and genetic faults.
- I. All Havanese used for breeding should be examined by a Veterinary Ophthalmologist to rule out known or suspected hereditary eye disease (CERF exam). The CERF exam should be done annually until the dog reached the age of eight years. If at any time an eye disorder is detected and confirmed, the breeder will immediately remove this Havanese from the breeding program and will attempt to notify owners of offspring especially if the offspring entered into a breeding program.

Selling Havanese:

- A. Breeders/Sellers must be concerned with the proper placement of Havanese, both pet and show potential. It is recommended that breeders do a thorough background check of prospective buyers to insure they will provide a good home and proper care.
- B. Havanese will not be displayed in public places for the purpose of immediate sale.
- C. No Havanese will be sold to pet dealers, pet stores, pet wholesalers, or pet brokers either singly or in litter lots.
- D. Havanese will not be offered as raffle or contest prizes, or any other type of giveaway or auction.
- E. All Havanese sold should be in good health and of a suitable age to leave litters (8 weeks is the minimum recommended age). To the best of the breeder's/seller's knowledge, all Havanese sold will be free of communicable disease and internal and/or external parasites.
- F. The seller should supply written instruction on feeding, care, training and grooming, and medical records including dates and types of vaccinations and wormings.
- G. Breeders should honestly evaluate the quality of the Havanese puppy and its parents and provide this information to the puppy buyer. If Havanese with serious faults are sold, the seller/breeder must take the responsibility to see that the dog is spayed/neutered.
- H. Contracts must be clear and complete with all conditions agreed upon between buyer and breeder/seller stated. It is recommended that the contract include a stipulation that the breeder/seller be notified if the owner is unable to keep the Havanese. Assigned copy of the contract must be provided to each party involved.
- I. Breeders/sellers are obligated to take back or help re-home any dog they sell, regardless of the reason or circumstances necessitating return.
- J. Breeders/sellers should request that owners advise if any hereditary diseases or conditions arise.

Registration of Havanese:

All members will keep complete and accurate records of individual dogs, litters, breedings, pedigrees and puppy sales as required by the American Kennel Club, and abide by American Kennel Club rules and regulations which pertain to these activities.