



## **CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE BREEDER OF DOGS REGISTERED WITH THE ALBANIAN FEDERATION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Dog breeding and selection are associated with ethical responsibilities that require serious and honest management. Therefore, those registered in the Breeders' Register of the purebred dog studbook are required to comply with the following regulations.

### **BREEDING CONDITIONS**

1. Maintain your dogs in the best conditions of well-being and health, with adequate care, cleanliness, hygiene, exercise, and human contact.
2. Comply with current animal welfare legislation.

### **SELECTION**

3. Commit to deepening your knowledge of the breed, its morphological standard, health issues, and behavioral and functional characteristics, in order to correctly interpret the selection objectives.
4. Select with the aim of improving the quality of the breed, as required by the official breed standard (FCI).
5. Not act as a front for the registration of breeding dogs or litters in the studbook.
6. Comply with the rules and regulations of the F.K.SH and its recognized associations.
7. Breed only with dogs registered in the Albanian studbook or foreign studbooks recognized by the International Cynological Federation.
8. Do not sell dogs not registered in the studbook.
9. Breed with healthy dogs, i.e., free from obvious diseases or impediments to proper functioning, or carriers of detected hereditary diseases.
10. Make the diagnostic results of hereditary diseases available before mating to the owners of the stallion or mare for whom or on whose behalf the breeding service is requested.
11. Do not mate females who are too young, not before the second heat, or who are too old. After seven years of age, it is advisable to obtain a veterinary certificate of suitability for breeding. Do not mate immediately during the first heat after the birth of puppies.
12. For breeds requiring behavioral tests, make the results of the evaluations available before mating.
13. Accurately collect and record breeding data.

### **REPRODUCTION**

14. When breeding, only use dogs that can reproduce naturally. Avoid the use of artificial insemination (AI) for dogs unable to mate naturally.
15. Avoid breeding dogs with deviant behavioral reactions such as exaggerated fear or aggression.
16. For the sake of her well-being, a bitch should have no more than five litters in her lifetime.

### **ADVERTISING AND TRADE**

17. Not engage in the habitual trade of dogs not bred by the breeder.
18. Provide truthful and complete information about the dogs in the breeder's kennel.
19. Advertise the breeder's kennel and dogs honestly and truthfully.
20. Do not offer dogs for mail-order sales or as prizes in competitions or lotteries.
21. Do not deliver puppies before they are 60 days old.
22. Ensure the buyer understands the responsibility of owning a dog and is aware of the breed's morphological and behavioral characteristics.
23. Inform the buyer, preferably in writing, about the dog's pedigree, diet, and any anti-parasite and immunization treatments, and provide guidance and advice for proper socialization.

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