

# **Canadian Dogo Argentino Club**

## **Member's Code of Ethical Conduct**

The following Code of Ethical Conduct governs the members of the Canadian Dogo Argentino Club in all actions concerned with breeding, selling, exhibiting, owning and protecting this breed. Wherein there may be situations and circumstances not outlined in this code, members shall represent themselves in a manner in keeping with the spirit and intent of this code.

The protection and preservation of this breed is an obligation one accepts with ownership of a Dogo Argentino.

The owner of a Dogo Argentino will put the welfare of each of his or her Dogo Argentino above personal gain, profit and/or personal convenience.

At all times CDAC members will conduct themselves responsibly, honorably, and exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship.

## **Standard of Ethical Conduct for Members of the CDAC**

### **Members will**

1. Provide the best possible standards of health care for the physical and emotional well-being of their Dogo(s). This includes, but is not limited to, appropriate food, shelter, sanitation, immunizations, regular health checks, medical care as needed, and attention, exercise and constant affection.
2. Control their Dogo(s) at all times, both on and off your premises, in the form of fencing, leashes, or the appropriate training to affect this control. Avoid discredit to yourself and the dog(s) by curbing your Dogo where required and cleaning up after your Dogo in public places.
3. Identify their Dogo(s) by using collars with tags, tattooing, or microchip implants.
4. Make every effort to educate any new owner or interested person about the history, care, and characteristics of the breed including health issues and longevity.
5. Demonstrate good sportsmanship both inside and outside respective arenas of competition.
6. Always behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to the breed or to the CDAC.
7. Conform to all the items regarding placement and sales listed under this Standard of Ethical Conduct if it becomes necessary to sell, give away or otherwise place a dog.
8. Act in the best interest of the breed and treat others, as they would wish to be treated in all questions of ethics not covered by this Standard of Conduct.
9. Attend carefully to end of life issues. If any Dogo needs to be euthanized, the owner should have this be done in the most humane manner available.
10. Not alter the dog for aesthetic purposes to hide flaws or give the dog a competitive edge, with the exception of cropping, per breed standard.

**No member will:**

1. Fail to protect the Dogo(s) in their ownership by providing the attention and care outlined in this Standard for Ethical Conduct.
2. Knowingly falsify pedigree or breeding information.
3. Sell puppies to pet stores either on consignment or outright.
4. Supply puppies for raffles or other such enterprises, including donations for fund-raisers, shelters, etc.
5. Sell to unethical breeders or persons whose intention to resell the dog is known or suspected.
6. Maliciously denigrate another member's Dogo Argentinos or kennel.
7. Import or export litters of Dogo Argentinos, or sell entire litters, either to a private party or for commercial resale.
8. Buy or sell bitches in whelp.
9. Use their membership in the CDAC in advertising or other promotional activities.

