

**WILLIAM PENN POODLE CLUB, INC.**  
**Guidelines for Responsible Breeders**

1. All dogs shall be kept under sanitary conditions and shall be given maximum health protection through regular inoculations and proper nutrition. Dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions when breeder/owner cannot personally supervise.
2. Complete and accurate records will be kept for breedings, litters, pedigrees and puppy owners' information, in accordance with the AKC.
3. Puppies shall not leave breeder's possession until at least eight (8) weeks of age, but due to variety limitations, may be 9-12 weeks of age.
4. All breeders of purebred dogs shall breed to conform to the AKC's Standard of Excellence for the breed/variety, and only from quality, healthy stock. Breeders shall screen for inherited diseases within the breed/variety.
5. Breeder shall provide to new owners, written details of feeding, grooming, general care, dates and type of vaccinations and wormings, and shall be available for future advice as needed.
6. Breeder shall not knowingly sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet stores, puppy brokers or other commercial dealers.
7. Puppies will be sold with written contracts appropriate for show/breeding or pet quality specifications, guarantees and restrictions. The contract will specify that, in the event a puppy/dog cannot remain in its new home at any time during its life, the breeder will be contacted and assist in the placement of that puppy/dog.
8. Dogs will not be bred until such an age that is customary for the breed/variety, and only after appropriate health testing is completed, to assure healthy breeding stock. Healthy spacing of litters is recommended.
9. Breeders will only permit stud service to quality healthy bitches who have been screened for inherited diseases, and only to owners who provide satisfactory evidence that they will provide all puppies with proper care and attention, and who agree to sell puppies on a limited registration, unless specifically designated for show or breeding. Adherence to Parent Club (Poodle Club of America) guidelines for responsible breeders is suggested.
10. Prospective owners shall be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their desire and intent for each puppy, and for their interest and ability to provide a safe, adequate, loving home for each puppy or dog they acquire.
11. Breeders will not dispose of any puppy/dog, bred or owned by them, in a shelter or pound.

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Signature

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Date