

## **NORTH AMERICAN DALMATIAN ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS**

1. To educate ourselves in the best practices of breeding, owning and exhibiting Dalmatians.
2. To understand and adhere to the standard of the breed, the basic laws of genetics, and to breed only after understanding with is correct and what is incorrect.
3. To register all our dogs and litters with the United Kennel Club, and to keep accurate records of all pedigrees, matings and litters.
4. To honor to all agreements, following good ethics and business practices with breeding contracts. Written agreements are most important, preferred and highly recommended
5. To insure that any puppy buyer is well screened, has the physical facilities to properly care for the dog, to provide at least a three generation pedigree, and to place puppies only after they have reached seven weeks of age.
6. To do our best to be sure that puppies or dogs are never knowingly sold or consigned to pet stores, wholesalers, or commercial dealers. To never knowingly supply puppies or dogs for raffles, giveaways, prizes or any such projects.
7. To never engage in malicious criticism, never repeating comments heard from others if you don't KNOW it's the truth. To be sure all advertising is true, factual, and not misleading.
8. All dogs must be provided with adequate food, shelter, and medical care.
9. To uphold the rules of the United Kennel Club while exhibiting, practice the principles of good sportsmanship, and to consider other exhibitors as friends, even though competitors.
10. If you are judging, to be influenced only by the quality of the dogs being judged.
11. All actions are to be in the best interest of the Dalmatian breed, the North American Dalmatian Association, and the United Kennel Club.