

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS OF AMERICA

CODE OF ETHICS and GUIDELINES

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PPPA Code of Ethics:

- A. Definition: The PPPA Code of Ethics is set out by this organization as guidelines of best practices for PPPA members to follow for honesty, integrity, objectivity and competence standards to which members of PPPA may aspire to and by which their actions can be judged.
 - a. Honesty and Integrity: To behave in accordance with ethical principles, act in good faith, being truthful and sincere with your words, actions, and intentions. Treating people, places and things with courteous and respectful conduct.
 - b. Objectivity: Members should be fair, impartial and intellectually honest, and should not allow prejudice, bias, conflict of interest, or influence of others to override objectivity. Members should be independent in their actions.
 - c. Behavior: Members are expected to take responsibility for their own behavior and work effectively with others. Members should strive for high quality work standards, honesty, and integrity.
 - d. Competence: Members should continue to study the breed and to help other members better understand the needs of the breed. This is especially important when placing dogs with new owners either as show dogs or pets.
 - e. Behaviors of Bullying, Harassment and or gossip in any form or manner is considered prejudicial to good sportsmanship.
- B. PPPA members acknowledge that AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guideline take precedence over PPPA Constitution and by-Laws, PPPA Code of Ethics, PPPA Standing rules.
 - a. PPPA Members are recommended to adhere to these posted documents found on [AKC Website](#) and [PPPA Members area Website](#)
- C. Members are reminded that according to the PPPA Bylaws, charges may be filed with the PPPA Board against a member by any member (s) for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the Breed.

PPPA Guidelines: The PPPA offers guidelines for PPP Care and Conditions of Dogs, Breeding, Sales and General Practices.

- A. Care and Conditions: The PPPA adopts the AKC's Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy. The AKC's Care and Conditions Policy of Dogs reflects the values in promoting the responsible ownership and maintenance of dogs as basis for helping individuals ensure dog care practices are performed and housing facilities are kept in a safe, humane and responsible manner.
 - a. https://images.akc.org/pdf/governmentrelations/documents/Care_Conditions_Policy.pdf
 - b. In addition to the AKC's Care and Conditions Policy, individuals are expected to follow all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.
- B. Breeding:
 - a. The PPPA adopts the AKC's Guide to Responsible Dog Breeding. The AKC's Guide to Responsible Dog Breeding has resources available as a guide to responsible dog

breeding which may be found at <https://www.akc.org/breeder-programs/breeder-education/>

- b. The PPPA advises the completion of health testing prior to breeding IE. OFA PPPA CHIC # [1]. <https://ofa.org/chic-programs/browse-by-breed/?breed=PPD>
 - c. Refer to the [PPPA Standing Rules](#) for all known health conditions in PPP.
- C. Sales:
- a. The PPPA does not recommend the sale of Portuguese Podengo Pequenos to commercial entities, donations to auctions and/or surrendering to non-breed specific rescues.
- D. General Practices:
- a. The PPPA requests all members to permanently identify their PPP by way of registered microchip (preferred) and/or tattoo.

[1] Per OFA: “For CHIC certification, all results do not need to be normal, but they should be in the public domain so that responsible breeders can make more informed breeding decisions.” <https://ofa.org>