

Supporting Membership Guidelines for Standards of Care

Each Supporting member (SM) of the National Beagle Club will consider the welfare of the breed when engaging in any activities involving the breeding, selling or competition of beagles. NBC members, both individuals and member clubs, are urged to comply with the following guidelines:

1. Supporting Members of the National Beagle Club will abide by the constitution and by-laws of NBC and of the American Kennel Club.
2. Supporting Members will ensure that all dogs in their care are provided adequate food, water, and shelter, opportunity for exercise, veterinary care, and personal attention to monitor their needs.
3. Breedings will be directed toward producing beagles of exceptional quality in temperament, type and ability to hunt game. Only healthy and mature dogs and bitches free of painful or life-threatening hereditary defects and of sound structure and temperament shall be bred.
4. Bitches shall not be over-bred for the good health of any individual bitch. In most cases this would prohibit breeding a bitch on more than two consecutive heats or beyond the age of 8 years old.
5. Supporting Members should act responsibly regarding the disposition of puppies that they breed. Members shall be discriminating in the placing of puppies and adult hounds, choosing environments in which the beagle will receive suitable care and affection and will not be misused. Breeders should be willing to take back any puppy that they have bred which needs a new home, for the lifetime of all puppies bred by said member.
6. Beagles offered for sale or males offered at stud must be presented honestly regarding their pedigrees, health and their faults.
7. Supporting Members of the National Beagle Club will follow good business practices and ethics in breeding and sales contracts and will honor all agreements. Written agreements in all dealings regarding beagles are strongly encouraged.
8. No Supporting Member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters or the selling of breeding stock to commercial sales operations ("puppy mills"). No member will offer or supply beagles for prizes, raffles, or lotteries.
9. No Supporting Member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or misrepresentation of his/her beagles or those of competitors.
10. Supporting Members will practice the principles of good sportsmanship, considering competition to be a challenge, not a threat.
11. All Supporting Members of the National Beagle Club shall conduct themselves in all aspects of the sport of dogs in a manner designed to reflect credit upon our breed and our club.