

# OHIO VALLEY PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI CLUB

## CODE OF ETHICS

Each individual member of the Ohio Valley Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club will consider the welfare of the breed when engaged in any activities involving breeding, exhibiting and selling of Pembroke Welsh Corgis and will refrain from any activities which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the breed and of this club.

OVPWCC members are expected to comply with the following procedures:

Each member who contemplates breeding a litter, or who allows the use of his stud dog to the same end, shall direct his efforts toward producing Pembrokes of excellent quality.

Only dogs of characteristic type and of sound structure and temperament shall be offered at stud. Likewise, owners of stud dogs shall not accept for breeding any bitch the reproduction of which is likely to be detrimental to the breed.

If a dog or bitch has produced any offspring with serious inherited defects detrimental to the animal's well-being such as blindness, deafness, lameness or impairment of vital functions, and produces like results with a different mating partner, the owner shall refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.

No bitch shall be bred more than two out of three heat seasons, then only if she is in robust health and never at the time of her first season. Breeding bitches over 7 years of age is generally to be discouraged.

Members should not undertake the breeding of a bitch unless they are prepared to keep the resultant puppies until each is suitably placed even if it takes longer than anticipated. Members offering a dog at stud should have similar assurances from owners of outside bitches.

Members will not engage in excessive breeding of Pembroke Welsh Corgis.

No member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters of dogs or the selling of breeding stock or individuals to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses or other commercial sources of distribution nor shall any dogs be supplied for a raffle, lottery, or auction.

The price of puppies, adults, and stud service shall be based on individual quality. All puppies and adults shall be maintained and/or sold in a clean and healthy condition and shall be at least 8 weeks of age before going to a new home. No puppy or dog will be sold without appropriate vaccinations.

A puppy or adult unsuitable for breeding shall be sold on a limited AKC registration. The dog is to be neutered. This should be clearly understood by the buyer, and the breeder shall have a signed statement to that effect. All other puppies or adults shall be registered or eligible for registration with the AKC and the purchaser shall be provided with accurate and valid papers.