

VCA CODE OF ETHICS

Sportsmanship:

VCA members shall always conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves, their Vizslas and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of the location or circumstance. Protect and advance the development of the Vizsla through continued improvement of soundness, stable temperament, natural hunting ability and conformation as set forth in the official Vizsla Standard

Health

VCA members shall maintain the best possible standard of canine health, cleanliness and veterinary care in an atmosphere conducive to the stable development of their dogs.

Breeding:

VCA members shall breed only with the intention of improving the breed by breeding only those Vizslas who conform to the standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club, exhibit soundness, stable temperament and natural hunting ability. Breed only those dogs who are free of serious hereditary defects including epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, Von Willebrands, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy and who are over two years of age and have been x-rayed and OFA certified as free from hip dysplasia.

Sales:

VCA members shall not breed, sell, consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles. Honestly value the quality of the Vizsla sold and fairly represent that evaluation and urge puppies purchasers to spay or neuter all pets which for any reason will not be used for breeding, not release puppies under seven weeks of age, furnish details on feeding, care, inoculations, pedigrees and written sales agreements. Screen all prospective buyers to assure that puppies have safe and loving homes, supply assistance and support to puppy buyers for the life of the dog. Encourage owners to become involved in Vizsla activities, the Vizsla Club of America and regional Vizsla Clubs.

The breed's parent club, the Vizsla Club of America, in recognizing its responsibility in protecting the breed has also adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution:

The Officers and the Board of Directors of the Vizsla Club of America, Inc., in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn cross-breeding of pure bred Vizslas and falsification of registration documents. All persons following the fancy of Vizslas are enjoined to subscribe to this ethic in the best interest of the breed.

Resolution:

The Vizsla Club of America calls for all breed stock to be radiographed and specifies that no dog or bitch with the slightest evidence of hip dysplasia be used for breeding purposes. In keeping with this resolution, "The Vizsla News" will not accept ads for any Vizsla as breeding stock that does not have an OFA number. Ads for litters of puppies will not be accepted unless the sire and dam had OFA numbers at the time of breeding. Complete OFA numbers must be sent in with each ad request and will be printed in full. OFA requirements do not apply to dogs appearing in news articles. Instructions for OFA diagnosis may be obtained for a fee from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, 2300 Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201-3856, phone (573) 442-0418.

Resolution:

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Vizsla Club of America, in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn the breeding of dogs with serious genetic defects including: epilepsy, PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy), Von Willebrand's Disease, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy.