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What Is BCA?

History

The Bulldog Club of America is a member club dedicated to protect and promote the Bulldog breed. When sports like "Bull baiting" and "dog fighting" were outlawed in England, there were a few men who felt the Bulldog should not be allowed to disappear. They formed a group which eventually became The Bulldog Club. As English immigrants made their way to America, they brought their beloved Bulldogs with them. A few dedicated Bulldog fanciers formed The Bulldog Club of America. The club was legally established in 1890 and was one of the first breed clubs to become a member of the (then) new American Kennel Club (AKC). As membership in the BCA began to spread across the country, the organization was reshaped. In 1950 the two-tiered National Organization of today was formed. The main objective of the reorganization was to guarantee representation to all bulldoggers in all areas of the country. The BCA government is patterned in part after our National government. BCA National officers form the Executive branch. The country is divided then into eight geographical areas called Divisions. A Council composed of representatives (Councilors), elected by BCA members in each of their respective Divisions, form the Legislative Body. Each Division has a similar structure, Division officers and a Board of Governors to carry out the work of BCA within their geographical boundaries. National officers are elected for two years and the responsibility rotates numerically through the Divisions... The result has been a great success.



How is BCA Structured?

There are 8 Divisions in the BCA. Each Division elects one Councilor for every 50 members in their Division. These councilors then represent their respective Divisions in the Council meeting held annually at the National Specialty, where the business of the club is conducted.

DIV 1... CT, DE, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

DIV 2... IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, WV, WI

DIV 3... AZ, CA, HI, NV

DIV 4... AR, CO, LA, NM, OK, TX, WY

DIV 5... AK, ID, MT, OR, UT, WA

DIV 6... IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD

DIV 7... DC, MD, NC, SC, VA

DIV 8... AL, FL, GA, MS, TN

Club Objectives, As stated by the founders

1. To maintain a standard of excellence for the guidance of breeders, owners and judges.
2. To improve the breed through encouragement of effort directed toward approaching to the degree of excellence as set forth in the Standard of the Bulldog Breed.
3. To stimulate interest in competitive public showing of Bulldogs.
4. To further interests of the breed.
5. To work for the general good of breeders, owners and exhibitors of Bulldogs.

BCA Code of Ethics

Preamble: *This Code of Ethics is established to set a standard of acceptable behavior for the Bulldog Club of America (BCA) members and promote the objectives of our founders as set forth in Article 1 of our Constitution. The Code is designed to protect the integrity of the Club and serve as a guideline for BCA members when buying, breeding, selling and exhibiting Bulldogs.*

- As a member of BCA, I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws, Divisional By-Laws of the BCA, the rules of the American Kennel Club (AKC), and the breed standard as adopted by the BCA.
- As a member of the BCA, I will maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care. I will make reasonable effort within my breeding program to minimize the occurrence of known genetic abnormalities, or breed standard disqualifications. I will keep accurate breeding records, registration papers,

pedigrees and sales of all my Bulldogs. I will furnish accurate records to each buyer, including all veterinary examinations, vaccinations, parasite treatments, pedigree and AKC registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that papers will be withheld.

- As a member of the BCA, I will conduct all advertising in an honest manner that will not, in any way, misrepresent, defraud or be misleading, nor will I malign my competition by making false or misleading statements regarding my competitors' dogs, breeding practices or person.
- As a member of the BCA, if I have a written agreement for services and sales it will be mutually agreed upon and signed by all parties involved. Contracts covering the sale of intact male dogs will include language prohibiting the sale at auction of any breeding, including sale of the dog's frozen semen, by the buyer of the dog.
- As a member of the BCA, I will offer only dogs for stud or bitches for breeding that are in good health, free from communicable diseases, and that do not have a breed standard disqualification. I will not register, or provide for registration by others, on a full registration any dog or bitch possessing a breed standard disqualification; such registrations may be made on a limited registration only, and any written sales agreement shall state that the dog or bitch shall not be used for reproduction.
- I will not breed to bitches unless they are registered with AKC or a registry recognized by AKC, nor offer at stud a dog that is not registered with AKC or a registry recognized by AKC.
- As a member of the BCA, I agree that I will not, to my knowledge, breed any stud dog to any bitch whose owner is directly involved with any puppy broker, litter lot sales or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in like activities or does not adhere to the standards of care and breeding described within this Code of Ethics. I will not to my knowledge sell a Bulldog to any commercial facility, puppy broker, pet shop or agent thereof Nor will I offer any Bulldog for auction or raffle.
- As a member of the BCA, I will conduct myself at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs in general and Bulldogs in particular.
- I fully understand that if I fail to conduct myself or my purebred dog actives in accordance with the above stated Code of Ethics, I may be subject to Discipline, per Article VI of the BCA Divisional By-Laws.

Standing Committees

All Committees share a common purpose which is to improve the Bulldog Club Of America and make it more valuable to the members.

AKC Correspondent ensures that an interesting and informative article about the Bulldog or BCA is included in the Non Sporting issues of the AKC Gazette magazine.

**For a list of Bulldog Club
of America Member Clubs
in your area visit:
www.bulldogclubofamerica.org**

Archives Copies of the minutes, of all council and Executive meetings, all publications, all constitutions and amendments, and anything else of historical importance is included in the archives.

Audit and Finance provides oversight of BCA's financial status.

Awards orders the Trophy Medallions for the National Show classes pursuant to the National Show Guideline; acquires the National Show Judges gifts; orders and distributes to each Division a Best of Breed trophy, and supplies four medallions to the BCA Education Chairperson for plaques to be awarded for the annual newsletter and website contests.

Breeder Referral directs the public to members who have signed and agreed to be governed by a "Breeder's Code of Ethics".

The Bulldogger Published tri-annually, The *Bulldogger* is one of the most highly respected Breed publications in the dog world and is one of the benefits of membership in the BCA.

Communications/Media develops proactive communications and provides information and activities that involve liaising directly with people responsible for producing news and features in the mass media to maximize consistent,

positive and fact-based coverage of the Bulldog. The committee shall collaborate with other BCA Committees to develop comprehensive messaging on topics of concern to the BCA.

Education responsible for educational materials, classes, and public speakers to encourage the growth of BCA members, the public, and Bulldog breeders for the purpose of protecting and promoting the breed.

Election Rules and Procedures publishes, reviews annually and recommends for Council approval any changes to the Election Rules and Procedures.

Health educates specifically on health issues, and genetic research, to insure the future health of the Bulldog.

History is responsible for preparing & submitting an annual summary of BCA activities.

Information Technology uses the Web to speed communication with members *and* the public regarding events, education, history, health, and general information as it relates to the BCA or the Bulldog breed.

Judges Directory maintains and publishes information about the relevant history of Breeder Judges for the information of Show Committees and exhibitors.

Judge's Education conducts seminars about the breed and its standard for those interested in becoming judges.

Legislation keeps an eye on anti-dog legislation coordinating with Divisions and clubs in combating such actions.

Long Range Planning sets up the club's annual operating budget and plans for future financial needs.

Membership Advisory responsible for developing and implementing a multi-year action plan for membership development, retention and recruitment, improve member satisfaction, and develop club membership goals.

Membership Directory works with the *Bulldogger* Editor to prepare and disseminate the annual updated booklet of member contact information.

National Gallery and Hall of Fame is responsible for the Gallery of National Winners, transportation of the Gallery to National show sites, commissioning and approving the paintings, maintenance of the art, and care of the Hall of Fame awards and traveling trophies.

National Show Rules & Procedures is responsible for maintaining all procedures to insure that the annual BCA National Specialty fulfills its purpose as a high quality exhibition of the Bulldog.

Rescue BCA has a liaison to BCARN (BCA Rescue Network) a separate tax-exempt, nonprofit rescue network to better fulfill the rescue needs of the Bulldog community.

Standard Operating Procedures Our Constitution and Bylaws cover our government. SOP covers most procedural matters.

Webmaster maintains current and accurate information on the BCA website.