



## **CODE OF ETHICS**

***As a member of the Papillon Club of Victoria Inc. I / we hereby agree to comply with the Victorian Canine Association Inc. (also known as Dogs Victoria) Code of Ethics, any additional canine regulations in my / our place of residence and with all the ANKC rules and regulations pertaining to the National Code of Ethics of Responsible Dog ownership and the National Code of Practice for Hereditary Diseases - in particular the following –***

### **Standard of the Breed**

The breed standard is a written criterion and accepted by the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) that describes the ideal Papillon. With this in mind, members should always breed to conform to the breed standard adopted by the ANKC.

### **Registration of Dogs**

All members' dogs and puppies must be properly registered with Victorian Canine Association trading as DOGS VICTORIA Inc. or the controlling body in your state. Accurate records must be kept. All puppies other than those sold specifically for the confirmation ring or breeding purposes are to be registered on the Limited or Neutered Register.

### **Hereditary Defects**

Members should endeavour to breed animals that are free from hereditary defects including eye disorders, structural defects, and adverse temperament. Remember that the Papillon is friendly and lively with a happy disposition and timidity is highly undesirable. Aggression is Unacceptable. Members should take advantage of all possible testing procedures to measure, minimize, control or eradicate any and all of the above defects. From time to time new tests become available and members should ensure they keep abreast of these changes and incorporate them into their breeding program where necessary. Please refer to Papillon Club of Vic Inc. Code of Practice Hereditary Diseases, September 2011

## **General Health**

Members should endeavour to maintain the best possible health and care of all their dogs and to have their dogs regularly checked by their veterinarian. All dogs in the members care will be provided with adequate housing and sanitary conditions, ensuring that the dogs are exercised and socialised regularly and that food and water is available

## **Breeding**

No Papillon is to be bred before twelve months of age to ensure the animal has reached maturity and has been effectively screened for genetic diseases. Members should give careful consideration to mating a bitch or using a dog at stud. Special care should be taken before breeding with regard to the physical condition and mental maturity of all animals regardless of age. Both dog and bitch owners should be selective and discuss their choice of stud dog or brood bitch in terms of soundness, temperament and hereditary defects.

## **Placement of Puppies or Dogs**

Members shall not sell or donate puppies or dogs to commercial, wholesale or retail outlets or for raffle prizes. Members shall not sell Papillons to a person knowing that the recipient is acting as a dealer or is a dog re-seller or if the dog is to be given as a present by a third party Members should endeavour to place their puppies in good homes and should carefully vet all prospective new owners and should maintain regular contact with puppy buyers wherever possible and encourage reciprocal contact. It is suggested that Papillon puppies not be placed before 3 months of age however no puppies will be placed before 8 weeks of age. Every puppy or dog placed will be accompanied by a signed registration /original pedigree document (that has been issued by Dogs Victoria Inc. or the relevant state authority). No Papillon will be placed without registration papers. When re-homing puppies or older dogs all vaccination, worming, health records and information on how to care for the Papillon must be given to the new owner. Members should be willing to take back any puppy or dog they have placed on a non-financial basis in order to find an appropriate home.

### **Sportsmanship and Conduct of Members**

Good sportsmanship is expected of each Papillon Club of Victoria member. It's important to remember that members of the club represent the club at all times and as such should behave in a manner that is both professional and courteous to all. Members should show good sportsmanship when attending or competing at any Dogs Victoria Inc. sanctioned event and in no way denigrate the dogs of others. Members should represent their dogs honestly and not use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising, nor denigrate other owners or breeders. Remember that the welfare of the breed comes before personal benefit. . This document must be read together with Victorian Canine Association Inc. (also known as Dogs Victoria) Regulations, Codes, Policies & Procedures, Part 20 Codes, 20.1 Code of Practice, 20.3 Code of Practice for Hereditary Diseases Victorian State Government Legislation in relation to keeping of dogs. .

Signed

Witness

Date