



# National Shiba Club of America Breeder Directory and Education Program

## Guidelines

**The Guidelines which I promise to follow under penalty of being removed from the Breeder Directory and Education Program are as follows:**

**As a Responsible breeder, I will:**

1. Strive in each breeding to achieve the highest quality possible, relative to the breed standard for conformation, temperament and health by breeding only physically sound dogs of stable temperament that are free of known inheritable defects.
2. Check, to the best of my ability, my breeding stock for Parent Club required health testing which includes hip dysplasia, patella luxation, and eye defects. I will also do my best to be aware of any history (within their lines) of genetic diseases pertinent to the Shiba Inu such as allergies, seizure disorders, heart disorders, and other heritable diseases. Where available, documentation of any health screening will be made available to prospective buyers.
3. Apply the same high standards to those bitches accepted for breeding to my stud dogs as I apply to my own breeding stock.
4. Gain personal knowledge of the temperament and health of every dog I breed or use for breeding in order to gather information on which to base future breeding decisions. I will share all health and temperament information fully and honestly with other breeders and with prospective buyers. I will attempt to match the personality of each puppy as carefully as possible with a compatible buyer/family. I will evaluate temperament of each litter before puppies are offered for sale.
5. Disclose any known health or temperament issues for sire or dam to puppy buyers or anyone who is using one of my dogs or bitches for breeding. (For example: health issues, see number two above.) Examples of temperament issues may include aggressive tendencies, excessive guarding behavior or shyness. I will educate my buyer that inherent temperament will be greatly influenced (good/bad) by socializing, training, and environment.
6. Sell show/breeding prospects only to ethical persons. I will be willing to mentor and educate all novice buyers who have intentions to breed.
7. Not represent or sell puppies/dogs displaying any AKC disqualification or serious fault (off colors such as cream or pinto) as being of show or breeding quality.
8. Have each puppy examined by a veterinarian for general health. Each puppy will have current vaccinations and be de-wormed. A health record furnished by a veterinarian will accompany each puppy at the time of sale. This record will ascertain good health and list all known health problems pertaining to the pup. My Buyers will be encouraged to have their puppy examined by a veterinarian upon receipt. Current health records will also accompany each older dog that is placed into a new home.
9. Supply to every buyer (whether with limited or unlimited registration) a written contract containing all pertinent information: This includes, but is not limited to, a copy (or the means of obtaining a copy) of health screenings available of sire and dam, vaccination records and health exams for the puppy, a copy (or means of obtaining a copy) of a three generation pedigree for that puppy. The AKC Registration Application will also be provided in a timely manner based on the contract agreement. I will also supply each puppy buyer with the NSCA website URL (<http://www.shibas.org>).
10. Require that all buyers of pet puppies/adult dogs spay/neuter, within the time periods specified in the purchase contract.

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11. Encourage puppy buyers to go to puppy and obedience class.
12. Take puppy back if it exhibits unacceptable (to buyer) temperament issues (extreme aggression or shyness), within 60 days. I will allow the puppy owner to return the puppy to me for a refund of *up to* full purchase price or have the option of (but will not be compelled to accept) a replacement puppy.
13. At any time, accept the return of any dog/bitch for which I am listed as breeder of record on all AKC documentation. This includes animals purchased by the original buyer, a subsequent home, rescue, shelter or animal control. I will always help when relocation of an animal I have bred is needed.
14. Not sell, supply, donate or surrender any dog I breed or own to a pet shop, raffle, catalog house, wholesale dealer, dog pound, animal shelter, back yard breeder, rescue organization (except under special circumstances) or laboratory (unless for accredited breed research). I will insist upon reasonable assurance that each individual receiving a dog from my kennel will provide a home with appropriate shelter and responsible care, and will provide educational resource information to assist buyers to become responsible dog owners.
15. Not engage in misleading or false advertising. I will not state that I am “certified” or “approved” by the NSCA as a breeder. I will not use NSCA membership or logo on my private Web Site without written permission from the NSCA board of directors. When titles advertised have not been awarded by AKC or NSCA, I will advertise those titles with the abbreviation or name of the awarding organization.
16. Participate and cooperate, in such a way with which I am comfortable, in accredited research studies into heritable defects affecting the Shiba Inu.
17. To the best of my ability, return emails and telephone calls to those inquiring about available Shibas and requesting information about the breed or NSCA.
18. Make myself available (return emails, letters, and phone calls) to my puppy/dog buyers for as long as that dog is alive.
19. Not speak to prospective buyers in a negative manner about another breeder who is a member of NSCA.

**I understand that I may be removed from the Breeder Directory if I should violate any of these terms.**