

# **Dogo Argentino Club of South Texas**

## **Code of Ethics**

The Dogo Argentino Club of South Texas (DACSTX) requires its members to adhere to the following Code of Ethics to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders, owners, and fanciers by encouraging good sportsmanship in safeguarding the advancement of the breed. The Code of ethics contains the Dogo Argentino Club of South Texas's fundamental beliefs and by becoming a member all breeders, owners, and fanciers agree that they openly share these beliefs.

1. Breeding should only be done with the goal of breed improvement and breed standard in mind. Each breeding should be planned based on health, type, temperament, and functionality with the paramount intention of improving the breed. Cross breeding is not permissible. A breeding should never be done for monetary gain.
2. A breeder shall screen all potential buyers prior to the sale of a Dogo Argentino. A breeder shall never deliver or let a buyer take a puppy prior to eight (8) weeks of age. The breeder is expected to provide the buyer with the following:
  - a. Written contract outlining expectations for the breeder and buyer, with a provision that the breeder is contacted if, and when an owner can no longer keep a Dogo Argentino sold to them and that the breeder will take back the dog if asked to do so.
  - b. Registration application, completed registration or a signed transform form
  - c. A copy of the BAER test and a health record that includes vaccinations, de-worming, feeding instructions and general health of the puppy.
  - d. Stipulate that the buyer have a veterinary check-up within five (5) working days of the sale, to determine that the Dogo Argentino is healthy. If determined that the Dogo is not within good health, the breeder will, upon the return of the Dogo Argentino, refund the purchase price or replace the Dogo Argentino, or abide by the stipulations as stated within the contract between the Breeder and Buyer.
3. The Dogo Argentino Club of South Texas recommends all breeders keep an accurate and detailed record system on each Dog and Bitch in their kennel as well as puppy sales, health records and registration.
4. All members must provide and maintain a sanitary and secure environment, quality food, fresh water, proper shelter from the heat or cold, appropriate socialization and exercise, and routine veterinary care. Members will not allow their Dogo Argentinos to roam free unattended or unsupervised.
5. Members will not sell, place, nor use a Dogo Argentino for the purpose of bite work, fighting, or any other sport detrimental to the breed and its reputation.
6. The Dogo Argentino Club of South Texas recommends that all breeders and owners microchip their dog(s) and litter(s).
7. The Dogo Argentino Club of South Texas does not recommend breeding any Dogo Argentino that has not had BAER, cardiac or Hip testing done.
8. All members will conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times. Encourage not only members within this organization but all Dogueros we may encounter regarding our beliefs outlined in this Code of Ethics.