

Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club of Central Maryland Membership Application

Name: _____ Additional Person: _____

Occupation(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you currently own Italian Greyhounds? _____ How Many? _____

Names and ages? _____

Do you: Breed IG's? Exhibit IG's? Intend to compete?

Do you own another breed? What kind? _____

Are you interested in any of the following activities? Check as many as you wish.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conformation showing | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible pet ownership | <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play dates | <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Good Citizen (CGC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy pet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lure coursing | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agility | <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____ | | |

Are you:

Interested in hosting a play date? Yes No

Interested in serving on a committee? Yes No

Interested in being a chairperson? Yes No

Available committees are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance | <input type="checkbox"/> Conformation/Junior Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Versatility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanctioned/Fun Match | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |

Please indicate any concerns or issues you would like to see addressed by the Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club.

Dues are:

\$20.00 Individual Membership within Maryland, one vote.

\$30.00 Two Adult Memberships (over age 18) at the same address within Maryland, two votes.

\$15.00 Individual Associate Membership, no vote.

\$20.00 Two Adult Associate Memberships at the same address, no votes.

Associate members may participate in all discussions, events and meetings, serve on committees, but may not vote or hold office.

I am enclosing my check for \$_____ for my dues.

I/we are applying for membership in the Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club and agree to abide by the code of ethics and by laws as attached.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

This application must also be sponsored by two members in good standing of the Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club of Central Maryland:

Sponsor Name: _____ Date _____

Sponsor Name: _____ Date _____

Gather the following:

- Application (filled out and signed)
- Code of Ethics (signed)
- Constitution and By-Laws (signed)
- Dues payment

And mail to:

Peny Lang, MAIGC Secretary
231 Nottoway St., SE
Leesburg, VA 20175

**MID-ATLANTIC ITALIAN GREYHOUND CLUB OF CENTRAL MARYLAND
CONSTITUTION - Revised November 2002**

ARTICLE I - Name and Objects

SECTION 1. The name of the club shall be the Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club of Central Maryland.

SECTION 2. The objects of the club shall be:

- a) To further the advancement of Italian Greyhounds;
- b) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of lure coursing tests and trials, dog shows, sanctioned conformation matches, agility and obedience trials, and tracking tests and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at such events;
- c) To conduct lure coursing tests and trials, dog shows, sanctioned conformation matches, agility and obedience trials, and tracking tests under the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club;
- d) To disseminate knowledge, conduct classes in and promote the training of Italian Greyhounds;
- e) To encourage the training of judges.

SECTION 3. The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - Membership

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be regular, household, and associate types of membership open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. Regular membership will only be available to individuals within the club's local area. Associate memberships will be offered to all new applicants residing in states other than Maryland. After holding Associate membership for one year, regular memberships may be offered to "active" Associate members residing outside of the local area. Associate members are entitled to all club privileges except voting and office holding, but do not affect quorum requirements for meetings. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders, exhibitors and fanciers in its immediate area.

SECTION 2. Dues. Membership dues shall not exceed \$30.00 per member per year, payable on or before the 1st day of March of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of January the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the board of directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the club following its receipt. At the next club meeting the applications will be voted upon and affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months of such rejection.

SECTION 4. Termination of Membership.

Memberships may be terminated:

(a) by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the club and they are incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.

(b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

(c) by expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II - Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the club shall be held every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November) within the greater West Friendship, MD area at such hour and place as may be designated by the board of directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings. Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the board; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held within the greater West Friendship, MD area at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the board of directors shall be held every other month within the greater West Friendship, MD area at such hour and place as may be designated by the board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the board. Such special meetings shall be held within the greater West Friendship, MD area at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 5. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III - Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The board shall be comprised of the officers, Immediate Past President (non-voting member) and 5 other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and 50% of whom shall be elected for two-year terms at the club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. Staggered replacement of officers over a two year period will maintain continuity of purpose and direction. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the board of directors.

SECTION 2. Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings.

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.

(b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

(c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club; shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.

(d) The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence from the public and to the general public. The Corresponding Secretary shall provide and forward to the Secretary all matters which require being made a permanent record.

(e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the board of directors shall determine.

(f) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the board shall be comprised of 9 persons.

SECTION 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the board.

ARTICLE IV - The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year. The club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December. The club's official year, shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of September, at which officers and directors for the ensuing term shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 3. Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for other positions on the board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month of May, the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before June 1st.

(a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and position on the board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

(b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary must mail written notice of the nominated candidates to all club members at least two weeks prior to the July meeting.

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the July meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

(d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V - Committees

SECTION 1. The board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials (field trials), trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the board. Special committees may also be appointed by the board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the board upon written notice to the appointee; and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI - Discipline

SECTION 1. American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the board or present them at a board meeting, and the board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by the board not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

SECTION 3. Board Hearing. The board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the board may by a majority vote of those present reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the board's recommendation. Immediately after the board has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the club following a board hearing and upon the board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the club, to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he/she wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the board of directors and must be submitted to the members with the recommendations of the board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds secret vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Dissolution

SECTION 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club but after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX - Order of Business

SECTION 1. At meetings of the club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Vice President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of officers and board (at annual meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Roll call
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Vice President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE X - Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised," shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.

If you are applying for membership in the Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club of Central Maryland, please print this document, then sign and date it below, and include it with your application:

Signature: _____ Date _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

**Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club of Central Maryland
Code of Ethics
Adopted February 2000**

1. I agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club and the rules and regulations of the AKC.
2. As a Club member, whether breeder, exhibitor or solely a companion dog owner, I will strive to set an excellent example of good sportsmanship and responsible animal ownership.
3. I agree to support the Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club by volunteering my time and services to serve on at least one committee, assist with club fund raising activities and/or to hold a club office.
4. I agree that I will foster friendship and offer educational advice to newcomers and novices by remaining familiar with and forthright about the characteristics of the Italian Greyhound.,
5. I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the Italian Greyhound Club of America (IGCA) whether or not I am a member of that organization. (Full Text of IGCA Code of Ethics Follows)

***ITALIAN GREYHOUND CLUB OF AMERICA
Code of Ethics and Breeding Practices
Approved December 3, 2001***

Goal

These recommendations were established and approved by the membership of the Italian Greyhound Club of America (IGCA) as a voluntary standard for members, and as a guide for non-members. The goal of these recommendations is to protect, preserve, and improve the breed and its future, as well as protect individual dogs. All members of the IGCA have an obligation to put the welfare of the breed above personal gain and refrain from activities that would be detrimental to the best interests of the breed or IGCA. These guidelines are presented with the realization that ethics are difficult to regulate and that most individuals desire and intend to do what is right. Education and communication are the preferred methods of obtaining compliance to these practices.

General Conduct

Members shall provide all dogs in their care with the highest possible standards of nutrition, shelter, cleanliness, veterinary care, exercise, training, socialization and individual attention so that all the dogs may become well-adjusted companions. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentation of his/her Italian Greyhounds. Breeders shall not malign other breeder's Italian Greyhounds or breeding practices, but are encouraged to provide pertinent information about their own dogs or those of others, providing such information is accurate and verifiable.

Breeders should be straightforward and honest about their stud's or bitch's strong and weak points as well as about results of past breedings and family history. Breeders should refuse to allow their dogs to participate in matings that, in their judgment, are not in the best interest of the breed.

Breeders should seek the best possible environment for each Italian Greyhound. No member of IGCA shall sell, consign, or donate Italian Greyhounds to such places as commercial/USDA breeders, pet stores, pet brokers, or catalog houses. Italian Greyhounds may not be offered to events such as raffles, auctions, drawing, lotteries, contests, or laboratory experiments, and breeders should not knowingly deal with unethical persons.

Breeders must comply with all record keeping requirements of the AKC publications Procedures for Registration Matters, Chapter VII: Regulations for Record Keeping and Identification of Dogs and Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline.

Health Issues

The breeding of purebred dogs is not an exact science. It is not always possible to prevent the occurrence of inherited diseases, as there are not yet definitive tests to identify carriers of genetic diseases. A breeder's obligation with regard to genetic diseases is to make every effort to prevent their occurrence and to share openly and honestly all information available regarding the genetic health status of his/her dogs. While elimination of genetic diseases is a worthy goal, the converse is that excessive culling of animals from the gene pool may have the equally deleterious effect of limiting the gene pool in the breed. Breeders should be cautious about removing animals from the breeding pool solely because they are distantly related to an affected individual.

The IGCA recommends waiting until a dog is at least two years of age prior to breeding it. All prospective breeding animals should be carefully observed and evaluated for any health problems that might develop as the animal matures. Breeders should research the pedigrees of all animals to be bred and provide or require documented health testing as listed in *Appendix II*. Breeders or owners of dogs identified (by testing or clinical signs) as being affected by an inherited disease, should make very effort to notify owners or breeders of closely related dogs. Such notification should include copies of test results and diagnosis so that other will have more complete information when planning future breedings or monitoring their dogs for potential problems.

A dog or bitch that has produced offspring with an inheritable disease, or that has a sire or dam affected by an inheritable disease is considered a carrier of that condition. Breeding of a carrier is generally discouraged and should be considered only if a) the individual is considered to be of excellent quality in all other respects, b) owners of prospective mates are clearly notified of the carrier's status, c) pedigrees of prospective mates are carefully evaluated in an effort to find a mate that is not a carrier of the condition and d) prospective purchasers of puppies are clearly notified of the carrier's status.

Responsibilities of Breeders and Stud Dog Owners

Each member who contemplates breeding a litter, or who allows the use of their stud dog to the same end, shall direct their efforts toward producing Italian Greyhounds of exceptional quality. The breeding of Italian Greyhounds should never be offered or taken lightly. All breeders should refrain from breeding until they understand the official AKC standard sufficiently to distinguish between correct and incorrect conformation. Such ability presupposes the knowledge of basic genetic principles. Breeding arrangements are often confusing; they are best written and agreed upon by both seller and buyer.

Breeders should research the pedigrees of all animals to be bred and provide or require documented health tests as recommended in *Appendix II* of these animals. Known health or temperament problems in any animals used for breeding, or found in litters they have

produced, should be disclosed to the owners of any prospective mates.

Breeding should be undertaken only when the breeder is in a position to properly care for the bitch and litter, and with the plan of keeping at least one puppy to hopefully advance and improve the breed. Breeders are responsible for all puppies they breed and must be willing to accept the return of puppies for the entire lifetime of the dog. Each member should be assured that a reasonable portion of an anticipated litter (the member's breeding or that resulting from use of member's stud) is suitably spoken for before a breeding takes place.

No bitch shall be bred more often than 2 out of 3 seasons, then only if in robust health. The physical and mental well-being of the bitch is the prime consideration at any time. Breeders should remain in contact with puppy buyers to monitor the puppies' progress and to keep a health record for each puppy. Puppy buyers should be encouraged to have health tests done even if the dog will never be bred, as such information is essential in evaluating the overall genetic health of a litter.

Although the breeder has the greatest share of responsibility for puppies they breed, the owner of the sire should also have enough interest in the dog's offspring to be willing to help in the rescue and placement of said offspring if necessary.

Stud dogs or bitches who produce offspring of consistently poor quality in their first two breedings have no value as breeding stock and should not be bred again. No individual showing a serious inherited defect in type, structure or temperament shall be offered at stud. Likewise, owners of stud dogs shall not accept for breeding any bitch showing these same defects. The stud dog should be bred selectively. The owner should discourage the individual who wants to breed a bitch lacking in quality or one unsuitable for the stud, and explain why. The stud dog owner should be certain the owner of the bitch has the necessary knowledge and facilities to care for the puppies for as long as is necessary.

Substitution of an alternate stud for an unable or unwilling one, or the use of hormone injections or artificial insemination should not be practiced unless sufficient cause exists and all parties are in full agreement; and then only in accordance with AKC recommendations. Such practices should not be adopted merely to fulfill the stud dog's duty or to avoid the loss of a breeding season.

Sales

All puppies and adults shall be sold in a clean and healthy condition. All agreements and stipulations should be recorded either in a sales contract or by simple written exchange of mutual expectations. For the protection of the puppy it is recommended that a written agreement be obtained from the buyer stating that should the buyer ever be unable to keep the dog, the dog cannot be sold to a third party, but must be returned to the breeder. No adult or puppy shall be sold without adequate protection against disease. Concerning any puppy or adult showing a serious deviation from the standard which renders it unsuitable for breeding, puppies shall be sold with limited registration papers, puppies and adults shall be spayed/neutered prior to the sale, or with a contract requiring spay/neuter at an appropriate age. This shall be clearly understood by the buyer and the breeder shall have a signed statement to that effect.

Breeding arrangements in lieu of, or in addition to, cash payment, should be held to an absolute minimum and confined to the knowledgeable purchaser desirous of becoming a breeder. Such arrangements should be made only on a dog of breeding quality and only when the breeder/seller desire to retain said animal as part of a well-planned breeding

program. Breeding arrangements should never be established which encourage or demand the "pet" buyer to undertake a breeding or a breeding program. No sales contract should compel any buyer to breed a dog or bitch; therefore, any sales contract should provide remunerative release options as an alternative to breeding arrangements.

Encouragement to breed, such as might be implied by advertisements offering "breeding stock" for sale or lease should not be made. In discussions with prospective purchasers the seller should be extremely cautious regarding show prospects of any dog, lest he/she imply that success will be automatic. The term "guarantee" if used, should clearly mean replacement of one dog with another or return for a refund, rather than positive analysis of the dog at hand. Breeders are strongly encouraged to tattoo or microchip their dogs and register this permanent identification with the proper registry, and/or encourage puppy buyers to do the same.

Information provided to buyer

The breeder should always provide the new owner with the following:

1. AKC registrations paper or other identification as described in Procedures for Registration Matters, Chapter VII : Regulations for Record Keeping, C. Identifying Dogs at the Time of Delivery, and a 3 generation pedigree.
2. Immunization schedule and veterinary health records.
3. Written information concerning care, feeding, training, socialization and accident prevention.
4. A recommended reading list that includes the Italian Greyhound books and magazine.
5. A copy of the sales contract or agreement, containing any and all stipulations agreed to by either buyer or seller.
6. A copy of these Code of Ethics and Recommended Breeding Practices.

Appendices

The IGCA Health and Welfare Committee will periodically update these Appendices in consultation with the IGCA Board of Directors.

Appendix I: Genetic Diseases in Italian Greyhounds

Research into the canine genome is proceeding at an explosive pace and information about genetic diseases in dogs is becoming more readily available every day. However, we do not yet have definitive information about every disease that has a genetic component, or what its method of inheritance is. Nonetheless, the following is a list of conditions known, or highly suspected, to be inheritable in the Italian Greyhound.

1. Color Dilute Alopecia
2. Cryptorchidism (monorchid)
3. Deafness
4. Hypothyroidism
5. Idiopathic Epilepsy (seizures)
6. Juvenile Cataracts
7. Legg-Perthe's Disease
8. Luxating Patellas (slipped stifles)
9. Portal Systemic Shunts (liver shunts)

- 10. Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)
- 11. Von Willebrand's Disease (VWD)

Appendix II: Recommended Health Testing

- 1. Brucellosis. While brucellosis is not an inherited disease, it is a sexually transmitted disease and can infect humans. Therefore, the IGCA recommends brucellosis testing of all breeding stock prior to each breeding.
- 2. CERF (Canine Eye Registry Foundation) eye exams annually until age 10.
- 3. OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) hip x-rays and patella evaluation once after age two.
- 4. OFA thyroid testing annually from ages two to four and then bi-annually until age eight.

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