



International Windsprite Club Breeder Code of Ethics

The purpose of the *IWC Breeder Code of Ethics* is to maintain a clear standard of excellence for the breeding, raising, and sales of Windsprites. IWC Breeders should be dedicated, first and foremost, to the ethical stewardship, breeding, welfare, and ongoing improvement of the Windsprite breed. Those who sign this document agree to do all in their power to incorporate the *IWC Breeder Code of Ethics* into their breeding decisions, prioritizing health and temperament above all else, in addition to providing their dogs and any resulting offspring with all that they need to be safe, healthy, and enriched for the duration of their lifespans, and supporting their puppy buyers in doing the same.

As an ethical Windsprite Breeder in partnership with the International Windsprite Club, I will do all in my power to:

1. Maintain the best possible standard of health, safety, and care of my dogs and puppies, with litters raised in a clean, safe, and appropriate environment, providing the best possible opportunities for proper exercise and socialization for their physical and mental well-being.
2. Work to continually improve my knowledge of the responsible care and keeping of dogs, of canine pre- and post-natal care, and of all heritable diseases present in the breed, as well as emerging issues concerning the breed's overall health and wellbeing.
3. Conscientiously plan each breeding with the foremost intention of preserving, protecting, and improving upon the physical and behavioral health and wellbeing of the Windsprite breed at large, placing this goal above all else, including convenience or personal gain. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Considering potential pairings with utmost emphasis placed on health, structure, temperament, and genetic diversity, while prioritizing the physical and behavioral soundness of both parents and offspring.
 - b. Taking measures to eliminate known heritable disease and to reduce the risk of passing along conditions that may have a heritable component.
 - c. Focusing on producing litters with the potential for offspring to excel in the realms of companionship, conformation, and/or performance.
4. Ensure that my breeding dogs meet or exceed the minimum recommended health testing prior to being bred, as follows:
 - a. One-time DNA testing of MDR1 and CEA carrier status, unless verified clear by parentage.
 - b. Recurring OFA heart and eye evaluations within ~12 months prior to breeding.
 - c. Recurring completion of brucellosis testing within 6 months prior to breeding.
5. Register the entirety of each eligible litter I breed with the International Windsprite Club following current registration practices, keeping an accurate record of all breedings and pedigrees concerning the Windsprite breed.

6. Place all puppies that I breed in responsible, well-vetted, and carefully selected homes with a completed buyer questionnaire and a signed contract between breeder and buyer. No puppies or adults will be released to pet dealers, research facilities, academic institutions, commercial retailers, or distributors of any kind.
7. Remain responsible for the progeny of my dogs throughout the full lifespan of each animal, accepting a puppy or dog back from a placement at any time and for any reason, as well as providing lifetime support to puppy buyers, following up on puppies and dogs after sale to ensure continued care and connection to the community.
8. Behave in an honest, fair, respectful, and non-discriminatory manner towards fellow breeders, puppy buyers, community members, and other members of the public. All IWC Breeders will demonstrate integrity, respect, and tolerance for one another, a genuine desire to work together for the good of the breed, and an interest in sharing experience and knowledge, with both established community members and with newcomers to the breed.

By upholding the *International Windsprite Club Breeder Code of Ethics*, I affirm my dedication to the responsible breeding, stewardship, and welfare of Windsprites.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

International Windsprite Club breeders who formally agree to this IWC Breeder Code of Ethics will be advertised/promoted as International Windsprite Club Ethical Breeders.

An International Windsprite Club breeder who has formally agreed to this IWC Breeder Code of Ethics and then repeatedly and/or intentionally breaks this code can be charged with alleged misconduct as detailed in the International Windsprite Club bylaws (Article VII). Should the charge be sustained, the International Windsprite Club Board of Directors will at minimum remove the breeder's name/kennel name from all materials that promote IWC Ethical Breeders.