

## APONC Breeders' List Application & Guidelines

Dear APONC Member-Breeder:

We appreciate your continued commitment as an ethical PON breeder. Your breeder listing fee is due for renewal annually- fees not received by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> of each year will result in removal from the list.

This service is available for APONC members in good standing with the club who have 3 years of current and continuous dues payment.

### Fees:

- The breeder listing fee is \$75.00.
- Fees are due on January 1st of every year
- A 30 day grace period is granted, BUT fees not received by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> will result in removal from the list and in order to be reinstated the breeder application will need to be reviewed and voted on by the Board.
- Fees will not be returned and are not prorated.

### Requirements:

- Members in good standing with the club who have three (3) years of current and continuous dues payment are eligible to be listed on the breeders list.
- For members who are requesting to be on the breeders list for the first time, an application must be submitted to the APONC treasurer along with all the required information and a signed Code of Ethics.

The treasurer will then forward these documents to the Board for approval.

- Once accepted the person(s) may remain on the breeders list without reapplying, provided they renew their breeder's list membership and their APONC membership each year, and remain members in good standing

### Litter Listing Requirements:

- There is no charge to list litters for sale or advertise stud dogs; however, you must be on the APONC Breeder's List.

- Litters will not be listed until puppies have been whelped.
- Litter listing must be formatted correctly, ready for website posting and will include:

Sire's full registered name, call name & chic #  
Dam's full registered name, call name & chic #  
Date litter whelped and # of males & females  
Breeder contact information  
up to two pictures

- Photos may be updated by contacting the webmaster
- Current health certifications for sire & dam must be on file with CHIC

Copies of documents not yet recorded by CHIC, needed for litter postings, must be sent to the Board.

- The litter listing will remain on the site for 8 weeks from DOB

If puppies are available after 8 weeks the breeder must contact the webmaster with a current picture of available puppies to extend the listing for an additional month.

If puppies are still available at 3 months of age the breeder must once again contact the webmaster to extend one extra month.

If the breeder hasn't contacted the webmaster after the puppies turn 8 weeks of age and 3 months of age the posting will be removed.

The maximum a litter can be posted is four months.

- The Breeder's List Application must be completed in full.

## Health Requirements:

- Hips must be certified by either OFA or PennHIP

For OFA the rating must be a fair, good or excellent.

If the PennHIP method is used both hips must be scored showing no signs of DJD and each hip score must be equal to or tighter than the median DI listed at which time the x-ray results were provided

- PennHIP results must be sent to CHIC.
- As you add or remove dogs to your program current information must be sent into APONC. Updated health info such as eye re-CERF forms must be sent in to either OFA or CERF in order to be documented by CHIC.
- If either a bitch or dog is not yet 24 months old at the time of breeding, they are still required to have “preliminary” passing health tests. These tests must be repeated once they are over 24 months in order to be used for breeding after 24 months of age except for PennHIP which doesn’t need to be repeated.
- If a dog outside the US is used for breeding or semen is imported from another country documentation must be provided showing said dog passed hip and eye exams.

Owner of the dam is responsible for providing APONC with the information on the sire of the litter if it is not already on file with CHIC.

- A passing eye exam is required within the last 24 months or 24 months prior to breeding date for dogs/bitches less than 5 years of age.
- For dogs/bitches 5 years and older a passing eye exam is required that was done within the last 12 months or 12 months prior to breeding date.
- For dual-sires, the health information must be completed by each of the stud dog owners/co-owners.

### Health Recommendations:

- It is also strongly suggested that a thyroid panel be done on all PONs in your breeding program before being used for breeding.

All current member-breeders not completing the stated requirements will be deleted from the Breeders List until such time that the requirements are fulfilled and the Board reapproves them.

## Additional Requirements:

- National Specialty -must attend one (1) APONC National Specialties within a 5 year period.
- All Breeders' List members must have acquired a title on a Polish Lowland Sheepdog. If you are the owner of more than one (1) Polish Lowland Sheepdog, an AKC conformation or obedience/agility/tracking/herding title must be earned on at least one of your PONs.
- Brokering of puppies is cause for immediate removal from the Breeder's List. A broker is an agent, not the breeder of said dog, who buys or sells on behalf of someone else without having title to the dog/puppy.

## Additional Recommendations:

- It is recommended that all breeders participate in health research for the betterment of the breed. Ex: PRA, Thyroid, etc. Health records will be maintained via CHIC; therefore, it is the breeders' responsibility to provide updated documentation to CHIC.
- The APONC Board believes a responsible breeder is one that takes responsibility for a puppy they have produced for the life of that puppy. With this in mind, if one of your Polish Lowland Sheepdogs is in need of rescue, it's the breeder's responsibility to find the dog a new home. Stud owners assistance is encouraged.
- In addition it is strongly requested that Breeders' List members support the National Specialty by either donating time to help with a Specialty activity, or support the Specialty with a trophy, raffle, silent auction, or a gift bag item.

Please let us know on the attached form if you have any additions/deletions to your breeding program and that you agree to abide by the Code of Ethics you signed when first applying for the Breeder's List.

Return this form along with your check for \$75.00 made payable to APONC at your earliest convenience to the current APONC treasurer.

Payment for continued listing is due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, you will be removed from the Breeders' List.

## APONC BREEDERS' LIST APPLICATION

Only APONC members with three (3) years of current and continuous dues payment are eligible to apply for inclusion to the Breeder's List.

Complete as many items as are applicable.

Form may be returned for additional information before processing if not properly filled out.

Name:

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Kennel Name

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Address

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Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail

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List your PONs:

(Use back of form if needed)

Attach a copy of:

Registration papers or fill out below.

AKC Registered Name & Number

Call Name

Birth Date

Titles Earned

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## Requirements:

- Health records will be maintained via CHIC so it's the responsibility of the breeder to provide updated information to CHIC.
- OFA results (with a rating of fair, good or excellent) and/or PennHIP evaluation are required
- If only using PennHIP each hip must be scored showing no signs of DJD and each hip score must be equal to or tighter than the median DI listed at which time the x-ray results were provided
- PennHIP scores must be sent into CHIC with a \$25.00 fee.
- If either a bitch or dog is not yet 24 months old at the time of breeding, they are still required to have "preliminary" passing health tests. These tests must be repeated once they are over 24 months in order to be used for breeding after 24 months of age except for PennHIP which doesn't need to be repeated.
- If a dog outside the US is used for breeding or semen is imported from another country documentation must be provided showing said dog passed hip and eye exams.
- Owner of the dam is responsible for providing APONC with the information on the sire of the litter if it is not already on file with CHIC.
- A passing eye exam is required within the last 24 months or 24 months prior to breeding date for dogs/bitches less than 5 years of age. For dogs/bitches 5 years and older a passing eye exam is required that was done within the last 12 months or 12 months prior to breeding date.

Recommendations:

- It is recommended that the applicant provides all paperwork at the time of sale of puppy to new owners, including -COE, APONC membership application, AKC registration papers for the individual dog unless a mutual contract is in place which states otherwise, health and veterinary care history, the individual's and/or sire and dam's health certifications or evaluations, a four-generation pedigree, and recommendations for general care and training.
- A written contract detailing all guarantees, obligations, and expectations of sellers, buyers, receivers and providers of services is strongly recommended.
- Breeders are also encouraged to microchip all puppies before they go to their new homes.

Enclose a check/money order for \$75.00 (payable to APONC), which will be returned if application is not approved.

This is an annual charge due by January 31st of each year, good as long as membership is current and continuous and the member is a member in good standing with APONC.

I affirm that the above statements are true and correct.

APONC National Specialty attended in the last five years: \_\_\_\_\_

APONC member since: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# THE AMERICAN POLISH LOWLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB™ APONC™

## CODE OF ETHICS

The membership of The American Polish Lowland Sheepdog Club™ (APONC™) is dedicated to:

- promoting the breed standard
- advancing the objectives and integrity of the club
- protecting the interests of the breed and individual dogs
- promoting quality and integrity in breeding programs

### **APONC members agree to:**

1. support and abide by the breed standard created by "the club" and adopted by the American Kennel Club (AKC) for the Polish Lowland Sheepdog (PON).
2. adhere to all AKC rules, regulations and requirements pertaining to the sport of dogs, the Constitution, Bylaws and regulations of "the club" and this Code of Ethics (COE).
3. display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a manner that gives credit to "the club," the AKC, and the breed.
4. encourage and promote public awareness of responsible pet ownership.
5. ensure that in all dog related activities, the dog's welfare takes precedence over considerations of breeders, trainers, owners, organizations, sponsors, and officials.
6. share knowledge truthfully, constructively and respectfully when conveying information concerning an individual PON or member.
7. participate in and/or support events, activities and programs sponsored by "the club" to the best of their ability.
8. educate the public, interested parties and new owners on the basic traits, characteristics and breed standard of the PON.
9. keep only as many dogs for which they can provide a high standard of health care, shelter, nutrition, attention, affection, and overall care.
10. provide appropriate training, exercise, and supervision to ensure their dogs are well mannered, kept in safe conditions, and are not abused or neglected.
11. ensure to their best ability that all dogs they place are not brokered, wholesaled or consigned through a pet shop, auction or other commercial establishment; and are not offered as prizes in contests, raffles or fundraising events.
12. ensure to their best ability that no stud dog or brood bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any dog broker, puppy mill, pet shop that retails dogs auction, litter lot sales, or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in these activities.
13. ensure that all animals released to the care of others have received the health care appropriate for their age and needs
14. prior to placing any PON, discuss with the prospective owner the health care and behavior management needs for the dog and provide recommendations for general care.
15. provide assistance to dogs of their breeding in need of re-homing whether through a shelter, auction, rescue organization or an individual. Stud dog owners should also assist with re-homing of dogs sired by their stud dogs.



**APONC members are encouraged to:**

1. use a written contract detailing all guarantees, obligations, and expectations of sellers, buyers, Receivers and providers of services.
2. assure that any dog they place which is not suitable for breeding is placed with an AKC limited registration and a non-breeding contract. A spay/neuter requirement is additionally recommended.

**APONC members who are PON breeders agree to:**

1. adhere to AKC rules applying to litter and individual registrations, ensuring that any litter they produce is eligible for AKC registration.
2. use for breeding only animals which exhibit good type, have no breed standard disqualifications, are in good health, and are physically and temperamentally sound.
3. refrain from breeding females prior to 18 months.
4. obtain an evaluation for hip dysplasia from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) of Fair or better or PennHIP showing no sign of degenerative joint disease prior to using the PON for breeding. If a dog is bred on a preliminary OFA, a permanent OFA is required for all dogs bred after 24 months of age.
5. have eyes examined and receive clear/normal rating by Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist within 24 months before breeding.
6. provide new owners the following documentation: this COE, APONC membership application, AKC registration papers for the individual dog unless a mutual contract is in place which states otherwise, health and veterinary care history, the individual's and/or sire and dam's health certifications or evaluations, a four-generation pedigree, and recommendations for general care and training.
7. follow up on puppies after the sale to insure their continued care and remain available for advice, when sought, for the lifetime of the dog.
8. adhere to AKC rules applying to age limitations for breeding and DNA profiles for stud dogs.
9. refrain from letting puppies go to new homes before eight weeks of age.

**APONC recommends that PON breeders:**

1. use dogs for breeding which are at least two years old, have sound temperaments, structure, conformation and type, and who have been evaluated and are known not to be affected with a known hereditary disease for which there is diagnostic testing.
2. obtain an AKC DNA profile on all dogs used for breeding.
3. refrain from breeding dogs with abnormal thyroid. Thyroid panel should be taken and sent to a qualified individual or University for results before first breeding and repeated every two to three years for breeding stock.
4. refrain from using dogs for breeding which, although unaffected with a specific physical or temperament defect consistently produce afflicted offspring with different mates.
5. ensure a female be bred not more than two out of every three seasons
6. transfer puppies to new owners in accordance with the laws of their state and meet, at least the minimum federal standard for transporting puppies (8 weeks of age).

**As a member of The American Polish Lowland Sheepdog Club, I agree to abide by this Code of Ethics.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved April 20, 2005