

**In accordance with the ideals and purpose of our Association, the Alaskan Malamute Club of Belgium (AMCB) has established this ethical code, which must be followed by each member.**

**Any breach of this code of ethics by a member may result in the temporary suspension of membership or exclusion from the club.**

1. No member shall participate with full knowledge of the facts in the sale of a dog (or several dogs) to pet shops or other type of collective sale (resellers), laboratories, or dog dealers (resellers) holding a license by Belgian or foreign authorities. It is also prohibited to assist intermediaries in the search for dogs for sale to merchants or for institutions that do research (Laboratories).

2. No member shall knowingly be involved in the sale of dogs to an individual (or point of sale) whose main purpose is the resale of the animals.

3. No member shall sell either a male, a female or a puppy (irrespective of the age of the dog) without giving the papers necessary for the transfer (European carnet, pedigree + contract), unless at the time of sale. A contract shall be drawn up between the two parties stipulating that the said papers shall be handed over at a later date.

4. Each member must apply for pedigrees to a body affiliated to the FCI. When it has a nest. A copy of the proof and birth statement must be sent to the AMCB. In the event that this document is not returned, this could result in the breeder being excluded from the club.

It is hoped that each animal with a disqualifying defect (visible at an early age) and sold as a pet, will receive a pedigree censored by the Royal St. Hubert Society forbidding breeding. The breeder must make the application to the Royal St. Hubert Society.

5. No member shall be involved in the breeding or sale of hybrids with wolves, wolves or other breeds and no member shall sell or protrude an animal to a person who breeds with hybrids of wolves, wolves or other breeds.

6. Each animal (male or female) used for breeding should be X-rayed for hip and elbow dysplasia (ED) by a qualified veterinarian and a legal authority must issue the certificate. This test cannot be done before the age of 15 months. Reproducing is only allowed for those animals, which have obtained A or B for the hips and ED 00. Suspicious cases will be the subject of a consultation with the breeding commission.

7. An official eye test should be done and the dog should be free of any hereditary eye defect. This test is only valid for one year and in case of breeding, the test cannot be older than one year. It is mandatory to send the results to AMCB. Suspicious cases will be the subject of a consultation with the breeding commission.

8. It is forbidden to breed with a female before the age of 21 months and to use a male for breeding before the age of 18 months. A period of 12 months must be observed between two consecutive nests.

9. A female cannot make more than 4 nests in her life. The same combination between a male and a female is allowed only twice (but it is to be avoided).

10. Parents of puppies cannot present consanguinity such as brother/sister, father/daughter, and mother/son.

11. Members are obliged to educate their Malamutes, to ensure their health, to provide them with food and shelter.

12. Each member must respect the statutes, as well as this ethical code. AMCB expects its members to act a spirit of fair play during all circumstances.

13. It is strictly forbidden to use AMCB for personal purposes or to serve other associations. Within our Club the interest of each member and the responsibility we have towards the Alaskan malamute must remain our central motivation.

14. Breeders, whether casual or regular, undertake to withdraw from the breeding program the male/female with hereditary defects. It is forbidden to reproduce with "woolies" (long hair = disqualification fault). For occasional breeders it is advisable to communicate to the breeder commission the combination they intend to use, in case they want to make a nest.