

Please return along with your membership application to:  
Continental Deutsch-Kurzhaar Association (CDKA)  
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The membership of the Continental Deutsch Kurzhaar Association (CDKA) is dedicated to:

- \* promoting the standard of the breed through testing in accordance of the DKV.
- \* advancing the objectives and integrity of the CDKA.
- \* protecting and advancing the breed and individual Deutsch-Kurzhaar
- \* promoting quality and integrity in breeding programs as in the spirit of the DKV.

This code is established to further the objectives of the club as set forth in Section 2 of the CDKA Constitution and By-laws.

CDKA members recognize that as individuals, our practices of ownership, breeding, sportsmanship, and ethics directly affect the welfare and preservation of the Deutsch-Kurzhaar . The Board and members of the CDKA realize that no code will ever cover every behavior necessary to protect the breed.

**Therefore we acknowledge our actions are the truest reflection of our personal integrity and ethics, our commitment to the enhancement of our Deutsch-Kurzhaar community, as well as improvement of the Deutsch-Kurzhaar breed, and our true concern for the welfare of the Deutsch-Kurzhaar.**

**1. Promoting the Standard of the Breed CDKA members agree to:**

- A) Use the breed and testing standard created by the DKV and adopted by the Continental Deutsch-Kurzhaar Association to assess the suitability of dogs' temperament, hunting abilities and conformation as prescribed by the Deutsch-Kurzhaar Verband.
- B) Participate in and/or support events which promote the breed standard, testing and reflect the breed's history and heritage.

**2. Advancing the Objectives and Integrity of the Club CDKA members agree to:**

- A) Adhere to all DKV and JGHV rules, regulations and requirements pertaining to the sport of dogs, the Constitution, Bylaws of the Continental Deutsch-Kurzhaar Association, Deutsch-Kurzhaar Verband and JGHV and this Code of Conduct (COC).
- B) Share knowledge truthfully, constructively and respectfully when conveying information about members and members' breeding programs, as well as about individual Deutsch-Kurzhaar.
- C) Display good sportsmanship and conduct ourselves in a manner that gives credit to the CDKA, and the Deutsch-Kurzhaar breed.
- D) Encourage and promote public awareness, value and ethics of responsible pet ownership and exceptional hunting dogs.
- E) Ensure that in all dog related activities, the dog's welfare takes precedence over considerations of breeders, trainers, owners, organizations, sponsors, and officials.
- F) Participate in activities and programs sponsored by the CKDA to the best of our ability.

**3. Protecting the Interests of the Breed and Individual Dogs CDKA members agree to:**

- A) Keep only as many dogs for which they can provide a high standard of health care, shelter, nutrition, attention, affection, and overall care.
- B) Provide appropriate training, exercise and supervision to ensure their dogs are well mannered, kept in safe conditions, and are not abused or neglected. 2
- C) Not allow their dogs to roam at large unsupervised, nor to become a public nuisance or a public burden.
- D) 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.
- E) Ensure to their best ability that no stud dog or brood bitch owned by them is bred to any dog or 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.

- F) Ensure that all animals released to the care of others have received the health care appropriate for their age and needs.
- G) Prior to placing any Deutsch-Kurzhaar, discuss with the prospective owner the health care and behavior management needs of the dog and provide recommendations for general care.
- H) Guarantee the health of the dog subject to a veterinarian's examination, at a minimum, within 72 hours of placement.
- I) provide assistance with the CDKA Breed Warden to dogs of their breeding in need of rehoming. Stud dog owners must also assist with placement of their stud dogs offspring.
- J) Use a written contract detailing all guarantees, obligations, and expectations of sellers, buyers, receivers and providers of services.
- K) Assure that any dog they place which is not suitable for breeding is placed with non-breeding contract. A spay/neuter requirement encouraged and recommended.

#### **4. Promoting Quality and Integrity in Breeding Programs**

Members who wish to breed Deutsch-Kurzhaar should do so with the full understanding of the responsibility they bear to the future of the breed and with the paramount intention of improving and protecting the breed. Breeders must understand the breed standard, evaluate individual mature dogs' traits, evaluate traits present in a breeding dog's immediate and extended family, and apply the principles of genetics. Additionally breeders should have a practical knowledge of mating, care of the bitch in whelp, raising a litter, and the time, effort and resources required to engage in this activity. The member must discuss planned breeding with the CDKA Breed Warden, to assure the best outcome of planned pairing.

Ideally the suitability of Deutsch-Kurzhaars for breeding purposes should be assessed after twenty-four months of age, and after completion of BASIC requirements for breeding/testing are fulfilled according to the DKV and CDKA.

#### **CDKA members who breed agree to:**

- A) Mandatory DNA test all dogs who meet DKV breeding requirements.
- B) Must be a member of CDKA for a minimum of two (2) years.
- C) CDKA members Deutsch Kurzhaars may only be bred within the DKV.
- D) Ensure a female bears puppies no more than two out of three seasons. A period of a one year rest between litters is desirable.
- E) Provide new owners the following documentation: this COC, DKV ahnentafel, a health and veterinary care history, a vaccination schedule, a checklist for general care and training.
- F) Remain available for advice, when sought, for the lifetime of offspring from their dogs.
- G) Ensure to the best of their ability that puppies produced from any of their Deutsch-Kurzhaar will be raised and sold in a manner in accordance with this COC.
- H) Confer with CDKA Breed Warden to assess whether prospective breeding candidates and their immediate relatives are affected with or carriers of hereditary disease for which there is diagnostic testing. Such hereditary diseases include, but may not be limited to, elbow dysplasia, eye disease, thyroid disease, heart disease, and von Willebrand disease.
- I) Refrain from using dogs for breeding which, although unaffected with a specific physical or temperament defect, consistently produce afflicted offspring with different mates. 3
- J) 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 Continental Deutsch-Kurzhaar Association (CDKA) that is affiliated with the JGHV (Jagdebrauchshundverband e.V.), VDH (verband für das Deutsche Hündwessen), and FCI (Federation Cynologique Internationale) I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

I understand knowingly abusing this Code of Conduct will result in expulsion and permanent removal from the CDKA.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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