

**Office of the Recording Secretary**

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On or before July 1, 2016

**NOTICE TO NCA MEMBERS**

Dear NCA Member:

At its March 17, 2016 meeting, the NCA Board of Directors approved proposed amendments to the club's Ethics Guide.

Accordingly, Article VII of the NCA Bylaws applies, and the NCA Board of Directors is soliciting members' comments concerning the proposed amendments.

The NCA Board of Directors is inviting all NCA members to review the following Ethics Guide amendment documents and to offer subsequent comment(s) to the proposed amendments.

Members should forward their comments in one of two ways; by mail, addressed to the NCA Recording Secretary at the afore mentioned address, or by email at [NCAEGA16@ncadogs.org](mailto:NCAEGA16@ncadogs.org) . Please include a signature with all written comments – including those that are emailed.

Address any questions to Steve Britton, NCA Recording Secretary.

The deadline for receiving any comment is on or before September 15, 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Steve Britton*

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NCA Recording Secretary

**NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION (Adopted March 17, 2016):** Moved by Steve McAdams and seconded by Roger Frey to approve the following amendment to the NCA Ethics Guide - **for comment(s) by NCA members** - in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Newfoundland Club of America’s Bylaws. Voting YES: *Anderson Powell, Britton, Cornell, Cuddy, Frey, Marino, McAdams, ML Price, Rubio, Thibault and Saunders*; Voting NO: *Randall*.

**Proposed Amendment to Section II, sub-section C of the Ethics Guide of the Newfoundland Club of America** by adding the following sentence; ***“Breeder shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray), 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage).”***

Current Wording of Section II, sub-section C of the <i>NCA Ethics Guide</i> :	Proposed Amendment to Section II, sub-section C of the <i>NCA Ethics Guide</i> :	If adopted( SECTION II, sub-section C) Will Read:
<p><b>II. Responsibilities of Breeders</b></p> <p>C. To use for breeding only bitches in good health.</p>	<p><b>II. Responsibilities of Breeders</b></p> <p>C. To use for breeding only bitches in good health. <u>Breeder shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray), 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage).</u></p>	<p><b>II. Responsibilities of Breeders</b></p> <p>C. To use for breeding only bitches in good health. Breeder shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray) 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage).</p>

**RATIONALE:** The NCA should be very conscious of and dedicated to protecting and improving the health of the breed, both now and for the future. Using for breeding, dogs with health clearances, at the very least, will help to greatly reduce the incidences of these debilitating diseases that cause pain and suffering for both the affected dogs and their owners. This amendment would encourage all members to do so. It would also demonstrate that the NCA is truly serious about protecting and improving the health of the Newfoundland breed for future generations to come.

**Board Resolution (Adopted March 17, 2016):** Moved by Lynne Anderson Powell and seconded by Steve McAdams to approve the following amendments to the NCA Ethics Guide - for comment(s) by NCA members - in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the *Newfoundland Club of America's Bylaws*. Voting YES: Anderson Powell, Britton, Cornell, Cuddy, Frey, Marino, McAdams, ML Price, Rubio, Thibault and Saunders; Voting NO: Randall.

**Proposed Amendment to Section III, sub-section C of the Ethics Guide of the Newfoundland Club of America by adding the following sentence:** “*Stud Dog Owners shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray), 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage);*” and

**by adding a new Section III, sub-section G as follows:** “*G. To use for breeding only stud dogs in good health. Stud Dog Owners shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray), 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage).*”

Current Wording (of Section III, sub-sections C - F of the <i>NCA Ethics Guide</i> ):	Proposed Amendment (to Section III, sub-sections C - F of the <i>NCA Ethics Guide</i> ):	If Adopted (Section III sub-section C-F of the <i>NCA Ethics Guide</i> ) Will Read:
<p><b>II. Responsibilities of Stud Dog Owners</b></p> <p><b>C.</b> To accept for servicing only bitches who appear to be in good health.</p> <p><b>D.</b> To represent accurately the health history and breeding records of the dog.</p> <p><b>E.</b> To negotiate all terms of a breeding agreement prior to a breeding.</p> <p><b>F.</b> To complete the chain of registration by signing and returning the stud service certification promptly on satisfaction of the terms of the contract.</p>	<p><b>II. Responsibilities of Stud Dog Owners</b></p> <p><b>C.</b> To accept for servicing only bitches who appear to be in good health. <u>Stud Dog Owners shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray), 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage).</u></p> <p><b>D.</b> To represent accurately the health history and breeding records of the dog.</p> <p><b>E.</b> To negotiate all terms of a breeding agreement prior to a breeding.</p> <p><b>F.</b> To complete the chain of registration by signing and returning the stud service certification promptly on satisfaction of the terms of the contract.</p> <p><b>G.</b> <u>To use for breeding only stud dogs in good health. Stud Dog owners shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray), 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage).</u></p>	<p><b>II. Responsibilities of Stud Dog Owners</b></p> <p><b>C.</b> To accept for servicing only bitches who appear to be in good health. Stud Dog Owners shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray), 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage).</p> <p><b>D.</b> To represent accurately the health history and breeding records of the dog.</p> <p><b>E.</b> To negotiate all terms of a breeding agreement prior to a breeding.</p> <p><b>F.</b> To complete the chain of registration by signing and returning the stud service certification promptly on satisfaction of the terms of the contract.</p> <p><b>G.</b> To use for breeding only stud dogs in good health. Stud Dog Owners shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands (both bitches and males) with health clearances for the most recognized problems in the breed including at a minimum: 1. Hip (x-ray), 2. Elbows (x-ray), 3. Heart (cardiologist) and 4. Cystinuria (DNA or parentage).</p>

**RATIONALE:** Given the impact that a stud dog, especially a popular sire, can have on the breed, it is just as, or even more important, that a stud dog owner be held to the same standards and be as careful about health and clearances.