## **ACC CODE OF ETHICS BREEDER**

# Understanding the COE Breeder Application Process

#### (1) **HEALTH TESTS**

Before an applicant can be considered, all their breeding Cotons must be in compliance with the ACC Health Program. Please take the time to thoroughly review the Health Testing Program web page to familiarize yourself with the ACC Health Testing Program

A minimum of three health tests are required:

A. CURRENT CERF TEST CERTIFICATION IS MANDATORY AND MUST BE DONE EVERY 24 MONTHS. COE Breeder applicants may wish to verify their Cotons CERF certification is viewable online by visiting the CERF or OFA ECR web site:

**CERF Certification Online Verification** 

OFA Eye Certification Registry (ECR)

- B. Please choose two more tests from those listed below:
  - a. OFA certified Cardio
  - b. OFA certified Patella
  - c. OFA certified Thyroid
  - d. OFA or PennHip certified Hips
  - e. OFA certified Elbows
  - f. Full Blood Chemistry and CBC\*

### (2) ACC COE BREEDER APPLICATION

Applicants must submit an ACC Code of Ethics Breeder Application to be considered for inclusion in the ACC Code of Ethics Breeder Directory. Application may be made by filling out the online form: <u>Code of Ethics Breeder Application</u>

<sup>\*</sup> If one of your choices is the Full Blood Chemistry Panel, or PennHip certification, these tests may be scanned and attached to an Email, faxed, or mailed to the Health Committee. The Health Committee does not need copies of your OFA and CERF certificates as they will be viewable online at OFA and CERF. The ACC Health Committee mailing address and contact details are located at the end of this document.

For your convenience there is also a printable version of the form if you would prefer to print and mail your COE Breeder application:

<u>Print and Mail version of COE Breeder Application</u>

\*If submitting the print version of the ACC COE Breeder Application, please Read and Sign the last page of the ACC Code of Ethics and submit along with your printed COE Breeder Application.

#### (3) ACC PEDIGREE REGISTRATION

Applicants must register their Cotons with ACC. If your Cotons currently have ACC "Provisional / Show" (formerly "Potentially Breedable") registrations these must be changed to ACC "Eligible to Breed" status after you are accepted as an ACC Code of Ethics Breeder.

To register your Cotons with ACC as "Provisional / Show" please submit an application using this form: <a href="Provisional/Show Registration Form">Provisional / Show Registration Form</a>

#### (4) REFERENCES

Please supply two letters of reference from people who know you in connection with your Cotons. The references and your completed application may be emailed to the <u>ACC Health Committee</u> or the <u>ACC Membership Committee</u>, or sent via U.S. Postal service or facsimile.

#### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

You may expect a follow up phone call from a Board Member to further explore your interest in ACC. The Board of Directors will meet to consider your application as expeditiously as possible. If accepted, a \$100 fee will be required. You will also be expected to submit any "Eligible to Breed" registration applications that may need to be completed.

If you are a novice breeder ACC may assign an experienced ACC breeder as a mentor if you do not already have an approved ACC Mentor.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please feel free to contact the <u>ACC Membership Committee</u> or <u>ACC Health Committee</u> Chairpersons if you have any questions.

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