

PDCA Breeder Mentor Program Manual

Expectations of PDCA Breeder Mentors and Mentees

The PDCA Breeder Mentor program is intended to provide breeders of any experience level with mentors who can assist in helping them to better understand Pug Dog breeding, to improve their breeding program, and ultimately to strengthen the Pug breed. Each member of the PDCA Breeder Mentor program has met requirements that demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and commitment to the breed and to the entirety of dedicated PDCA breeders.

Criteria:

- Time and ability to invest in mentoring.
- Show Ring Achievements
- Sportsmanship
- Breeding for a minimum of five years (currently or previously)
- No complaints on file with PDCA

Mentors are expected to work towards the following objectives with their protégé.

- Promote the PDCA.
- Be known as a club that promotes good breeding/show practices through this program.

Advocate Good Breeding Practices in:

- Nutrition
- Veterinary Care
- Pug Dog Standard
- Reproduction, Whelping & Raising Pugs
- Vaccination Guidelines
- Health issues within the breed & available testing
- Contracts
- Pet vs. Show Quality Selection
- Understanding Pedigrees, in breeding, line breeding and out cross breeding.
- Showing and Exhibiting.

PDCA Breeder Mentees are expected to:

- Rely on your mentor as a point-of-contact for dialog on your breeding plans and ideas.
- Familiarize yourself with available forms of health screening information in guiding your breeding decisions
- Be open to constructive criticism to help guide your decision-making in choosing what animals you include in your breeding program, including selecting sires, critically evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of a potential dam, and evaluating puppies
- Be receptive to information about, and encourage and support the participation of you and your puppy buyers in, PDCA and AKC-sanctioned events such as conformation shows, and obedience trials.

The nature of the mentor-mentee relationship is highly variable, and differs across different partnerships and over time. Some people establish a highly-formalized agreement, while others have less formal interactions. In seeking to develop a relationship with an PDCA breeder mentor please complete and submit a Mentee application.