## **Berger Picard Club of America Member Code of Ethics**

## The BPCA member agrees to comply with the following guidelines:

- The welfare of the breed shall be the member's first priority; therefore members will refrain from any actions contrary to the best interest of the breed or the Club.
- Members shall conduct themselves as ladies/gentlemen at all Club functions.
- Members shall demonstrate courtesy, fairness and integrity at all meetings and events.
- Members shall accept and support the Constitution and Bylaws of the Berger Picard Club of America.
- Members shall promote responsible dog ownership.
- Members shall help educate the public on the breed characteristics, grooming, health, training and care of the Berger Picard by providing accurate and current resources and information.
- Members agree to be open and honest in all matters regarding the health of their Berger Picard and the breed in general. Information regarding genetic disease in any dog will be shared as soon as possible, in an effort to preserve the health of the breed.
- When advertising, members agree to advertise honestly and factually about the breed in general and their own dogs.
- Members agree to adhere to AKC's Good Sportsmanship policy as well as to always promote the Berger Picard and support the BPCA; to act toward competitors and BPCA club members in a courteous, civil manner. Keeping our mission in mind, to bring together ALL Picard fans, I will refrain from publicly making or publishing on social media any false, disparaging or malicious statements about another member or members and will refrain from seeking to impair the reputation of another member.
- Members agree to always face every situation, conversation, or event with our mission in mind, to bring together ALL Picard fans, and not to disparage in any way another dog, owner, handler, breeder, or club.
- Members understand and agree that a violation of this COE can subject them to the disciplinary process outlined in the BPCA Constitution and Bylaws.

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