



**North American Magyar Agár Association**  
**Breeder's Code of Ethics**  
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Breeding/Litter Planning

The term "Breeder," for purposes of this document, is defined as any NAMAA member who plans and produces one or more litters of Magyar Agár puppies. As the breeder, you are solely responsible for everything associated with the breeding and any resulting offspring.

- (1) Both sire and dam must be registered or recorded with the NAMAA prior to breeding.
- (2) Conscientiously plan each litter. It is recommended that you carefully select stud dog and bitch to be mated based on pedigrees, the parents' conformation (according to the FCI Breed Standard), working ability, soundness, and temperament. It is strongly recommended that both sire and dam have normal OFA thyroid and cardiac clearances and a clear CERF test within one year of breeding, and a negative brucellosis test within 10 days to six months of breeding.
- (3) It is recommended that only dogs and bitches that are free from known inheritable defects be used for breeding in order to avoid the further introduction of detrimental factors.
- (4) OFA cardiac, thyroid and annual CERF testing of all breeding stock are strongly recommended.
- (5) In the event a dog or bitch of your breeding, or which you own, is found to have or carry a serious genetic defect, it is your ethical responsibility to notify those who have bred to such hound, or have offspring or relatives of such hound. It is recommended that breeders openly and honestly discuss the genetic and physical problems that they have encountered with prospective buyers. Breeders shall do everything possible to minimize the spread of defects to the breed as a whole.
- (6) Breed only healthy, mature bitches. It is recommended that bitches not be bred before the second heat, and that sufficient spacing is allowed between litters. It is also recommended that bitches over the age of eight (8) years not be bred without prior examination, consultation and approval by an attending veterinarian.
- (7) If you choose to breed a dual-sired litter, DNA testing must be conducted to determine correct parentage. The owner of the bitch must provide the results of DNA testing to the NAMAA before any offspring can be registered.

Stud Services

For purposes of this section, "stud services" refers to the use of your stud dog to outside bitches (i.e., bitches that you do not own). As the owner of the stud dog, you are responsible for everything associated with your stud dog. When breeding to outside bitches, you are not considered the breeder, and you are therefore not responsible for planning the litter, or for the resulting offspring. However, you do have a responsibility to the breed to help ensure that the prospective litter will meet NAMAA health and conformation standards.

- (1) All stud dogs shall be registered in the NAMAA registry prior to use for breeding.
- (2) Breed stud dogs only to those outside adult bitches who are NAMAA registered or recorded, or meet the standards for registration or recording to the best of your knowledge. Any bitch which is not NAMAA registered or recorded (but meets the standards for registration or recording) should meet the breed standard conformationally, should be free of genetic defects of any kind, and have a minimum of three generations of pedigree
- (3) It is recommended that a current (within six months) brucellosis test be required on all bitches prior to mating, and the same be provided for the stud dog to the owner of the bitch.
- (4) Disclose to the owner of the bitch any information about genetic conditions previously produced by the sire, or known genetic conditions in the hound's ancestry.
- (5) A signed and dated NAMAA Stud Certificate shall be provided to the bitch owner. It is recommended that an original copy be provided for each puppy in the litter at the time of whelping. A stud service contract, outlining the conditions and guarantees of the stud service, is also strongly recommended.

#### Health and General Care

- (1) Maintain all hounds in clean and sanitary conditions and free from infectious diseases.
- (2) Provide housing and run areas of adequate size with safety features specific to the character and exercise needs of the dogs. Do not kennel your dogs on wire flooring.
- (3) Provide maximum health protection through regular inoculations, worming, and periodic veterinarian exams. OFA and CERF tests are strongly recommended.
- (4) Maintain mental health and well-being through human contact and exercise on a regular basis.

#### Sales

- (1) It is recommended that all potential buyers be carefully screened, educating them on all aspects of the unique nature of the breed. Sell only to proper homes; i.e., individuals that will give adequate evidence that they have a satisfactory environment, and will give the dog the proper care, attention, and exercise required.
- (2) It is recommended that the breeder accurately represent the qualities of their hounds to the purchaser; do not knowingly use misleading statements in selling or advertising. Do not knowingly falsify a pedigree. Disclosure to prospective buyers any information about genetic conditions previously produced by the sire or dam, or known genetic conditions in the hound's ancestry shall be required by the breeder.
- (3) Puppies shall be at least eight (8) weeks of age prior to leaving the breeder's possession; this includes shipping, or any other type of delivery, or buyer pickup, under any circumstances.
- (4) Clear and concise written contracts or agreements, signed and dated, must be used to document the sale or transfer of ownership of all hounds. Contracts must include policy(s) regarding hounds found to be unregistrable or displaced. It is recommended that all contracts include a clause that any time the owner cannot keep the dog, the dog is to be returned to the breeder or placed or sold with the breeder's approval of the new owner. It is also recommended that contracts require spay/neuter where appropriate.

- (5) The paperwork required for NAMAA registration must be provided with all puppies sold unless a sales contract is provided stating otherwise. Registration requirements include a minimum four-generation pedigree and a signed stud certificate. The pedigree should include as much information as possible, such as height, coat, color, registration numbers, and any other information known in the lineage. The pedigree should also include (1) the name, description, and birth date of the hound; (2) name, address and phone number of the breeder; and (3) signature of the breeder. The stud certificate must be completed and signed by the owner of the sire.
- (6) If a puppy is considered non-registerable or non-breeding quality, the breeder must provide a written, signed and dated contract or agreement stating same to the buyer in lieu of the paperwork necessary for registration. It is recommended that the contract/agreement require spay/neuter at the earliest possible date, and that no pedigree or stud certificate be provided until proof of spay/neuter is received.
- (7) Buyers must be provided with written health and general care information at the time of the sale, including but not limited to a veterinarian health certificate, and a record of worming and inoculations. Several days' supply of the puppy's current food and feed and general care instructions are recommended.
- (8) It is recommended that buyers be provided with a Puppy Packet
- (9) Spaying or neutering any mature dog/bitch with a known genetic defect prior to selling or placing for adoption is recommended
- (10) Be responsible for hounds sold for their lifetime. If a purchaser cannot keep a dog you have sold, make every effort to assist them in finding an appropriate home. If the owners are unable to place the dog for whatever reason, or a displaced dog which you have bred is located in a shelter or through the NAMAA Rescue Program, be prepared to take the dog back and/or make arrangements for its foster care and be responsible for placing it in an appropriate home. Breeders found to be in violation of this requirement will be prohibited from advertising in any NAMAA publication and will have their NAMAA membership privileges revoked and may be subject to further penalty.
- (11) Do not knowingly sell or consign puppies or adults to pet shops, brokers, or puppy mills, nor supply hounds for raffles, prizes, or similar projects.
- (12) Be aware of, and adhere to, the NAMAA's policy on co-ownerships and be sure that the proper contracts are in place accordingly.

I have reviewed and fully understand the NAMAA Code of Ethics, and hereby acknowledge and agree to comply with the above as a NAMAA breeder. I understand that my kennel may be subject to an on-site visit at any given time by a NAMAA official.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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