

# **FILA BRASILEIRO, INC. BREEDING REGULATIONS**

## **ARTICLE I – GENERAL**

- 1.01** The Fila Brasileiro Association is a not-for-profit organization interested in promoting and preserving the Fila Brasileiro breed in accordance with the official standard of the breed as recognized by the Brazilian Confederation of Cynology.
- 1.02** It is mandatory that all members of the FBA subscribe to the official standard of the breed, being concerned with the propagation of physically, mentally, and temperamentally sound Filas.
- 1.03** All measures should be taken to acquaint the members and all interested parties with the contents of these Breeding Regulations so that they will not become innocent partners in improper breeding practices.
- 1.04** All members of the FBA will agree to breed discriminately. The members of the FBA must understand and agree that to breed unadvisedly may lead to overpopulation and contribute to the deterioration of the Fila Brasileiro breed.

## **ARTICLE II – RECORDS**

- 2.01** All members of the FBA will breed only pure-bred animals whose parents each have a pedigree of at least three generations issued by an organization linked to the FCI.
- 2.02** The breeder will keep accurate records of stock, mating and pedigrees, the registration cards, and transfer of ownership. Members of the FBA may (it is optional) send a copy of their Fila's pedigrees to the FBA Secretary, which will be kept for future use in statistics.
- 2.02** The files and records belong to the membership and any pedigrees may be requested and, for a nominal fee, the Secretary will provide them with the "Only for Information" stamped across them.
- 2.03** The Stud's Directory will only accept Filas with a Certificate or OFA Preliminary Certificate or certificates from other similar institutions.

## **ARTICLE III – BREEDING**

- 3.01** All members of the FBA agree to use for breeding only those Filas that have no disqualifying faults and no radical departures from the official FBA standard of the breed.

- 3.02** The owner of a bitch will breed only normal, healthy, mature females of eighteen (18) months or older and will not permit a bitch to produce litters in three consecutive seasons. The breeder should cull deformed puppies.
- 3.03** The owner of a stud dog will breed only normal, healthy dogs that are over fifteen (15) months of age and will refuse stud service to any bitch that has a disqualifying fault, or that he considers to be in poor health.
- 3.04** All agreements should be made in writing before the mating takes place. The stud service agreement should show the pedigree numbers and official names of the dogs involved in the transaction, specifying the method of payment and special conditions, if any. It is suggested that the stud service contract should also state that when a bitch has failed to conceive after being bred to one particular stud dog, the owner of the stud will allow at least one repeat service at such time and place that it is mutually agreed to by him/her and the owner of the bitch, provided that the stud dog and bitch are still in good health and available.
- 3.05** It is recommended that the owner of the stud sign the Breeding Form only after receiving the payment of the stud service. It is not permitted to retain the bitch as a guarantee. It is recommended that the owner of the bitch takes her to the residence of the male for the breeding. If the bitch remains for several days at the place of stud's owner, all expenses incurred, such as food, shelter, and veterinary bills or damages occurring at the property of the male's owner, should be paid by the bitch's owner, as well as her transportation to and from. When the chosen stud does not fulfill his duties, even if the bitch refuses the mating, the owner of the does not lose his/her rights for boarding expenses provided above, but cannot ask for the payment of the stud service.
- 3.06** In cases of the bitch undergoing an artificial insemination, the veterinary who collects the semen of the sire should testify in a letter, that the semen, fresh or frozen, is provided by the chosen stud. The letter should include items "A" to "G" and should be offered to the owner of the bitch by the owner of the male. All expenses of the artificial insemination are the responsibility of the owner of the female. The veterinary in charge of the insemination should confirm that the female was inseminated with the semen of the chosen stud. For a litter registration you need the veterinary's letter of mating and items "A" to "G".
- (A) Name and registration number of the sire
  - (B) Name and registration number of the dam
  - (C) Name and address of the stud's owner
  - (D) Name and address of the dam's owner
  - (E) Place and date of the mating
  - (F) Signatures of both the dog's owner and the bitch's owner
  - (G) In case the registry department of the country asks for an authenticate copy of the male's pedigree, it is up to the male's owner to provide it.

- 3.07** The FBA strongly recommends that all stock be OFA certified prior to breeding and preliminary certified if they are under twenty four (24) months old.

#### **ARTICLE IV – HEALTH**

- 4.01** All members of the FBA will agree to maintain good standards of health and care for their dogs, including proper veterinary care. They should further agree to assure that their dogs have regular contact with people, and give dogs basic obedience classes beginning at an early age in order to keep their dogs under control at all times.
- 4.02** In Fila Brasileiro breeding, the emphasis shall be placed on working ability and other outstanding qualities and the very special character and protectiveness of this breed, as well as, upon structure.

#### **ARTICLE V – SALES**

- 5.01** Members of the FBA should refuse to recommend or sell to breeders who do not follow the official FBA standard of the breed.
- 5.02** The seller, to the best of his/her ability, will state clearly to the buyer whether a puppy or dog being sold is potentially a show or pet quality.
- 5.03** Members of the FBA should not release puppies before they have full knowledge that they are healthy. Proof of the required first inoculations and worming should be furnished.
- 5.04** Breeders must give to buyer's accurate health records, registration papers, and provide the slip for their official pedigrees, three (3) months from the date of sale.
- 5.05** The FBA encourages all breeders to give a full written guarantee on hip dysphasia to the buyer. The breeder should also recommend to the buyer that any dog that develops a serious or disqualifying fault should be spayed or neutered.
- 5.06** All members of the FBA should agree not to co-own a dog and participate in the breeding of said dog with a person who does not follow the FBA standard of the breed.

#### **ARTICLE VI – VIOLATIONS**

- 6.01** If any member of the FBA becomes aware of the abuse or need of relocation of any Fila Brasileiro, he/she will notify any or all of the following for resolution of the problem: a member of the Board of Directors, the correct authorities in the area, and the breeder, if known. See Article IX of the Bylaws.