

## **ADPA Breeder Core Principles**

### *Breeders will strive to:*

1. Breed conscientiously, taking responsibility for the lives they produce, including responsible placement of all puppies produced by any breeding, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the individual dogs as well as the breed. This means, if necessary, breeders will take back any puppy and care for it until a new home can be found.
2. Provide proper husbandry and veterinary care to their dogs and puppies in their care, including nutrition, housing, and enrichment conducive to stable development.
3. Plan breedings to preserve and improve the breed, including temperament, conformation, and hunting instinct, keeping in mind the breed's function as “a versatile field, farm, and family dog” (ADPA Mission), and act as its steward throughout future years. In accordance with this goal, breeders should breed only animals that are in good health and are physically and temperamentally sound. Never breed dogs that are known to have a serious inherited disease or defect that would likely be passed onto offspring and that, if inherited, would significantly affect the quality of life of any offspring produced.
4. Stay informed on current knowledge and available testing for inheritable diseases as per current ADPA recommendations, including, but not limited to, epilepsy, hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, and eye conditions, and use such knowledge and tests to reduce the incidence of inherited disease.
5. Advertise dogs and puppies in a factual and transparent manner, refraining from language which would encourage the raising and selling of dogs for profit.
6. Make every effort to evaluate prospective puppy owners to assess the suitability of the prospective home. Inform all prospective owners of both advantages as well as disadvantages of the breed. New owners should be given full and accurate pedigrees, together with general feeding and maintenance instructions for the dog.
7. Abide by American Kennel Club rules regarding recordkeeping, registrations, and sales and transfers of dogs, and do all in their power to avoid the production of dogs who cannot be registered with a reputable kennel club or registry.
8. Submit all relevant information on their breeding dogs and puppies produced to the ZooEasy Drentsche Patrijshond registry via the ADPA or the Vereniging de Drentsche Patrijshond (VDPH), including but not limited to, registration number, registered name, gender, dam and sire, date of birth, known health test results, other health or behavioral concerns, and owner information.