WORKING DOG COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Purpose:
The Working Dog Committee is dedicated to preserving and promoting Anatolian Shepherd Dogs as Livestock Guardian Dogs. The goal is to maintain and preserve the Anatolian Shepherd Dog’s working temperament, abilities, health and soundness. Recognizing that every breeder matters and every Anatolian Shepherd Dog counts in maintaining the integrity of this breed, this committee will endeavor to promote and encourage serious and thoughtful consideration of working ability, temperament, health and soundness in every Anatolian breeding decision and working environment.

This goal will be achieved by promoting, educating and encouraging correct and ethical breeding practices and care that ensure the Anatolian Shepherd Dog’s working temperament, ability, soundness and health through the submission of educational working articles, posting website references, producing educational pamphlets and other duties that will benefit the fulfillment of this goal.

Committee Membership:
1. The committee shall have at least 5 members.
2. All members must have experience in raising and using Anatolian Shepherd Dogs as livestock guardians.
3. Committee members must be members in good standing.
4. Committee members are appointed by the ASDCA BOD in accordance with the ASDCA committee guidelines.

Current Committee Members:
Chairperson: Can be found listed on the ASDCA website
Committee Members: Can be found listed on the ASDCA website

Committee Duties:
1. To informally meet at least three times a year and discuss by phone or emails issues and/or articles that address the working dog.
2. To meet formally at least once a year to discuss and set yearly goals and complete the committee report by phone and/or emails.

Committee Chair:
1. Shall be point of contact.
2. Shall provide leadership to advance the committee's agenda.
3. Shall submit working dog articles to the Times
4. Shall submit annual committee report to the ASDCA
5. Shall be familiar with and adhere to the ASDCA committee guidelines
Committee Members:
1. Shall be available via email and/or phone to correspond with each other to advance the committees agenda.
2. Shall prepare and/or submit articles to the committee to be published in the Anatolian Times regarding the working livestock guardian dog.
3. Shall assist the committee chair with all committee responsibilities.

Committee Responsibilities:
1. Promote the Anatolian Shepherd as livestock guardian dog.
2. Educate the public, new owners and breeders about the raising and handling of livestock guardian dogs for optimum results.
3. Encourage correct and ethical breeding practices.
4. Provide materials and hand-outs to be used at Public Educational Events. (Must be approved by ASDCA BOD)
5. Find working dog articles for submission to the Times.
   (if the submitted article has previously been printed, it must be authorized for republishing by the author)
6. All committee members will be points of contact for people that need help with their working dogs.

Unique Expertise Required:
Members must have experience in raising and using Anatolian Shepherd Dogs as Livestock Guardians.

Unique Requirements:
Members must have internet access for communication (email) and phone service.