

ASDCA Health Committee Guidelines

(Approved by the ASDCA BOD 1/24/2016)

Purpose:

The Health Committee is dedicated to preserving and promoting the health and welfare of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog. The goal is to maintain and preserve the Anatolian Shepherd Dog's longevity, soundness and overall health and well-being.

This goal will be achieved by promoting, educating, and encouraging correct and ethical breeding practices and care that ensure the Anatolian Shepherd Dog's 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 3 members.
2. Committee members must be members in good standing.
3. Committee members are appointed by the ASDCA BOD in accordance with the ASDCA committee guidelines.

Current Committee Members:

Chairperson: Can be found listed in the ASDCA Minutes

Committee Members: Can be found listed in the ASDCA Minutes

Committee Duties:

1. To informally meet at least three times a year and discuss by phone or emails issues and/or articles that address health issues as the pertain to the Anatolian or new advances in veterinary medicine that may be applicable to the Anatolian Shepherd 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 health-related articles to the Anatolian Times prior to each of the three deadlines published in the Anatolian Times.
4. Shall either attend or help identify a Club member to attend the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Parent Club Health Conference biannually and aid in the submission of a report to the membership via the Anatolian Times.
5. Shall ensure that the OFA results are provided to the Editor of the Anatolian Times three times annually for publication.
6. Shall submit annual committee report to the ASDCA.
7. Shall make efforts to provide educational opportunities for the membership in conjunction with Specialties and/or Clinics.
8. Act as Club Liaison for AKC/CHF, OFA, and Canine Health Information Center (CHIC).

9. Make recommendations on behalf of the committee to the ASDCA BOD on activities, events or materials that should be made available to the membership.
10. 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 health-related articles to the committee to be published in the Anatolian Times.
3. Shall assist the committee chair with all committee responsibilities.

Committee Responsibilities:

1. Promote the health and welfare of the Anatolian Shepherd.
2. Educate the public, new owners and breeders about health-related topics as they pertain to the Anatolian Shepherd Dog.
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 or write health-related 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 Club members seeking guidance.

Unique Expertise Required:

Members must have an interest in the health and longevity of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog.

Unique Requirements:

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