



Code of Ethics

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PURPOSE: This Code of Ethics is presented as a guide for all members of the Garden State All-Terrier Club, Inc. to use when buying, selling or exhibiting terriers. Violations of this Code will be the subject of a review of membership eligibility and maintenance of membership.

PRACTICES:

1. Abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Garden State All-Terrier Club, Inc. and the rules of the American Kennel Club.
2. Keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.
3. Support and conduct ethical trade practices:
 - a. Maintain a professional attitude. Where sales and service arrangements are concerned, they shall be mutually agreed upon, stated in writing, dated and signed by all parties.
 - b. All bitches and dogs used for breeding must be registered with the American Kennel Club, or the registry body in the country of origin, or the stud book governing those breeds ineligible for AKC registration.
 - c. All buyers must receive a record of immunizations, wormings, pedigree and AKC transfer documents as agreed to under Section 3(a) above.
 - d. Agree not to sell dogs to pet dealers or to other sources of commercial distribution, singly or in "litter lots" or as prizes in any contest or lottery.
4. No breeding will be conducted solely for commercial purposes. All bitches and studs will be bred with the intention of the litter improving the breed. A breeder has the obligation of assuring a safe and healthy home for each puppy produced.
5. Maintain the highest standards of canine health, cleanliness and care. As a minimum standard, animals will be cared for in a safe, clean and vermin-free shelter, run or yard with access to sufficient clean water and adequate food for each animal.
6. All advertising shall be factual, informative and free of fraudulent or misleading statements or opinions.

7. Honestly evaluate the quality of any dogs sold or placed and fairly represent the evaluation as an opinion.

8. Inferior animals should be neutered, or if seriously deformed, should be humanely euthanized.

9. Observe a high standard of sportsmanship, goodwill and friendship at shows, trials and meetings. Assist newcomers and guests to instill the rich tradition of the GSATC and the terrier breeds.

10. Participate in Club functions wherever possible and represent the Clubs' purposes in all canine activities.

DISCIPLINE: Failure to comply with this Code of Ethics will subject a member to disciplinary procedures in accordance with Article VI (current By-laws). Allegations of violations of the Code of Ethics shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Garden State All-Terrier Club, Inc.