

**GREENVILLE AREA DOG CLUB, INC.
CODE OF ETHICS**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In addition to the purpose stated in the Greenville Area Dog Club Constitution, the purpose of the Code of Ethics is to raise the standards in the dog breeding and selling industry to the level of a profession, and to likewise condemn all practices which detract from the industry's professional stature.

The further purpose of this Code of Ethics is to help outline for prospective members and existing members a term "endanger" the welfare of the Club, as stated in Article I of the Constitution.

CODE OF ETHICS

In furtherance on the foregoing purpose, the Greenville Area Dog Club, Inc. (G.A.D.C.), adopts the following Code of Ethics, which becomes absolutely binding upon all members. Concern for the animal should always take precedence over personal gain, profit, or glory.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

To provide for all dogs in their keeping both physical and emotional. For the members to remain aware of the benefits of Spaying and Neutering, to prevent accidental breeding and unwanted litters.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BREEDERS

To be familiar with Breed Standard and to be aware that the purpose of breeding is to maintain or improve the quality of the breeds in accordance with the Breed Standard, including to make every effort to breed animals free of genetic defect or disease.

The G.A.D.C. member understands the need for responsible breeding programs, and encourages breeding only when it is a valid, justifiable improvement of the breed, and when the produce of the breeding can be assured a proper home and care.

G.A.D.C. members discourage breeding for misguided or fallacious reasons, such as to improve the temperament of the bitch through motherhood, to expose children to the reproductive process, or for monetary gain. Prospective breeders are reminded of their responsibility to provide complete pre- and post-natal care to the bitch and puppies, and should remember that the expenses of proper care from the time of breeding until the puppies are placed, far exceeds any proceeds the sale may bring. For the members to remain aware of the benefits of Spaying and Neutering to prevent accidental breeding and unwanted litters.

G.A.D.C. members strongly oppose disposing of puppies or livestock of any kind, by offering them as prizes, or giveaways in auctions, raffles, contest, or promotional events. Many animals acquired in this manner wind up in shelters after the novelty of ownership has worn off.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SELLERS

To ascertain that the prospective buyer is aware of the needs of the breed and has the knowledge and facilities to care properly for a growing puppy or adult dog. To refuse to sell "Dogs" to any pet shop or any wholesale dealer in dogs, or knowingly to sell or aid or abet the sale of any "Breed" to a person or agent who will sell the animal through a pet shop.

RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD SHOWING

Good sportsmanship shall be expected, not only in the Ring, but outside as well. A member shall present his/her dog and himself/herself in a manner, which will not reflect detrimentally on the reputation of the Greenville Area Dog Club, Inc.

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of the Code of Ethics will be handled in accordance with the disciplinary procedure outlined in the Constitution, Article VI.