

Washington State Scottish Terrier Club

CODE OF ETHICS

The Washington State Scottish Terrier Club (WSSTC) was formed and exists to encourage and promote the breeding, raising, and caring for quality pure-bred Scottish Terriers. It is committed to protect and advance the interests of the breed, to provide information about the breed to the Scottish Terrier fancier and the general public, and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at all dog shows and events. The Club also sets forth acceptable standards of conduct expected of all its members in good standing.

As a member of the WSSTC, I agree to:

- be actively involved in the Club, and supportive of its events and activities,
- educate the public by providing accurate information regarding the breed and its AKC Standard,
- ensure proper housing, fencing, veterinary and other nurturing care for my Scottish Terrier,
- refuse to support legislation and organizations that are detrimental to the responsible ownership and breeding of the Scottish Terrier,
- be familiar with the Constitution and By-Laws of WSSTC,
- attend Club meetings regularly, whenever possible, and
- conduct myself in a manner which reflects credit upon myself, the Club, and its members.

As a Member of the WSSTC and a Scottish Terrier owner, who breeds one or more litters, I agree to the standards of conduct set forth by WSSTC, as well as the following ethical practices recommended by the Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA.)

- Maintain the animal(s) in an environment and under a regime that as far as possible ensures the well-being of the dog.
- Make use of available DNA testing when needed, in order to produce Scottish Terriers free of genetically transmitted defects.
- Familiarize oneself with the AKC Standard of the Breed and strive to breed only Scottish Terriers of characteristic type, sound structure and temperament, directing ones efforts to producing dogs in conformity to the AKC Standard.
- Keep accurate breeding records and registration information in accordance with American Kennel Club regulations.
- Breed bitches in good condition and health according to AKC recommendations.
- Only undertake the breeding of a bitch when one is prepared to keep the resultant puppies and they are suitably placed.
- Members offering a dog at stud should require similar assurances from the owner of bitches of non-STCA members.
- Puppies should not be sold prior to 10 weeks of age. Puppies and adults should be sold with appropriate inoculations for their age.
- Members should provide stud service only when satisfied that the owner of the bitch has such time and facilities necessary for the proper development of the puppies.
- Should not misrepresent or fail to disclose known hereditary defects, health and physical condition of any stock offered for sale or breeding purposes.
- Provide purchasers of adults or puppies with accurate papers to include a three generation pedigree, registration certificate and/or written sales agreement as to whether a guarantee is provided and setting forth any terms, conditions, or limitations thereto, together with complete medical records and instructions for care and feeding.
- Not knowingly sell a Scottish Terrier of any age to a pet shop, catalog house, laboratory or any wholesale dealer in dogs (a dealer being a person who regularly buys dogs for sale at profit,) or to any person who sells to any of the above.
- Members will not knowingly offer stud service to wholesale dealers or to any person involved with pet shops, catalog houses or laboratories. No Scottish Terrier will be provided for use in raffles, auctions or similar enterprises.
- Assume an ongoing responsibility for the Scottish Terrier that they produce. This is a lifetime commitment. A Scottie in need of a new home, who is owned by, bred by or sired by a member of STCA (and/or WSSTC) should not become as rescue dog. This dog should become the responsibility of the owner, breeder, or owner of the sire.
- Engage in advertising that is as factual as possible. Misleading exaggerations or unfounded implications of superiority shall not be used.
- Refrain from knowingly making unfair or untrue statements about the dogs or practices of others.

By signing this Code of Ethics, I acknowledge that I understand and agree with the purposes of the Washington State Scottish Terrier Club and its parent Club, the Scottish Terrier Club of America, that I will do my best to promote the best interests of the Club and the breed, and that I will not engage in any practice that is unethical or prejudicial to the best interests of the Club.

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