

# THE AMERICAN FOX TERRIER CLUB

## CODE OF ETHICS

Revised and approved by the AFTC Board of Governors 2013

### **Health and Care**

Members should provide adequate food, water, shelter, human companionship and medical care to all dogs in their care.

### **Breeding**

Fox Terriers used for breeding should be in good health and free from communicable diseases.

Members should conscientiously plan each litter with the intent of the betterment of the breed. Breeder should take into consideration structure, health and temperament.

Members shall support the efforts of the AFTC relative to health issues known to affect the breeds. Members shall follow the recommended health testing through the CHIC program as established by the AFTC.

Stud owners should be selective in accepting bitches to their stud dogs and should consider only bitches whose owners can adhere to this code of ethics.

Stud dog owners should not breed to any bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved in commercial trafficking of dogs with any puppy broker, puppy mill, pet shops selling dogs, litter or lot sales, or any other wholesale distributor whose business is involved in like activities.

When appropriate, dogs shall be sold with limited registration, or with written agreement to have the animal altered.

All services and sales arrangements shall be documented in writing and signed by all parties. AFTC members must support and conduct only ethical trade practices.

### **Sales and Placements**

Members shall sell or place Fox Terriers only with individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give the dog proper care and attention.

Members should provide new owners with care and feeding instructions. Under no conditions shall dogs be sold to pet dealers or any other source of commercial distribution.

At time of sale, seller shall furnish health, medical records, pedigree and AKC registration or transfer documents to the buyer. These must be provided unless written agreement is made at the time of sale or transfer that these papers are to be withheld.

Any puppy with a serious hereditary or congenital health problem should be replaced or purchase price refunded.

Members should honor all contracts and agreements entered into concerning Fox Terriers.

If an owner cannot keep a Fox Terrier, the breeder shall make every reasonable effort to secure a new home for it.

### **Advertising**

All advertising shall be factual, informative and free of fraudulent or misleading statements. Puppies Should be Priced according to individual quality.

### **Code of Conduct**

Members should observe a high standard of conduct, displaying sportsmanship, goodwill and friendliness, at shows, trials and gatherings. This includes respect of show sites, hotels, internet forums, and other social media.

Members whenever possible should assist newcomers to the breed in perpetuating the rich tradition of the American Fox Terrier Club.

Members shall abide by the constitution and by-laws of the American Fox Terrier Club and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club including the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.

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First applicant's signature

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Second applicant's signature

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