

West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Ohio

Code of Ethics

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The West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Ohio recognizes its responsibility to preserve and protect the West Highland White Terrier. It further recognizes that the quality and reputation of the breed rests squarely in the hands of its breeders. Therefore, as guidance both to the public and its member-breeders, the WHWTCNO sets forth below certain standards of conduct to be followed by its members:

1. No member will knowingly sell any puppy to any pet shop: catalog house or any wholesale dealer in dogs or to any person who sells to pet shops, catalog houses or wholesale dealers or in any way knowingly aid or abet the sale of any West Highland White Terrier through a pet shop or catalog house.
2. All breedings will be planned and aimed at improvement of the breed. The member-breeder will be familiar with the Standard and will do everything in his power to discourage breeding from clearly inferior specimens of the breed, or to any such specimen with his stud. No dogs exhibiting a disqualifying hereditary defect, unsound temperament or poor health will be bred.
3. No member-breeder will breed a bitch unless he has the time and facilities to provide proper care and attention to the physical and emotional development of puppies. No bitch will be subject to more than two successive whelpings.
4. If a dog or bitch produces offspring with the same serious defect detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness or impairment of the vital function, from litters by three different mating partners, the member owning that dog or bitch will refrain from further use of the animal for breeding.
5. A member selling a dog or puppy which he knows to have a physical condition or a serious deviation from the Standard which indicates that the breeding of the animal would be detrimental to the welfare of the Breed, will so inform the buyer the sale will be made with an agreement in writing, signed by both buyer and seller, that the dog is not to be bred. Additional agreements pertaining to spaying or neutering of the animal are encouraged.
6. If, to the member-breeder's knowledge, a dog has been exposed to a communicable canine disease, the dog will not be released until the end of the incubation period for that disease. The incubation period will be determined by a licensed veterinarian.
7. A member-breeder will be familiar with the AKC rules governing record keeping, registration and sale and transfer of dogs, and will abide by those rules. Any warranties or other agreements pertaining to the sale of a dog will be put in writing, with a copy provided to the buyer, seller and to the American Kennel Club.

It is further recommended:

- a. Each dog sold will be accompanied by a current health certificate and/or written record of all medical treatment within the preceding year of sale.
- b. Dogs will have had shots appropriate for their and will have had fecal examinations and necessary treatments before being released.
- c. No puppy will be released before the age of eight (8) weeks.
- d. Member-breeders will furnish the buyer at least a three (3) generation pedigree.

- e. Member-breeders will inform the buyer of the breed characteristics of the WHWT and will give the buyer written instructions on feeding, maintenance and grooming of the particular dog.
 - f. Financial arrangements shall be in written form, with a copy provided the buyer and the seller.
 - g. Member-breeder will acquaint the buyer with local and national Breed dog clubs.
8. A member-breeder reserves the right to refuse to do business with people he believes to be unethical breeders or owners, or sell to any buyer that he believes will not take proper care of a puppy or dog.
 9. Advertising by members will be as factual as possible. Misleading exaggerations or unfounded implications of superiority will not be used.
 10. Members will refrain from knowingly making unfair or untrue statements about the dogs or practices of others.

ENFORCEMENT

Any member having reason to believe that this Code of Ethics is being or has been violated may prefer charges against the alleged violator. Written charges with specification must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary, together with a deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. Disposition of the charges will be handled in accordance with procedures as set out in the Constitution and By-Laws of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Ohio.