

# **Code of Ethics**

## **Grand Forks Kennel Club**

### **General Responsibility toward Animals**

All dogs should be kept in a safe and sanitary environment, provided with adequate and proper nutrition and water, veterinary care including preventative measures (immunizations), socialization and adequate attention to induce maximum health. The health, safety and comfort of dogs being shipped and/or exhibited should be equally considered.

### **Responsibility toward the Public and the Club**

Every member should at all times, while at home, at dog shows and or trials, in the show ring, traveling or staying at hotels or motels, behave in such a manner as to reflect positively on the sport of purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership.

Each member shall conduct themselves in a fair and courteous manner at all dog events.

No member shall make false or misleading statements about another member, competitor or their dogs.

Members should willingly offer the novice advice, constructive criticism or assistance with problems, when requested to do so.

### **Special Responsibilities**

Members should keep up to date on information in the field of genetics and health issues in their breed, and work persistently to eliminate hereditary defects in their breeding.

Members should breed only dogs and bitches that are healthy, of good temperament and free of hereditary defects, and over the age specified by the AKC parent club for their breed, and who have passed all health clearances appropriate for their breed.

All unaltered bitches and dogs are safeguarded from unplanned matings. No unregistered or mixed breed dogs will be bred.

All puppies will be well socialized and receive proper veterinary care and inoculations. No puppy will leave the breeder's possession before the age of 7 weeks. All new owners are provided with written details on feeding, general care, dates of worming and inoculations. All "pet" puppies will be sold on a spay/neuter contract.

No member will sell, consign or lease any puppies or adults to pet shops or commercial establishments (*except service organizations*), brokers, distributors, or wholesalers and includes wording in all contracts so that purchasers and lessees will not do so either. No animals will be supplies for raffles, "giveaway" prizes or other such projects or consignments even in non-commercial instances.

***I hereby agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the Grand Forks Kennel Club.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_