

Scottish Terrier Club of Michigan, Inc.

Code of Ethics

The Scottish Terrier Club of Michigan, Inc. was formed and exists to encourage and promote the welfare of and quality breeding of purebred Scottish Terriers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. The Club is committed to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at all times. Toward these ends, the following practices are condemned as unethical and, if proven, shall constitute misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed as provided by Article VI of the By-Laws:

1. The breeding of any Scottish Terrier without: the aim of and planning for the improvement of the Breed, a thorough knowledge of our Breed Standard, and a commitment to breed to that Standard.
2. The breeding of any Scottish Terrier without due regard for and/or consideration of: hereditary defects, good health, physical condition, conformation, and temperament of the stock so bred, and/or the quality of puppies produced by such breeding.
3. The breeding of any Scottish Terrier without the proper and accepted vonWillebrand Disease testing of both the sire and dam, and an adherence to the recommendations resulting from said testing or lines with clear ancestors.
4. The wholesaling of litters of puppies or selling of puppies or breeding stock to or through: pet shops, catalog houses, or other similar commercial sources of distribution, and/or the breeding of any Scottish Terrier solely for monetary gain.
5. The sale or transfer of puppies under the age of ten weeks, or the sale of puppies without at least the first set of puppy shots, worming, or other treatment consistent with the latest technology in veterinary care for puppies.
6. The sale of any Scottish Terrier: upon the evaluation of the breeder not for show or of show conformation unless in a mentoring program with breeder can sell without a spay-neuter contract, and without instructions for proper grooming and care.
7. The misrepresentation of or failure to disclose: known hereditary defects, the health, physical condition, conformation, or temperament of any stock offered for sale or breeding purposes.
8. The misrepresentation of the show or breeding record of any Scottish Terrier, and/or the failing to correct any such misrepresentation, knowing or inadvertent, within a reasonable time of becoming aware of its existence.
9. The knowing violation of American Kennel Club rules regarding: record keeping, registration, sale and transfer of dogs, and/or the altering of any Scottish Terrier either physically or cosmetically for the purposes of exhibition or breeding.
10. The deliberate refusal to honor a contract or agreement having to do with the sale, breeding or exhibition of a Scottish Terrier.

By signing this Code of Ethics, I/we acknowledge that I/we understand and agree with the purposes of The Scottish Terrier Club of Michigan, Inc.; that I/we will do my/our best to promote the best interests of the Club and the breed; and that I/we will not engage in any practice which is unethical or prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed.

Signature

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