

CODE OF ETHICS

I will not use dogs for breeding that are not American Kennel Club (AKC) registered. I will not use my studs on unregistered bitches.

I shall breed and/or provide stud service to conform to the AKC Standard of Excellence (Breed Standard) and only from quality, healthy stock.

I will screen for inherited diseases as known in the breed and will not breed dogs that are known to have/carry those diseases or screen for them.

I shall ensure that at all times dogs under my control shall be kept under sanitary conditions and shall be given maximum health protection through regular inoculations and proper nutrition. I will ensure that my dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions whenever their safety cannot be personally supervised.

I will not sell dogs or puppies without true representation to the purchaser nor use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising.

All puppies will be sold as pets except those I have reason to believe are of excellent breeding quality or show potential.

I will not sell puppies to pet shops, "puppy mills," or laboratories.

I will screen prospective buyers as thoroughly as possible to determine their desire and ultimate intent for each puppy or dog acquired from me.

All puppies leaving my possession shall be a minimum of eight (8) weeks of age or if being shipped to another state, they must be at least twelve (12) weeks of age.

I will supply each purchaser with: a) at least a three generation pedigree, b) a complete medical record, and c) details on proper feeding and care.

The buyer will agree that I will be contacted whenever an owner can no longer keep a dog at any time in the dogs' life and it will be my obligation as a breeder to take the dog back or arrange for its' care until such time that the dog can be placed in a new home.

Pet puppy purchasers will be strongly encouraged to spay or neuter all pet quality puppies and such puppies will be sold with the AKC Limited Registration and/or spay/neuter contract.

I will cover all stud service terms by written agreement and keep accurate records of matings and births as required by the AKC. I will assist in the placement of any dogs sired by my stud and will encourage the breeder to ask a price for puppies consistent with pride in the breed.

I will help educate the public in the Breed Standard and care of my breed and all other areas of animal welfare which I am qualified to discuss. I will try to educate people as to the correct sizes, coats and colors of the miniature dachshund.

I will observe all AKC rules and regulations and abide by the By - Laws of the National Miniature Dachshund Club, Inc.

I will devote myself to the betterment of the breed and promote the fancy through my deeds and conduct.

NOTE: For applicants who live outside the United States, substitute your country's nationally recognized kennel club for all references to the American Kennel Club (AKC) - these would include (but not limited to) clubs such as The Kennel Club (United Kingdom), The Canadian Kennel Club, Japan Kennel Club, Inc. and the Irish Kennel Club.