



## Code of Ethics

In the interest of the welfare and promotion of the Shetland Sheepdog breed, and in compliance with the objectives of the Green Bay Shetland Sheepdog Club's Constitution, I hereby agree to abide by this Code of Ethics and its intent.

1. I agree to encourage and promote the training and/or exhibition of purebred Shetland Sheepdogs, doing all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
  - a. If I choose to breed, I will plan only litters offering reasonable expectation that the offspring will exceed the parents in quality.
  - b. I will do my best to educate the public in my breed standard, the care of my breed and the selection of quality breeding stock.
  - c. I will not sell or donate dogs to commercial wholesalers or retailers, research labs or any speculative sources of distribution.
  - d. I will maintain high standards in the care and placement of my dogs.
  - e. I will not sell without true representation to the purchaser, nor use any misleading or untruthful statements or omit any pertinent information in selling and advertising.
  - f. I will supply each purchaser, at the time of sale, the American Kennel Club registration certificate or application, a written contract that includes a guarantee, or a written guarantee of such, an up-to-date health record and information pertinent to diet, care and training of such dog or puppy.
  
2. I will familiarize myself with the official standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club, accepting it as the only standard of excellence by which Shetland Sheepdogs shall be judged and bred, and will familiarize myself with the American Kennel Club's "Rules Applying to Registration."
  - a. I will not breed any dogs that are not AKC registered.
  - b. Breeding between any dog or bitch which produces hereditary disqualifying or disabling faults in the majority of offspring should not be repeated. If this same bitch or dog produces like results from other matings, the breeder will refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.
  - c. I agree to discourage breeding of any dog sold as a pet by using the American Kennel Club's limited registration, rebate or refund for a spay/neuter, or a spay/neuter contract.
  - d. Any limiting conditions should be on the bill of sale or sales contract.
  - e. I will comply with all AKC rules and regulations where they pertain.
  
3. I will support the Green Bay Shetland Sheepdog Club and the American Shetland Sheepdog Association in their efforts to improve the breed.
  - a. Club welfare and reputation should be a prime concern of all members and should be placed above individual prestige or monetary gain.
  - b. Each member of the Green Bay Shetland Sheepdog Club has a moral obligation to adhere to the Code of Ethics and to conduct himself or herself in a manner befitting a person dedicated to the improvement and protection of purebred dogs.
  
4. Any violation of this Code of Ethics should be resolved in accordance with the Green Bay Shetland Sheepdog Club's existing Constitution and Bylaws.

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**Applicant's Signature**

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**Date**