**American Fox Terrier Club Code of Ethics**

**Health and Care**

Members should provide adequate food, water, shelter, human companionship and medical care to all dogs in their care.

Fox Terriers used for breeding should be in good health and free of communicable diseases.

**Breeding**

Members should conscientiously plan each litter with the intent of the betterment of the breed. Breeders should take into consideration structure, health and temperament.

Members shall support the efforts of the AFTC relative to health issues known to affect the breeds. Members shall follow the recommended health testing through the CHIC program as established by the AFTC.

Stud owners should be selective in accepting bitches to their stud dogs and should consider only bitches whose owners can adhere to this code of ethics.

Stud dog owners should not breed to any bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, pet shops selling dogs, litter of lot sales, or any other wholesale distributor whose business is involved in like activities.

When appropriate, animals shall be sold on limited registration.

All services and sales arrangements shall be in writing and signed by all parties. AFTC members must support and conduct only ethical trade practices.

Members shall keep accurate breeding records, registrations and pedigrees.

**Sales and Placement**

Members shall sell or place Fox Terriers only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give the dog proper care and attention. Members should provide new owners with care and feeding instructions. Under no conditions shall dogs be sold to pet dealers or any other source of commercial distribution.

At the time of sale, the seller shall furnish records to the buyer. Those shall include complete medical records, including vaccinations given and deworming, pedigree and AKC registration or transfer documents unless written agreement is made at time of sale or transfer providing that these papers are to be withheld.

Any puppy with a serious hereditary or congenital health problem should be replaced, or purchase price refunded. Members should honor all contracts and agreements entered into concerning Fox

Terriers.

If a new owner cannot keep a Fox Terrier the breeder shall make every reasonable effort to secure a new home for it.

**Advertising**

All advertising shall be factual, informative and free of fraudulent or misleading statements. Puppies should be priced according to individual quality.

**Code of Conduct**

Members should observe a high standard of conduct, displaying sportsmanship, goodwill and friendliness, at shows, trials and gatherings. This includes respect for show sites, hotels, internet forums, and other social media.

Members whenever possible should assist newcomers to the breed in perpetuating the rich tradition of the American Fox Terrier Club.

Members shall abide by the constitution and by-laws of the American Fox Terrier Club and rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club, including the AKC code of sportsmanship.

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