



## KNICKERBOCKER STANDARD SCHNAUZER CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

The goals and objectives of the Knickerbocker Standard Schnauzer Club include the protection and advancement of the breed, the encouragement of sportsmanlike conduct at all dog events, and the breeding of Standard Schnauzers in keeping with the American Kennel Club breed standard. As an AKC sanctioned club, the Knickerbocker Standard Schnauzer Club supports the rules and regulations of the AKC for dog shows, and performance events, breeding, registration and conduct.

As a member of the Knickerbocker Standard Schnauzer Club, I recognize these goals and agree to abide by the code of ethics as outlined below.

### AS A MEMBER

I will maintain high standards of health and care for my dogs including providing regular immunizations that meet all state and local requirements. In addition, I will provide good nutrition, shelter, basic training and grooming.

If it becomes necessary to re-home my dog, I will contact my breeder for guidance. I will not give my dog to an animal shelter or rescue organization with the exception of the KSSC or SSCA rescue committees.

I will train my dogs so that they are good neighbors and ambassadors for this breed.

I will make every effort to learn about the structure, anatomy, action, inherited traits and behavior of the dog: especially where such learning applies to working breeds and specifically to the Standard Schnauzer.

### AS AN EXHIBITOR

At dog events, I will conduct myself in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner towards judges, other exhibitors and the public.

I will abide by all the AKC rules and regulations, and those of show-giving organizations.

### AS A BREEDER

I will breed only to improve the breed and not for the purpose of making a profit and will maintain all records in accordance with the policies of the AKC.

I will avoid using, except with written permission, a suffix or prefix that is associated with a recognized Standard Schnauzer breeder.

I will use the official standard of the breed when evaluating and breeding my stock.

I will use or give service to only registered stock that is physically and temperamentally sound and in good health. Stock shall be free of from any known serious inherited abnormalities that affect health, soundness and quality of life. Breeding stock will be certified free of hip dysplasia by a recognized authority such as the OFA. Breeding stock will also be tested for DCM.

I will sell only healthy animals with sound temperament, no younger than (8) weeks of age and with proper immunization.

I will provide the AKC registration form, a 3-generation pedigree, health records, and a care sheet with each animal sold.

I will recommend spaying and neutering at an appropriate age on animals not purchased for breeding.

I will not sell nor dispose of any dog through a pet shop, wholesaler, animal shelter, commercial dealer, or paid agent, nor donate any animal for the purpose of a raffle or similar sale. Nor will I sell to a buyer when there is reason to believe that adequate care will not be provided to said animal.

I will make every effort to rescue and place, or assist in rescue and placement of, any dog that I have bred. I will not place any of my dogs in an animal shelter or rescue organization with the exception of the KSSC or SSCA rescue committees.

I will be truthful and informative when advertising and dealing with the public.

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**Print name** **Date**

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