

# SCWTAC - Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics outlines basic procedures and sets forth principles of general conduct to be followed by all members. Failure to comply with the code will subject a member to disciplinary procedures provided by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada. Allegations of violations of the Code shall be adjudicated by the Board of Directors of the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada.

## 1. General:

- 1.1. Abide by the regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).
- 1.2. Promote the best interests and welfare of the breed and the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada.
- 1.3. Exhibit good sportsmanship and the highest professional attitudes at all times.
- 1.4. Provide every dog with humane living quarters, veterinary supervised health care, proper nutrition and grooming.
- 1.5. Promote the cause of responsible dog ownership by personal example and by providing assistance and education geared toward responsible dog ownership.

## 2. Breeding:

- 2.1. Breeding will be in concurrence with the current Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada's *Breeder's Guidelines*.
- 2.2. Breed only:
  - 2.2.1. Purebred dogs, CKC registered or eligible for CKC registration.
  - 2.2.2. Dogs in excellent health.
    - a. X-rayed free of Hip Dysplasia.
    - b. Routinely examined free of Progressive Retinal Atrophy and other significant hereditary eye disorders.
    - c. Routinely tested (blood, urine, etc.) to assure current excellent health.
    - d. Free of internal and external parasites.
  - 2.2.3. Dogs characteristic of the breed standard with excellent conformation, no disqualifying faults, and of sound temperament.
  - 2.2.4. Mature animals.
- 2.3. A bitch, ideally, should have only one litter in a twelve-month period.
- 2.4. A bitch shall be bred to only one male at each heat.
- 2.5. Keep precise breeding records and make sure that registration applications are sent to CKC as soon as possible.

## 3. Selling:

- 3.1. Conscientiously plan the placement of all Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers.
  - 3.1.1. No dogs will knowingly be sold to pet dealers, pet wholesalers, pet brokers, or puppy mills, singly or in litter lots.

- 3.1.2. No dogs will be offered as a raffle or contest prizes or for other types of giveaways.
- 3.1.3. No dogs will knowingly be sold to any person who would act as a third party to the transactions referred to in 3.1.1. or 3.1.2.

3.2. All advertising and claims regarding the sale of Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers will be of an honest and forthright nature.

3.3. Sell only healthy dogs:

- 3.3.1. Well started with adequate nourishment and care.
- 3.3.2. With tails docked and dew claws removed according to the breed standard.
- 3.3.3. With no known temperament problems.
- 3.3.4. Free of internal and external parasites.
- 3.3.5. With protection against those diseases which can be controlled by vaccination according to current veterinary practices.

3.4. At the time of sale, supply the buyer with:

- 3.4.1. A detailed signed contract with:
    - a. Adequate description of the dog.
    - b. Responsibilities of the buyer.
    - c. Guarantees of seller.
  - 3.4.2. An accurate pedigree.
  - 3.4.3. Written instructions of feeding, health care, training, grooming, etc.
  - 3.4.4. Medical records indicating date of examination and vaccinations and any medication given.
- 3.5. Use the CKC *Non-Breeding Agreement* (CKC form 201) for the sale of dogs (not already neutered/spayed) that should not reproduce and encourage the owner to have the dog neutered/spayed.
- 3.6. Register dogs born in Canada in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act.

## 4. Exhibiting:

- 4.1. The Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier shall be entered and exhibited in accordance with the CKC rules.
- 4.2. Dogs presented in the show ring will be clean and properly groomed according to the breed standard.
- 4.3. Be responsible for the appearance and conduct of his dog at all times.
- 4.4. Conduct himself in a sportsman-like manner in and out of the ring.

*I/We the undersigned, have read and understood the Code of Ethics of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada and agree to comply with it.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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