

PVSSC CODE OF ETHICS

The goals and objectives of the Potomac Valley 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 PVSSC supports the rules and regulations of the AKC for dog shows and performance events, breeding and registration, and conduct. As a member club of the Standard Schnauzer Club of America Inc and the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders, the PVSSC supports the codes of ethics of those organizations.

As a member of the Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club, I recognize these goals and agree to abide by its Code of Ethics as outlined below:

General:

I will maintain high standards of health and care for my dogs, including regular immunizations, which meet all state and local requirements.

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

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 AKC rules and regulations, and those of show-giving organizations.

As a Breeder:

I will breed only to improve the breed, and will maintain all records in accordance with the policies of the American Kennel Club.

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

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

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

I will encourage spaying and neutering of animals not purchased for breeding.

I will not sell or dispose of any dog through a pet shop, wholesaler, animal shelter, commercial dealer or paid agent, nor donate any animal for purposes 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 the puppy.

I will make every effort to rescue and place, or assist in rescue and placement of, any dog that I have bred.

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