

**CODE OF ETHICS**

The Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay was founded and exists to encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Scottish Terriers, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. It is committed to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows.

To this end, the following practices are condemned as unethical; and if proven, shall constitute misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or Breed as provided in the Bylaws.

1. The indiscriminate breeding of stock without due regard for the consideration of hereditary defects, good health, and physical condition of the stock to be bred, and the quality of puppies produced by such breeding.
2. The wholesaling of litters of puppies or breeding stock to or through pet shops, catalog houses or other similar commercial sources of distribution.
3. The misrepresentation of or failure to disclose known hereditary defects, health or physical condition of the stock offered to anyone else for sale or breeding purposes.
4. The knowing violation of the American Kennel Club rules regarding record keeping, registration, sale, and transfer of dogs, or the rules and procedures regarding the exhibition of dogs.

By signing this Code of Ethics, I acknowledge that I understand and agree with the purpose of the Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay; that I will do my best to promote the best interest of the Club and Breed; and that I will not engage in any practices which are unethical or prejudicial to the best interest of the Club.

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