

WIRE-HAIRED POINTING
GRIFFON CLUB OF CANADA
~CODE OF ETHICS~



General Requirements

1. All members shall when engaged in the normal course of caring for, breeding, selling, exhibiting, trialing and/or judging purebred dogs, abide and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon Club Of Canada and those of the Canadian Kennel Club.
2. All members shall strive to gain respect for their participation and that of their fellow members in the foregoing activities and to make the best possible contribution to the improvement of the quality, temperament, health and welfare of the Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon breed.
3. All members must realize that their behavior reflects the public image of the Wire-Haired Pointing Griffons and must act accordingly.
4. No member shall speak in a derogatory manner about other members of the club nor any breeders or exhibitors of any breed and shall only state factual information about others.
5. All members shall accept any majority vote of the club as the wishes of the club.
6. All members shall accept that all actions made by the club must reflect the best interest of the Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon breed.
7. All members will provide for all animals in their care clean, comfortable quarters. These will be warm in winter and cool enough for comfort in summer. All animals will be fed a quality diet and be kept in the best possible physical condition. All animals will be given adequate space to live and exercise in. All animals will be given routine inoculations for communicable diseases. Whenever necessary, prompt veterinary care will be provided.
8. All members shall never sell or give any Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon to a third party, agent, a pet shop, commercial dealer, health organization for the purpose of

experimentation, or to a laboratory, nor shall any Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon be sold or given for auction, raffle or prize.

9. Nothing in this Code of Ethics shall be interpreted to be in violation of the rules and regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club or the Constitution and By-Laws of the Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon Club Of Canada.

Breeders' Requirements

A breeder is defined as anyone who owns or is responsible for the care of any intact Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon that is actively being used, could be used or will be used for breeding, even if bred only one time.

1. All members will breed to improve the quality of their Wire-Haired Pointing Griffons according to the Canadian Kennel Club breed standard. Before a litter is bred, all members will be in a position to care for both the bitch and puppies for as long a period of time necessary to find the best possible homes for those puppies and to provide proper socialization to all the puppies.
2. No member will breed a dog or bitch that possesses any disqualifying fault, as stated in the official Canadian Kennel Club breed standard, or any major hereditary defect.
3. No member knowingly selling any puppies/adult dogs who possess a major hereditary defect or disqualifying fault shall clearly identify such puppy/adult dog as such and shall be sold with an official CKC Non-Breeding Agreement and request that the puppy/dog is spayed/neuter within a specific timeframe. In every case, the potential buyer will be told, before purchase and if possible, of the fault or defect.
4. Each member will state only factually true claims to any potential buyer about their Wire-Haired Pointing Griffons or about other breeders' Wire-Haired Pointing Griffons.
5. All sales of puppies shall be made in writing, in advance of placement of the dog. All animals will be guaranteed by the seller to be in good health at the time of sale. As a condition of the sale or placement, the seller shall retain the right of first refusal should the purchaser ever decide to transfer ownership or resell the dog.
6. No member shall knowingly provide any Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon for sale or breeding purposes to any person who has knowingly violated any of the principals set forth in this Code of Ethics or the Canadian Kennel Club' Code of Ethics. Members can verify the information with the Board of Director if uncertain.
7. All members must ensure that all puppies leaving the breeder's possession must be at least seven (7) weeks old, with all vaccinations up-to-date.
8. No member shall force their puppy buyers to breed their dog or bitch in order to fulfill any contract. Agreements to return a portion of a litter or for a co-ownership should be reflected in the selling price of the animal.
9. All members shall cover all transactions in writing with bills of sale reflecting all details thereof.
10. All members must provide the buyer with a written contract specifying at least his or her guarantee for the puppy or mature Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon covered by the contract and that the breeder must be the first person contacted if the buyer no longer can or wants to keep the animal.
11. All members must give careful thought to any request for puppies or mature dogs to any foreign country where attitudes towards dogs are questionable.

Acceptance and Enforcement

Each prospective member will affirm that they will comply with the Code of Ethics by signature of the membership application and members shall reaffirm compliance annually by signature (by ink or electronic) when membership is renewed. Alleged violations of this Code of Ethics must be reported to the Board of Director. All such complaints will be investigated and dealt with under the Articles, Sections and Parts set aside for same in the Constitution and By-Laws. Each member agrees to allow at any time inspection of their kennel facilities/house, sales contract and breeding records if the board deems necessary in the investigation in regards of a violation of this code of ethics and/or the Club's By-Laws.