

STFSC CODE OF ETHICS

- I agree to follow the regulations as set forth by the AKC as they pertain to my purebred dog operations.

- I agree to abide by and uphold the Constitution and by-laws and this Code of Ethics of the American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.

- I will furnish a signed registration application, transfer of AKC limited registration certificate and 3 generation pedigree with each puppy sold. I may have a written agreement with the purchaser at the time of sale that papers will be withheld.

- I will encourage spaying or neutering of animals not desirable for breeding.

- I will not sell my puppies to pet shops or commercial pet mill establishments, nor will I donate puppies for raffles or auctions.

- I will not cross breed or advertise for sale puppies that have been crossbred.

- I will not give stud service to unregistered bitches.

- I will advise the purchaser of my puppy to have the puppy checked by a veterinarian within 2 days (48 hrs.) of the sale (additional time allowed if the puppy is sold on a Friday or Saturday). I will refund the purchase price or take the puppy back and replace it if it is found to be unfit by a veterinarian.

- Except for unusual situations, I will not sell my puppies under 12 weeks of age.

- I will maintain the best possible standard of health and care in all of my dogs and see that puppies are immunized and checked for parasites. I will furnish complete health records, care, feeding and grooming instructions with each puppy sold.

- I will attempt to sell my pet puppies within the range of other breeders in my area.

- In my breeding program, I will keep alert for and work to control and/or eradicate inherited problems and conditions that are particular to my breed, and breed as closely as possible to the standard of the breed.

- I will represent my dogs as honestly as possible to prospective buyers and try to assist the serious novice in his/her understanding of the breed.

- I will try at all times to show good sportsmanship and keep in mind the good of the breed comes before any personal benefits.

- I will refrain from deceptive or erroneous advertising.