**CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE GREATER TWIN CITIES FOX TERRIER CLUB**

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This code is presented as a guideline to all members of the **Greater Twin Cities Fox Terrier Club** (GTCFTC) when buying, selling, breeding and exhibiting fox terriers. It is intended to set forth minimum standards of practice for members as they strive to further the objectives of the GTCFTC and to protect the interest of the breed.

**HEALTH AND CARE**

Members shall provide adequate food, water, shelter, human companionship and medical care consistent with compassion and common sense.

**BREEDING**

Members shall keep accurate breeding records, registration papers, pedigrees and health records on each purebred fox terrier.

Members shall follow the recommended health testing as required by the AFTC and the AKC for this breed.

**SALES AND PLACEMENT**

Under no condition shall dogs/puppies be sold to any person involved in the commercial trafficking of dogs such as a puppy mill, broker, pet shop, etc.

All pet-quality puppies shall be sold or placed with limited registration and/or a spay or neuter written agreement.

Puppies should not be sold before 7-8 weeks of age and should be in good health and up to date on vaccinations. Current medical records and a pedigree should be given to the buyer, and AKC transfer documents should be provided in a timely manner.

All members are urged to use a contract when selling or placing any puppy or dog, including a re-home or a rescue. Said contract is to document as much information as is available regarding the health and background of said animal. All services and sales or placements should be documented and signed by all parties. Members are urged to abide by local and state laws and statutes pertaining to placement and sales of dogs.

If an owner cannot, for some reason, keep the dog, the breeder shall make every reasonable effort to secure a new home for it, including taking it back until such home is found.

All advertising shall be factual, informative and free of misleading statements.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

Members should observe a high standard of conduct, displaying sportsmanship, goodwill and friendliness at shows, trials and other gatherings. This includes respect for show sites, hotels, internet forums and other social media.

Every member shall represent the club's purpose, exhibit integrity in all dealings, participate in club functions whenever possible and assist newcomers to the breed in perpetuating the traditions of the Greater Twin Cities Fox Terrier Club.

As a member of the Greater Twin Cities Fox Terrier Club, I agree to abide by this Code of Ethics.

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