



## **Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan, Inc. - Code of Ethics**

The purpose of the Code of Ethics of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan, Inc. is to insure to the best of their ability, that its members endeavor to protect and improve the breed and minimize genetic problems in the Miniature Schnauzer.

It is the responsibility of the club members to educate the public and offer the benefit of their knowledge to newcomers.

The breeder will only use for breeding or offer stud service to mature adults which are of sound temperament and free from disqualifying faults and known hereditary defects, such as eye problems, stones, kidney problems, bad bite, epilepsy, etc... No dog or bitch shall be bred if it is not eligible for AKC registration or has been sold with limited registration.

Puppies will not be sold before eight (8) weeks of age. Puppies and adults shall be sold with a written health guarantee, three (3) generation pedigree, record of shots, and feeding instructions. The breeder shall not misrepresent the quality or health of any dog being sold.

Members shall not sell or donate dogs or puppies to commercial wholesalers, retailers, or unethical breeders. There will be no litter lot sales.

Members shall maintain a reasonable and competitive price for puppies and adults which are within the current price range for our breed. Pet quality shall be sold with AKC Limited Registration so that their offspring cannot be registered. It should be recommended that the pet be spayed or neutered and this information should be provided in writing.

Each member will be responsible for the welfare of every dog they breed, sell, or place. This means making themselves available to aid the new owner if and when the need presents itself. If in the future the owner is unable to keep the dog, the owner should be instructed to contact the seller and the seller will have the responsibility to either take the dog back or find it a new home.

No member will malign competitors by making libelous, slanderous, or malicious criticism regarding another's dog.

All members shall conduct themselves at all times in a sportsmanship like manner regardless of the location or circumstances.

In accepting membership in the MSCM, I agree to be bound to the above Code of Ethics, and I understand that my knowing violation of this Code of Ethics shall be considered to be misconduct in accordance with the Constitution Article XIV Section 2.

Signature of Applicant (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_