

Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America Code of Ethics

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The **objectives** of the Club shall be:

- a. to promote and advance the breeding of pure-bred Dandie Dinmont Terriers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- b. to urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the Breed adopted by the Club and approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Dandie Dinmont Terriers shall be judged.
- c. to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at all dog show competitions and events.
- d. to ensure all members follow the Code of Ethics adopted by the Club as a guide for breeding and ownership practices regarding the Dandie Dinmont Terrier.
- e. to conduct sanctioned matches and licensed events for which the club is eligible, under the rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.
- f. to encourage Dandie Dinmont enthusiasts to be active in all types of club events and activities and actively protect, promote, propagate, preserve, and advocate for the Dandie Dinmont Terrier.
- g. to encourage the organization of independent local specialty clubs in those localities where there are enough fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club.

The following **principles** are necessary to attain these objectives:

General:

- a. Members are individually granted membership into the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc. because of their commitment to the protection, preservation and promotion of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier. All members of the Club have an obligation to protect the interests of the breed by conducting themselves in a manner designed to reflect credit on themselves, the Dandie Dinmont and on the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc. Violations of the Code of Ethics are subject to

examination by the Ethics Committee and Board of Governors. Failure to comply may result in suspension or termination of membership.

- b. Members shall be aware at all times that the Club exists to protect the breed and that these aims are to be uppermost in the minds of members in all their activities in the breed.
- c. Members will at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the Club and the breed, whether at home, traveling, at shows or at hotel/motels or events, communicating in person, by telephone, by mail or email, or in any type of media, including but not limited to press, radio, television, film, and social media.
- d. Members shall refrain from unnecessary and unconstructive criticism of another's dog and from personal attacks upon a fellow member.
- e. Members shall not malign competitors or fellow breeders by making false or misleading statements about them, their Dandies or their breeding practices, or putting them in a false light by portraying them unflatteringly in words or pictures as someone or something that the person is not, either in person, by telephone, by mail or email, or by any type of media, including but not limited to press, radio, television, film or social media.
- f. Members shall not engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentations of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier.
- g. Novices are encouraged to seek the advice and assistance of more experienced owners and breeders, and the more experienced shall strive to graciously assist the novice with their inquiries, challenges, concerns, problems, and accomplishments, and share for the good of the breed, the benefits of his knowledge.
- h. In all questions of ethics, covered or not covered by the Club's Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and Policies, each Member shall act solely in the best interests of the breed, and the membership as a whole shall willingly aid any fellow Member in upholding these interests.

Breeding:

- a. Each member who contemplates breeding a litter or who provides the use of his stud dog shall direct his efforts toward producing Dandies of highest quality, as indicated by the AKC approved Dandie Dinmont Terrier Standard. All members who engage in breeding must highly regard quality.

- b. No dog or bitch showing a serious defect in type, structure or temperament shall be used for breeding. Owners of stud dogs shall not accept any bitch for breeding whose reproduction is likely to be detrimental to the breed.
- c. Each stud service shall be initiated with a written stud contract.
- d. If a dog or bitch has produced any offspring with serious defects detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness or impairment of the vital functions and produces like results with a different mating partner, the owner shall refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.
- e. Animals shall be used for breeding only when they have properly matured. They shall be used only as often as is consistent with their good health and with the use of sound medical practices. No bitch shall be bred more often than two out of three heat seasons and then only if she is in robust health and shall never be bred at her first season.
- f. Breeders shall register with the AKC all Dandies they produce and keep accurate records of matings and pedigrees in accordance with all American Kennel Club requirements.
- g. Breeders shall use microchips as permanent identification and provide DNA samples of sires and dams to the AKC.

Placement:

- a. No member of this Club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters of Dandie Dinmont Terriers or the selling of Dandies to such places as pet dealers, research laboratories, commercial breeders or similar sources of distribution. No member of this Club shall sell, consign or lease puppies or adults to pet shops or any commercial establishment, broker, distributor or wholesaler. Members are strongly encouraged to word any contract so that the purchaser or lessee will be similarly restricted.
- b. The price of puppies and adults shall be based on individual quality. All puppies should be sold in a clean and healthy condition. They shall be not less than 10 weeks of age at the time of sale or placement to allow for the necessary adjustments to a new home safely. No adult or puppy should be sold without adequate protection against disease.
- c. The sale of any Dandie Dinmont Terrier shall be completed with a written sales contract of the seller's choice, signed by both the buyer and the seller, and protecting both parties as to the quality, care and expectations applicable to both parties.
- d. When a Dandie Dinmont has a serious deviation from the approved AKC Dandie Dinmont Terrier Breed Standard which makes it unsuitable for breeding, it is the obligation of the

seller to so inform the buyer. It should be sold with buyer's the written understanding it will not be shown or bred and a written neuter/spay agreement.

- e. When a Dandie Dinmont has uncertain breeding potential, in addition to a sales contract or signed statement to this effect, the breeder shall be encouraged to use the Limited Registration procedure as provided by the American Kennel Club for registration of such animals.
- f. The breeder's responsibility to any dog produced does not end with the sale or placement of such animal. New owners shall be educated to the responsibility of lifetime care and selected for their commitment to the animal. If unforeseen circumstances prevent the owner's fulfilling this commitment, the breeder shall resume responsibility for the dog.