

**DACHSHUND CLUB OF GREATER BUFFALO, INC.**

**CODE OF ETHICS**

The members of the **DACHSHUND CLUB OF GREATER BUFFALO, INC.**, whose foremost aim is to encourage and promote the breeding and protect the interests of purebred Dachshunds, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection, adhere to this Code of Ethics, and propose that all Dachshund breeders do the same. All members of the Club will be required to sign a copy of this Code of Ethics when they apply for membership and each time membership is renewed.

**BREEDING:** The ethical breeder shall breed Dachshunds according to the Dachshund Standard as approved by the American Kennel Club, which standard should be retained and studied by every breeder. He/she shall breed only healthy, mature adults of good temperament, which are free from hereditary and congenital defects, and are registered or registerable with the American Kennel Club. Stud owners shall refuse to service bitches which do not conform to the above. The ethical breeder uses good judgment and allows proper spacing between litters, normally not breeding a bitch more than two out of three seasons; breeds to improve quality; and, before breeding, checks pedigrees and backgrounds. He/she also considers placement of puppies not retained. Our Club highly recommends the novice breeder heed the advice and knowledge available from the experienced breeder. The Dachshund Club encourages the exhibition of Dachshunds at AKC matches and shows.

**HEALTH:** The ethical breeder keeps all stock under sanitary conditions. Before allowing a puppy to leave, the breeder protects the puppy with all necessary inoculations and worming appropriate to the age of the puppy.

**SALES:** The ethical breeder does not sell or consign puppies to pet shops, puppy dealers, laboratories, raffles or auctions. He/she does not sell a puppy before eight weeks of age and guarantees replacement in the event of any congenital defect unless agreement to the contrary is signed by both buyer and seller at the time of the sale. The breeder gives written instructions on health and feeding, health records, makes available a four generation pedigree, and supplies AKC registration papers with each dog sold unless the reason for not providing such papers are clearly stated in the sales contract. He/she urges purchasers to spay or neuter those dogs which will not be used for breeding or showing and to safeguard unspayed bitches against unplanned matings. He/she will take care not to degrade any fellow breeder or his/her stock. He/she registers his/her Dachshunds with the AKC and keeps accurate records of matings, litters, and pedigrees.

All members of the Dachshund Club of Greater Buffalo, Inc. are subject to this Code of Ethics and when confronted with a situation not covered herein, conduct themselves as they would wish to be treated under similar circumstances.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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