

Code of Ethics

The National Whippet Club of Canada, recognizing that its responsibility to preserve and protect the Whippet breed rests solely with the breeders and owner enthusiasts, has formatted a *Code of Ethics* to be adhered to by its members. It further recognizes that membership in the Club automatically obligates individuals to this *Code of Ethics*. Violation of the *Code of Ethics* shall be reported to the Board of Directors who shall investigate, including interviews and correspondence both with the complainant and the accused and, on the basis of that investigation, direct, via registered mail, the member involved to rectify the situation. Any decision may be appealed twice to a full membership vote. Failure to comply with the directive shall result in immediate expulsion of the member with subsequent publication of the expulsion to the members of the Club, the Canadian Kennel Club, *Dogs in Canada*, and wherever else.

1. No member will knowingly sell or place any Whippet puppy to any Pet Shop, Catalogue House or Wholesale Dealer. Nor will they knowingly aid or abet the sale of any Whippet to any of the above-mentioned establishments.
2. A member/breeder will be familiar with the C.K.C. Rules governing accurate record keeping, registration, sale and transfer of purebred dogs, and will abide by those rules. Any warranties or other agreements pertaining to the sale of a Whippet will be put in writing with a copy to the buyer, seller and, if applicable, to the C.K.C.
3. A member selling a dog or puppy which he knows to have a physical condition or a serious deviation from the Breed Standard which indicates that breeding of the animal would be detrimental to the welfare of the breed, will make the sale subject to a C.K.C. Non-Breeding Agreement. This agreement must be signed and witnessed by all parties involved. Additional agreements pertaining to spaying, neutering and/or non-breeding of the animal are encouraged.
4. All breedings will be planned and aimed at the improvement of the breed. The member will be familiar with the Breed Standard and will do everything in his/her power to discourage breeding from clearly inferior specimens of the breed. No Whippet exhibiting a hereditary defect, unsound temperament or poor health shall be used for breeding purposes.
5. No member will breed a bitch unless he/she has the time and facilities to provide proper care and attention to the physical and emotional development of the ensuing puppies. No bitch should be bred before twelve (12) months of age.
6. Advertising by members will be as factual as possible. Misleading, exaggerations or unfounded implications will not be tolerated.
7. Members will refrain from making unfair or untrue statements about other members and their dogs.
8. The purchaser of a puppy/adult sold by a member shall be informed that the puppy/adult is guaranteed to be free of disabling or congenital defects. This is not to say that Whippets with either behavioral or genetic problems cannot be placed or sold, but simply the breeder is obligated to make the purchaser aware of any problems relating to the above. Keeping in mind the best interests of the breed, the breeder is obligated to make it very clear to the purchaser the terms and conditions regarding a dog that just does not work out. The breeder is expected to assume responsibility for creation and, therefore, it is up to the breeder to be absolutely certain that each and every puppy/adult is properly placed to avoid rescue situations. The breeder will be responsible for rescue aid fees should any Whippet they have bred end up in a rescue situation.