



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB



## *CODE OF ETHICS for REGISTERED HANDLER APPRENTICES*

I AGREE TO:

- ENSURE THAT THE WELFARE OF THE DOGS IN MY CARE IS A PRIORITY, NOT ONLY AT DOG SHOWS BUT AT HOME AND ON THE ROAD. THEIR WELL-BEING, SECURITY AND SAFETY ARE TO BE PLACED ABOVE ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DOGS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHERS.
- CONDUCT MYSELF IN A SPORTSMANLIKE MANNER AT ALL TIMES IN MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH FELLOW HANDLERS, ASSISTANTS, EXHIBITORS, JUDGES AND CLIENTS, WHICH INCLUDES COURTEOUS VERBAL INTERCHANGES, WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, SOCIAL MEDIA EXCHANGES AND A PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE.
- ABIDE BY ALL PUBLISHED AKC RULES APPLYING TO REGISTRATION AND DOG SHOWS.
- AVAIL MYSELF OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE AKC.
- INFORM THE AKC HANDLERS DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGE IN HOME ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMPLOYER.
- NEVER FALSELY REPRESENT A DOG AS A SERVICE ANIMAL WHEN IT IS NOT, OR AS AN ABLE-BODIED PARTY, ACCOMPANY A BONA FIDE SERVICE DOG TO GAIN TRAVEL BENEFIT DUE TO THE DOG'S STATUS.

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