

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club Code of Ethics

- As a member of the TVKC I will become familiar with, and abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club, The AKC standard of my breed(s), and the constitution and By-Laws of the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.
- I will not engage in the wholesaling of litters or the selling of stock to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses or other commercial sources for the distribution of puppies.
- I will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under my care and I will arrange for appropriate veterinary attention when required.
- When breeding I will do it selectively by using a stud dog or brood bitch with the intent of breed improvement and I will abide by the breeding ethics outlined by the parent club regarding age, health and welfare of breeding stock.
- Any puppies or adults that may be sold will be in a clean and healthy condition and must be old enough to make the adjustment to a new home safely. No adults or puppies shall be sold without appropriate protection against disease.
- I will provide the purchaser of any dog the appropriate information as well as proper documentation as to ensure that they are educated to properly care for the health, safety, and security of the dog and the proper registration requirements needed for the AKC.
- I will fully disclose any physical or other issues known to me with regards to a dog. Also, in selling a dog in those instances where I have guaranteed to the purchaser that a dog is free of certain problems, I will fully honor my guarantee
- As a member of this club I shall not speak or write maliciously or use social media to impair the reputation, for my own benefit, of another member by reference to quality or breeding stock or other kennel matters.
- I will behave and gauge my actions based on the best interest of the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, as well as the sport of the dog fancy for both the present and the future.
- I will not allow any of my dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbors or those carrying out official duties.
- I will clean up after my dogs in public places or anywhere my dogs are being exhibited or housed.
- I will promise that my dogs will wear properly tagged collars or be microchipped or tattooed and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- I will display proper "sportsmanship" when exhibiting and competing in any events with my dogs.
- In the event of any complaint lodged against me with the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, Inc. I agree to extend my cooperation in the resolution of said complaint.

Adopted by the membership March 19,2019