

## **American Manchester Terrier Club Code of Ethics**

Membership in the American Manchester Terrier Club (AMTC) is a privilege. In return for acceptance into the AMTC, I promise to abide by the following Code of Ethics and to submit to the enforcement of this Code by the AMTC Board of Directors.

### **GENERAL**

I pledge as an owner of Manchester Terriers to be responsible for the dogs in my care. My responsibilities include providing proper shelter which is clean, dry and warm; appropriate veterinary care and inoculations; emergency veterinary care when needed; quality food and water; adherence to local and state animal control and licensing laws.

### **BREEDING**

I pledge:

1. To accept and uphold the Standard of the Manchester Terrier as developed by the AMTC and approved by the AKC.
2. To breed only physically and mentally sound Manchester Terriers in order to maintain or improve the qualities of the breed as set forth in the Standard. I will not participate in the indiscriminate breeding of studs or bitches with no regard to quality.
3. To screen or obtain proof of screening of breeding stock for communicable diseases, hereditary faults or defects, either active or dormant. Questionable animals will not be used in my breeding program.
4. To forego breeding unless financially capable and willing to responsibly and caringly maintain whelped puppies until placed in their new homes.
5. To maintain complete and accurate breeding records in accordance with AKC regulations.

### **SELLING**

I pledge:

1. To in no way misrepresent any Manchester Terrier for sale.
2. To provide all buyers with:
  - A. AKC individual registration application or certificate properly filled out by seller.
  - B. Minimum three-generation pedigree.
  - C. Record of inoculations, wormings, etc.
  - D. Provide instructions for feeding and care.
  - E. Be available for guidance and questions.
3. Not to sell, give, trade, abandon or in any manner transfer litters or individual Manchester Terriers to pet dealers, pet wholesalers, auctions, laboratories, raffles, pet stores, puppy mills, animal shelters, or any source for resale. I will not

- knowingly transfer ownership or provide stud service to anyone who intends to breed Manchester Terriers for any of the above listed purposes.
4. To take back any Manchester Terrier I bred if the current owner of the dog can no longer keep him or her. I will evaluate the dog as to whether or not s/he is suitable for placing in a new home. In the very unfortunate circumstance that the dog is not suitable, I will either keep the dog myself or provide proper veterinary euthanasia. In the rare event that I cannot take back a dog due to current personal circumstances, I will place the dog in AMTC rescue . I, the breeder, will reimburse any and all reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of a dog in this unusual situation to AMTC rescue.

## **EXHIBITING**

I pledge:

1. To serve as an example of good sportsmanship in any aspect of the sport of dogs, assisting and befriending newcomers to the best of my ability.
2. To show only those Manchester Terriers which deserve to be champions in light of the Standard and which are in proper condition.
3. Not to kennel pack for points in conformation or to engage in any other unfair practices in competition.

## **PENALTIES**

I acknowledge and accept for disciplinary purposes a sliding scale of penalties based upon the seriousness of the deviation from this Code of Ethics. The Board of Directors will apply penalties equally to any and all offenders after a proper review of the evidence. Penalties include but are not limited to: reprimand from the Board; temporary suspension from AMTC membership; permanent suspension from AMTC membership; reporting offenders to the AKC; withholding AMTC awards.

I have read and I promise to abide by the above Code of Ethics as set forth by the AMTC.

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Signature of Membership Applicant

Date