

## THE CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA CODE OF ETHICS

The new Code of Ethics was adopted at the CCA General Meeting on October 8, 2010, in Chicago, Illinois.

As a member of The Chihuahua Club of America,

- I pledge to uphold the goals of the Club, as set forth in the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.
- I pledge to uphold The American Kennel Club's rules applying to Dog Shows and Registration, and The Chihuahua Club of America's rules applying to its Dog Shows.
- I pledge to accept and uphold the Standard of the Chihuahua, as developed by The Chihuahua Club of America, and approved by The American Kennel Club.
- I pledge to breed only AKC registered Chihuahuas, or Chihuahuas from registries which are acceptable to The American Kennel Club.
- I pledge to keep myself informed in the areas of dog health and genetics, and to carefully evaluate all breeding stock for hereditary faults or disqualifying defects.
- I pledge to be responsible for all Chihuahuas that I have produced, for their entire lifetime, by:
  - never buying, selling, or trading my Chihuahuas to research laboratories, pet stores, or to auctions, nor placing them in rescue groups.
  - taking back my Chihuahuas, either sold or given, but unwanted by the current owners, or helping the current owners to find them new homes.
- I pledge to abide by the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.
- I pledge to conduct all my Chihuahua related business practices in a clear and concise manner, recognizing that no business dispute will be resolved by the CCA.
- I pledge – whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels – that I will treat all present – including competitors, judges, officials, and spectators – with respect and courtesy. This includes respect for show sites, national convention and overflow facilities, internet forums, lists, and other social media, as well as all other aspects of responsible dog ownership.

The Chihuahua Club of America would like to encourage all breeders to health test their dogs (Cardiac, Patella, Eyes), and to submit the results to CHIC – the health database that is jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF – <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA – <http://www.oa.org/>). This will help benefit the Chihuahua as a breed, and it will help us to learn more about better breeding practices for the future.

CHIC provides a reliable source of information to breeders, regarding dogs that may be used in their breeding programs. In the future, breeders can begin to analyze the pedigrees of a proposed breeding for health strengths and weaknesses, as well as the traditional analysis of conformation, type, and performance strengths and weaknesses.

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Signature

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