

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
GREATER DENVER SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB, INC.**

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND GOALS**

Section 1

The name of the local club shall be the Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club, Inc. (the "Club").

Section 2

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- b) to urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club (the "AKC") as the only standard of excellence by which the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier shall be judged.
- c) to promote, guard and advance the interest of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, companion events, exhibitions and matches.
- d) to encourage, promote and advance the interest and participation of the Club and Club activities to all Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier owners.
- e) to conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows and any other events for which the Club is eligible under the rules and regulations of the AKC.
- f) to promote and educate dog fanciers to follow the principles of responsible dog ownership in the home and in the community.

Section 3

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any profits, remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4

The Regular Members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

Section 5

The use of the Club emblem or name in any form of advertising by any member or group of members is prohibited, except by the Club itself, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Club (the "Board") or a vote of the Regular Members of the Club.

**BYLAWS OF THE
GREATER DENVER SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB**

**ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Eligibility

- a) There shall be three (3) types of membership: (i) Regular – Individual, carrying one vote; (ii) Regular – Dual (two members of the same household), carrying one vote each; and (iii) Associate, carrying no vote.
- b) Regular Members shall be eligible to vote at meetings **and** to serve on the Board.
- c) Associate Members shall be entitled to all Club privileges except voting and holding office. **Associate** members shall not be counted in determining a quorum.
- d) Membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with the AKC, and who subscribe to the purposes of the Club.

Section 2 Dues

- a) Membership dues, both Regular and Associate, shall be proposed by the Board and presented for approval at the annual meeting. Dues shall be payable on or before the end of each Membership Year on May 31. During the month of March, the **Membership Chair** shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing Membership Year.
- b) A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid on June 1.

Section 3 Election to Membership

- a) Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as provided and approved by the Board which states that the applicant agrees to abide by these Bylaws, the Code of Ethics of the Club, and the rules of the AKC. All applications are to be filed with the Membership Chair and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Board following its receipt. Affirmative votes of three-fourths (3/4) of the Board members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

- b) Each application for Regular Membership must carry an endorsement of two Regular Members in good standing and must be accompanied by a payment of the dues for the current Membership Year. No endorsing member may live in the same household as the applicant or be related to the applicant. Any Regular Member endorsing another individual for membership must have personally known the applicant for at least six (6) months and be able to attest, in the reasonable belief of the endorsing member, as to the good practices of the applicant as a responsible dog owner or prospective dog owner. No Regular Member may endorse another individual for membership until such Regular Member has been a member of the Club for at least two (2) years.
- c) Application for Associate Membership does not require sponsors. **Within two years**, an Associate Member must apply for Regular Membership in accordance with the procedure outlined for Regular Membership in this Section 3. **This includes a vote of approval by the Board. The Membership Chair will notify each Associate Member who has reached the two-year limit and in advance of any membership deadlines, to explain the options available to them.** Failure of the Associate Member to apply for membership as a Regular Member shall result in automatic termination of the Associate Membership at the end of the applicable Membership Year.
- d) When an application for membership is accepted, the Membership Chair will send a letter to the applicant informing such applicant of his/her membership approval.
- e) In the case where an application for membership is rejected by the Board, the application will be read at the next general meeting. The names of the applicants will be included in the meeting notice for the following membership meeting and presented to the membership for a vote. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by secret ballot of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required for election to membership. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Board may not reapply within six (6) months after such rejection.

Section 4 Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated:

- a) by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the **Recording** Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the Club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.
- b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid on June 1.
- c) by expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article 6 of these bylaws.

ARTICLE 2 MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1 Club Meetings

Meetings of the Club shall **be held at least four times annually in the Colorado Front Range area** at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be delivered by the **Corresponding** Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be twenty percent (20%) of the **Regular** members in good standing.

Section 2 Communication of Notices and other Matters

- a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, club news, announcements and meeting notifications required pursuant to these Bylaws may be delivered to members by regular and/or electronic mail, provided that communication by electronic mail shall not be the sole communication used in giving notice of meetings unless the member receiving the notice has signed an authorization agreeing to such method of communication. Any such authorization shall be revocable by the member and shall release the Club from any liability for failure by the member to receive the notification due to circumstances beyond the Club's control.
- b) Electronic notice shall be deemed to have been given when such notice has been sent to the address provided by the member in such member's signed, **annual** authorization. Written notice shall be deemed to have been given when such notice has been deposited in the United States mail, addressed to such member, officer or director at such address as appears in the records of the Club **or to email provided by member to the Membership Chair.**
- c) Each member shall notify the **Recording** Secretary of any changes to membership information, including changes to such member's address, telephone number, or any electronic mail address.

Section 3 Special Club Meetings

Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board; and shall be called by the **Recording** Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the **Colorado Front Range** area at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be sent by the **Recording** Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be twenty percent (20%) of the Regular members in good standing.

Section 4 Board Meetings

- a) Meetings of the Board shall be held bimonthly or more often when the business of the Club requires and shall be held in the **Colorado Front Range** area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the **Corresponding** Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- b) Meetings of the Board shall be open to the general membership. However, at the discretion of the Board, the meeting shall be closed to all members except for Board members. Non-Board members may attend for observation only unless participation is invited by the Board.

Section 5 Special Board Meetings

- a) Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and shall be **communicated** by the **Corresponding** Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the **Colorado Front Range** area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Special meetings may be attended by members of the Board only, with the exception of others specifically invited by the Board to attend.
- b) Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the **Corresponding** Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting and shall state the purpose of such meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Section 6 Voting

Each Regular Member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current Membership Year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which s/he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 Board of Directors

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, **Recording** Secretary, **Corresponding Secretary**, Treasurer and three (3) other persons all of whom shall be Regular Members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for staggered, two-year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article 4 and shall serve until their successors are elected. The election of the **President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and one (1) director** shall take place in alternate years from the election of **the Vice President, Recording Secretary and two (2) directors**. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board.

Section 2 Officers

The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, **Recording Secretary**, **Corresponding Secretary**, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

- a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.
- b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity. **The Vice President is responsible for the updating of the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Vice President will be responsible for any special projects as assigned by the President.**
- c) The **Recording Secretary** shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. S/he shall **send** annual reports with the Colorado Secretary of State and the AKC and carry out such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws. All such records shall be considered the property of the Club.
- d) **Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence of the club, shall update and maintain the club roster, and send email blasts to membership about all matters pertinent to them. All correspondence and records shall be considered the property of the Club.**
- e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. S/he shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board in the name of the Club. His/her books shall be at all times open to inspection of the Board and s/he shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting he/she shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous Fiscal Year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board shall determine. The Treasurer and one (1) other member of the Board shall be authorized by the Board to sign checks although the signature of only one (1) of the individuals so authorized shall be required. The Treasurer shall be responsible **for maintaining all necessary insurance policies. All such records shall be considered the property of the Club.**

Section 3 Vacancies and Resignation

- a) Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the expiration of the term of the Board member replaced by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

- b) Any officer or director of the Board may resign by written letter to the President. The President may resign from office or from the Board by written letter to the **Recording** Secretary.

ARTICLE 4 CLUB FISCAL YEAR, MEMBERSHIP YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS

Section 1 Fiscal Year

The Club's Fiscal Year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

Section 2 Membership Year

The Club's Membership Year shall begin on the first day of June and end on the 31st day of May.

Section 3 Annual Meeting

- a) The annual meeting shall be held in the month of September at which time Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected. If the slate of candidates nominated in accordance with Section 5 of this Article is unopposed, the vote shall be by acclamation of the Regular Members present. Otherwise, the vote shall be by secret, written ballot from among those nominated.

- b) The elected officers and directors shall take office on October 1st of each year and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after the election.

Section 4 Elections

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office **and directorship** to be filled shall be declared elected.

Section 5 Nominations

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of May, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than two (2) of whom may be members of the Board. The Board shall name a Chair for the Nominating Committee. **The** Chair shall immediately notify the Nominating Committee members of their selection. All members or alternates must be Regular Members of the Club. The Nominating Committee may conduct business in person, **via electronic means or by regular mail.**

- a) The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call a Nominating Committee meeting which shall be held on or before June 30th. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each officer's seat to be filled and one (1) candidate for each director's seat to be filled and shall secure the consent of each person so nominated. The Chair shall deliver the Nominating Committee's nominations to the **Recording** Secretary in writing, immediately following the June 30th meeting. All candidates nominated must be Regular Members of the Club.
- b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's nominations, the **Recording** Secretary shall notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated at least two weeks prior to the July meeting of the members.
- c) Additional nominations of Regular Members may be made at the July meeting by any Regular Member in good standing in attendance. Any such nomination shall be for a specific office or for one of the available director seats. The person nominated must state his or her willingness to be a candidate. If the person nominated is not in attendance at the meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the **Recording** Secretary a written statement signed by the person nominated stating his or her willingness to be a candidate. If additional nominations are received, a final slate of nominees will be sent to all members no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- d) No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and any additional nominations may be made only from among those Regular Members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee. No member, including any member of the Nominating Committee, shall be permitted to nominate himself or herself as a candidate.
- e) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

Section 1 Standing Committees

The Board may appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as shows, companion events, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

Section 2 Termination of Committee Appointment

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board upon written notice to the appointee, and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

Section 3 Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall be in charge of all matters concerning membership, including receipt of the applications for membership and notification of new members of their election to membership. The Chair of the Membership Committee shall be a regular member of the Board.

ARTICLE 6 DISCIPLINE

Section 1 American Kennel Club Suspension

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the AKC automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

Section 2 Charges

- a) Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. A written letter of complaint must be filed with the **Recording** Secretary together with a deposit of \$50.00, which shall be forfeited if the Board does not sustain some or all of the charges alleged by the letter of complaint following a hearing.
- b) The **Recording** Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the letter of complaint to the accused and to each member of the Board or present the letter of complaint at a Board Meeting.
- c) The Board shall first consider whether any of the actions alleged in the letter of complaint, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed.
- d) If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct that would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction and shall promptly notify the complainant and the accused member of such determination.
- e) If the Board considers that some or all of the charges do allege conduct that would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed, the Board

shall entertain jurisdiction and shall fix a date for a hearing by the Board to be held not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The **Recording** Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the letter of complaint and the specifications to both the complainant and the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the accused member may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

Section 3 Board Hearing

- a) The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether legal counsel may attend the hearing, but both the complainant and the accused member shall be treated uniformly in that regard.
- b) Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and the accused member, the Board may by a majority vote of those present (i) reprimand the accused member in writing, or (i) suspend the accused member from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing.
- c) If the Board deems punishment available pursuant to Section 3(b) above to be insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation.
- d) Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the **Recording** Secretary. The **Recording** Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision, and penalty, if any. Any official (published) reprimand shall only indicate that pursuant to a Board hearing, the member was officially reprimanded or suspended as a result of charges filed.

Section 4 Expulsion

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceeding may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty (60) days but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The accused member shall have the privilege of appearing on **his or her** own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the accused member, if present, to speak in his **or her** own behalf if **he or she** wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Regular Members present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENTS

Section 1

- a) Regular Members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise the Constitution and Bylaws as may be necessary to carry out the objectives of the Club.
- b) Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board or by written petition addressed to the **Recording** Secretary signed by twenty (20) percent of the Regular Membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the **Recording** Secretary for a vote of the Regular Members within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the **Recording** Secretary.

Section 2

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Regular Members, who vote either by secret written ballot at the special meeting called for this purpose or individual electronic ballot sent to the Regular Members from the Recording Secretary by mail or email, and returned to same. This is dependent on the proposed amendments being mailed or emailed to each Regular Member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the special meeting.

ARTICLE 8 DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Regular Members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for the purposes of re-organization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the creditors of the Club, its property and assets shall be given by the Board to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board.

ARTICLE 9 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1

At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call
Minutes of the last meeting
Report of the President
Report of the **Recording Secretary**
Report of the **Corresponding Secretary**

Report of the Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
Election of new members
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

Section 2

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Roll Call
Minutes of the last meeting
Report of the President
Report of the **Recording Secretary**
Report of the **Corresponding Secretary**
Report of the Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Election of new members
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

ARTICLE 10 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.

CODE OF ETHICS OF THE GREATER DENVER SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB

This Code of Ethics is presented as a guide for all members of the Club, whose foremost objectives are the welfare, improvement and advancement of the breed in accordance with the breed Standard. This Code of Ethics outlines basic procedures and sets forth principles of general conduct to be followed by all Club members.

1. General Conduct

- A. Each member shall consider the welfare of the breed when engaged in breeding, exhibiting, selling, or owning Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, and shall refrain from actions that are contrary to the best interests of the breed or the Club.
- B. Each member shall give his/her dogs an appropriate physical and social environment, including but not limited to, humane living quarters, veterinarian-supervised health care, good nutrition and regular exercise and grooming.
- C. Each member shall be familiar with and abide by the rules and regulations of the AKC, and shall accept and support the Constitution and Bylaws of the Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club, Inc.
- D. Each member shall exhibit good sportsmanship, fairness and courtesy at all times.
- E. Each member shall be responsible at all times for the behavior of his/her dogs, such behavior to reflect the best possible image of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.
- F. All members shall promote the cause of responsible dog ownership.
- G. Each member shall support the Club in its efforts to educate the public by providing current and accurate resources and information of the breed's characteristics, general wellbeing, grooming, health, and training.
- H. Each member shall agree to be open and honest in all matters regarding his/her Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers and the breed in general.

2. Breeding Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers

- A. Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers used for breeding shall be AKC registered dogs, or imported dogs registered in the national registry of the country of origin. All puppies shall be eligible for AKC registration.

- B. Breeders shall aim to produce sound, healthy, happy dogs true to breed characteristics as set forth in the Breed Standard of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.
- C. All breeding stock shall be of sound temperament and possess no known, major hereditary or congenital diseases. They must be in good health and test free of parasites and communicable diseases.
- D. Each breeder shall be knowledgeable about the genetic diseases affecting Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers and work to manage these and other diseases. All breeding stock over two years of age shall be OFA certified for hips or meet the average mean for Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier's using PennHIP. Any breeding stock under two years of age shall be OFA Preliminary evaluated for hips or meet the average mean for Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier's using PennHIP.
- E. All breeding stock shall have eyes examined and certified as normal by a Board-Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist prior to the first breeding and a minimum of every two years thereafter while being bred or until age 10, whichever is later. Dogs whose semen has been frozen shall be tested for life or until frozen semen is no longer stored.
- F. **Only dogs 15 months or older and bitches 18 months or older** shall be used for breeding. Written stud contracts for both dogs and bitches shall be used for each breeding.
- G. Breeding stock shall undergo blood and urine testing such as blood chemistry panel, CBC, MA (microalbuminuria), urinalysis and urine protein/creatinine ratio before the first breeding and at least annually thereafter.
- H. Each breeder shall keep accurate health records on all breeding stock.
- I. Each breeder shall participate in conformation events held by AKC-recognized clubs as one means to evaluate his/her breeding stock.
- J. Each breeder shall mentor those with whom s/he places breeding stock.

3. **Placing Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers**

- A. Each member shall make careful placements of all Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier's bred, acquired or rescued, and assist in any necessary re-homing.
- B. Members shall not place Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers with nor provide stud service to pet dealers; wholesalers; brokers; laboratories; individuals conducting raffles, contests, auctions, or other types of giveaways; or anyone unethical in their dealings with the public or their dealings with or treatment of purebred dogs.
- C. All advertising describing kennels and dogs offered for sale shall be of a factual, honest, and forthright nature.

- D. The breeder shall provide AKC registration papers, application forms, and/or other written agreement if registration papers are to be withheld at the time of sale or in a timely manner after contract provisions are fulfilled. It is recommended that the contract include a stipulation whereby the breeder be notified of any plan on the part of the owner to resell or otherwise dispose of a pup. This stipulation would also require the buyer to either return the dog to the breeder or place the dog with new owners who have been approved by the breeder. Breeder shall also require buyer to immediately advise of any health problems, physical abnormalities and/or the death of the animal. All conditions of sale agreed upon by the buyer and breeder must be in writing.
- E. All Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers shall be in good health, of sound temperament, and in good condition at the time of placement. The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, to the best of the seller's knowledge, will be free of internal parasites and will have protection against disease according to current veterinary practice.
- F. At the time of placement, each member shall provide the new owners with an accurate pedigree of at least four generations; complete written instructions for feeding, healthcare, training, and grooming of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier; and medical records indicating the date of vaccination and medication used.
- G. Each member shall support new owners with advice, resources, and information.

4. Competing with Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers

- A. AKC rules concerning shows and exhibiting dogs shall be strictly obeyed.
- B. Each member shall compete with dogs that reflect the best possible image of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. In conformation events, dogs shall conform as closely as possible to the breed standard as approved in the country of exhibition. In companion dog events, dogs shall be neat, clean, and in appropriate condition for their sport.
- C. Each member shall conduct himself/herself in a professional and sportsmanlike manner at dog events and at public facilities supporting those events, reflecting the best possible image of participants in the sport of purebred dogs.
- D. The owner of record shall be responsible for the appearance and conduct of her/his dog at all times.
- E. Each member shall assist newcomers interested in learning about or participating in events.

5. Discipline

- A. Failure to comply with the Code of Ethics will subject a member to disciplinary procedures provided by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.
- B. Allegations of violations of the Code of Ethics shall be adjudicated by the Board of the Club.