# CODE OF ETHICS SLEEPY HOLLOW GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB, INC.

Member Responsibility

 Uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sleepy Hollow GSP Club, Inc. and the American Kennel Club.

### Health

- Maintain high standards of canine health; cleanliness of facilities, veterinary care, proper exercise and socialization of dogs.
- . Never mistreat or abuse any dogs.
- . Always provide adequate water and food to maintain the dogs optimum weight and health.

## Breeding

- . Breed only with the intent of maintaining the conformation and performance standards of the GSP.
- . Provide healthful spacing between stud services/litters of the dogs and bitches used in the breeding program.
- Breed only healthy, mature dogs and bitches of good temperament and qualities substantially conforming to the official GSP Breed Standard.
- . Maintain complete records of all breeding and resulting progeny per AKC Rules Applying to Registrations.

#### Sales

- Do not sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops, brokers. Other commercial dealers nor offer them as raffle prizes.
- . Honestly evaluate the quality of each German Shorthaired Pointer sold, fairly representing its field, and/or show potential, its possible faults, and educate the buyer as to the distinction between pet type and show quality.
- . Do not release any puppies before they are six/seven weeks of age.
- Furnish the buyer a pedigree, AKC registration application and information, medical and immunization records, a feeding schedule and general care instructions.
- Screen prospective buyers to the best of your ability so puppies will have the proper home and environment.
- Encourage buyers of pet-type puppies, or those not to be used for breeding, to spay/neuter the animal at the
  earliest age suggested by their veterinarian.
- . Encourage sellers of pet-type puppies to use limited registration and/or spay/neuter contracts.
- Do not misrepresent, in an advertisement, any dog or puppy for sale, or include misleading information regarding the background or potential of the animal.
- . Specify that, for the life of the dog, if the owner no longer can or wants to keep the dog, the breeder must be contacted for assistance in the placement of said dog.
- Assist in the placement of any dog sired by my stud dog whose breeder of record has sidestepped his/her responsibility to said dog.
- . Follow up on puppies after the sale to insure their continuing care and to encourage the owners to participate in German Shorthaired Pointer activities such as hunting tests, obedience trials, field trails, tracking tests and conformation shows and encourage membership in local GSP clubs as well as the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America.

## Sportsmanship

. Conduct himself/herself at all times in a manner which will reflect credit on the German Shorthaired Pointer and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of the location or circumstances.

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# CODE OF ETHICS SIGNATURE FORM

I have this date, received a copy of the Code of Ethics for the Sleepy Hollow GSP Club, Inc.

The Code of Ethics are suggested guidelines for my breeding practices and are to be Used as an educational tool. I am aware that I am encouraged to discuss any questions With club members and that it is my obligation to understand the Code of Ethics.

Signature	Date	