



## CODE OF ETHICS

VSO Club Members agree to comply with the following Club *Code of Ethics*.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** VSO members shall always conduct themselves in a manner which reflects credit upon themselves, their Vizslas and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of location or circumstance.

VSO members will exhibit in Canada only dogs which conform to the CKC Vizsla standard.

VSO members will protect and advance the development of the Vizsla through maintenance and improvement of soundness, stable temperament, natural hunting ability and conformation as set forth in the official CKC Vizsla standard.

**HEALTH:** VSO members shall maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and veterinary care in an atmosphere conducive to the stable development of their dogs.

**BREEDING:** VSO members shall breed only with the intention of improving the quality of the breed and shall keep foremost in their consideration the Vizsla standard as recognized by the CKC; soundness; stable temperament and natural hunting ability.

VSO members shall not knowingly breed dogs which carry serious hereditary defects of diseases including: epilepsy; progressive retinal atrophy; Von Willebrand's disease; entropion; cranial muscular atrophy; long coats; shyness or aggressive behaviour.

VSO members shall breed only dogs which are over two years of age and have been x-rayed and OVC or OFA certified free from hip dysplasia.

**SALES:** VSO members shall not breed, sell, or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles.

VSO members will honestly evaluate the quality of the Vizsla they sell, fairly represent that evaluation and urge puppy purchasers to spay or neuter all pets which for any reason will not be used for breeding.

Puppies are to be sold on CKC non-breeding contracts whenever possible.

VSO members will not release puppies less than seven weeks of age. They will furnish registration papers, details on feeding, care, inoculations, pedigrees and written sales agreements. They will screen all prospective buyers to assure that puppies have safe and loving homes, and will supply assistance and support to puppy buyers for the life of the dog.

VSO members will encourage owners to become involved in Vizsla activities and the Vizsla Society of Ontario.