

# **RIO SALADO VIZSLA CLUB CODE OF ETHICS**

## **Sportsmanship**

RSVC members shall always:

Conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves, their vizslas and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of the location or circumstance.

Protect and advance the development of the vizsla through continued improvement of soundness, stable temperament, natural hunting ability and conformation as set forth in the official Vizsla Standard.

## **Health**

RSVC members shall maintain the best possible standard of canine health, cleanliness and veterinary care in an atmosphere conducive to the stable development of their dogs.

## **Breeding**

RSVC members shall breed only with the intention of improving the breed by breeding only those vizslas who conform to the standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club and who exhibit soundness, stable temperament and natural hunting ability.

RSVC members shall breed only those dogs who have a DNA number and are free of serious hereditary defects (including epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, Von Willebrands, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy), and are over two years of age and have been x-rayed and OFA-certified as free from hip dysplasia.

RSVC members must exhibit a commitment to vizslas they have bred and sold by supporting rescue through involvement with any vizsla placed in rescue, produced by either dog or bitch that is member-owned or co-owned. Support may include but is not limited to financial, fostering and/or re-homing.

RSVC members shall not cross-breed purebred vizslas or falsify registration documents. All persons following the vizsla fancy are enjoined to subscribe to this ethic in the best interest of the breed.

## **Sales**

RSVC members shall:

- Not breed, sell, consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles.

- Honestly evaluate the quality of the vizsla sold, fairly represent that evaluation and urge puppy purchasers to spay or neuter all pets which for any reason will not be used for breeding.

- Not release puppies under seven weeks of age.

- Furnish details on feeding, care, inoculations, pedigrees and written sales agreements.

- Sell any puppy which will not be used for breeding on Limited Registration from AKC.

- Screen all prospective buyers to assure that puppies have safe and loving homes.

- Supply assistance and support to puppy buyers for the life of the dog.

- Encourage owners to become involved in vizsla activities, the Vizsla Club of America and regional vizsla clubs.