

## CODE OF ETHICS:

With full recognition that the best possible motives don't always produce perfect results, we pledge to:

### Animal Care:

- Provide all dogs in our care with adequate quantities of nourishing food and fresh water.
- Provide safe, secure and clean facilities with adequate shelter.
- Provide appropriate veterinary care to all dogs, including immunizations and parasite treatments when needed.
- Provide loving attention to every dog we keep. With no more than 3 fosters. (4 if 1 is a Hospice)

### Placement Practices:

- Screen all prospective adopters to the best of our ability.
- Educate potential adopters during the interview process regarding their future responsibilities as dog owners.
- Be honest about the faults or potential faults of the breed and bloodline being adopted and remain available to the adopter for further support if it is needed.
- Refuse to deal knowingly with dog retailers, dog wholesalers and unethical dog breeders. Refuse to supply dogs for raffles, "give away" prizes or other such projects.
- Refuse to adopt to any adopter where we have reason to believe that the puppy or dog will be poorly cared for.
- Never surrender our own animals to a shelter for adoption.
- State in contractual terms, that if for any reason the adopter(s) cannot keep the dog/puppy that we, the rescuers, will take the dog back and assume full and total responsibility for the dog's welfare. Require all puppies placed under pet contracts to be spayed or neutered.

Public Conduct:

- Conduct all of our affairs concerning dogs in such a way that our behavior brings credit to the image of dogs and dog ownership in the community.
- Clean up after our dogs when walking or exercising them in public and keep them under control at all times.

\*When on social media you are still a representative of Buffalo Pug & Small Breed Rescue, Inc. Any and all fighting or "trash talking" of any persons or local groups will not be tolerated. Especially if it affects others in our organization or the rescue itself. If you have a problem with someone on social media please use private messaging so others are not drawn into your conversation.\*

You can also contact the Foster/Volunteer Coordinator with any in-house issues.

Dress appropriately for public meetings & outside events, no sweatpants, shirts with suggestive pictures or language.

Business Agreements:

- Use contracts that are ethically sound as well as legally binding which seek to protect the dog, the adopter and the rescue group.
- Strive to uphold the intent as well as the letter of such agreements.

I verify that I have read the Training, Rules & Policies & Code of Ethics , I understand and agree to all terms.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Witness\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_