## Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club, Inc. (CVVC) Code of Ethics

<u>SPORTSMANSHIP:</u> CVVC 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.

<u>HEALTH:</u> CVVC 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: CVVC members shall breed only with the intention of improving the breed by breeding only those Vizslas who conform to standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club, exhibit soundness, stable temperament, natural hunting ability and conformation as set forth in the official Vizsla standard.

CVVC members shall not knowingly breed dogs with serious hereditary defects, including but not limited to epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, Von Willebrand's disease, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy. CVVC members shall only breed dogs who are over two years of age and have been x-rayed and OFA-certified as free from hip dysplasia.

<u>SALES:</u> CVVC members shall not breed, sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles. CVVC members shall honestly evaluate the quality of the Vizslas sold and fairly represent that evaluation and urge puppy purchasers to spay or neuter all pets which for any reason will not be used for breeding.

CVVC members shall not release puppies less than eight weeks of age, and shall furnish details on feeding, care, inoculations and pedigrees and written sales agreements. CVVC members shall screen all prospective buyers to assure that puppies have safe and loving homes, and shall supply assistance and support to puppy buyers for the life of the dog. CVVC members shall encourage owners to become involved in Vizsla activities, the Vizsla Club of America and their local Vizsla Club.

The Officers and the Board of Directors of CVVC in cognizance of their respective responsibilities to protect the Vizsla breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn crossbreeding of pure-bred vizslas and falsification of registration documents. All persons following the fancy of Vizslas are enjoined to subscribe to this ethic in the best interest of the Vizsla breed.

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Signature			
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I agree to abide by CVVC's Code of Ethics.