

Description and Duties of the ETHICS Committee

As stated in the constitution/Bylaws, this committee shall always be subject to the final authority of the GPCA Board of Directors. The Board can appoint new members to the committee, appoint the chairman, and will approve members wishing to join this committee in the future.

Goal: Encourage good sportsmanship at AKC events

Purpose: To provide information on good sportsmanship and AKC rules.

The duties of the committee follow:

1. Educate the membership on the importance of good sportsmanship at AKC performance and conformation events. Keep the Board informed of these activities.
2. The committee investigates AKC rules for exhibiting in performance and conformation and provides these rules to the membership for educational purposes.
3. The committee provides the membership with any documents provided by the AKC on sportsmanship.
4. If a member complains about another member, the Committee Chairperson will refer the complaining member to the constitution/By-Laws (Discipline). The committee is not to become involved in such complaints.
5. The committee must avoid casting blame or hurting the reputation of any GPCA member. The committee will avoid any action that will result in the harm of any member, the German Pinscher breed, or the GPCA.
6. Keep the GPCA board informed of activities of the committee.
7. The Committee Chairman must present an annual report to the Board prior to the Annual Meeting as required by the GPCA Constitution/By-Laws.

By the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, any committee member who does not follow these guidelines may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint a successor for the person whose service has been terminated.