

# ADHHA

## Code of Ethics

We, the members of the American Dutch Harness Horse Association, in carrying out our role of providing service to the Dutch Horse industry, recognize the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. Therefore, we have set forth the following creed which shall govern our endeavors to fulfill our obligations:

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### ***We pledge to:***

1. Uphold and adhere to the professional standards, sportsmanship and by-laws of the American Dutch Harness Horse Association and to work to further its goals and objectives.
2. To ensure that the welfare of the American Dutch Harness Horse is paramount and that every American Dutch Harness Horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
3. Instill confidence among clients and the public in the horse industry, avoiding actions conducive to discrediting it or the membership of the American Dutch Harness Horse Association.
4. Conduct all business affairs with clients and other professionals in an honest, ethical, sincere, & forthright manner.
5. Adhere to moral and ethical principles reflecting soundness of character.
6. Handle our business operations and communications (including those through social media) in a manner that promotes the positive image of ADHHA and the Dutch Horse breed. Promote professionalism through our conduct, dress and behavior.
7. Have a reciprocal relationship with each other wherein we are compelled to comment to our peers on their actions as well as be receptive of comments on our own actions, if those actions might be perceived or interpreted as abusive or inappropriate.

*We agree to bring forward any conduct alleged to be in violation of this Code of Ethics to the ADHHA Executive Board of Directors.*