

The H.O.P.E. Difference

Code of Ethics

The Haflinger Owners Promotional Enterprise (H.O.P.E.) has adopted the following Code of Ethics to promote high standards of conduct and personal integrity among breeders and owners of Haflinger horses in North America.

Members shall bear in mind that a Code of Ethics is more than a set of rules; it is a commitment to a high standard of behavior in owning, breeding, training and selling Haflinger horses, and adherence to the spirit of the Code is as important as adherence to its specific provisions. All members of H.O.P.E. shall read and, by their signature, agree to abide by this Code of Ethics:

I understand that by joining H.O.P.E. I am joining a team with common goals and obligations to operate with the spirit of cooperation, respect and support for all members of the Haflinger Owners Promotional Enterprise. I shall at all times, whether at home, at shows or at other equine events, display good sportsmanship and conduct myself in a manner that imparts credit to H.O.P.E. and to the Haflinger breed. I acknowledge my obligation to uphold the highest standard of horsemanship and place the safety of both horse and human above all else. I willingly accept the role of breed ambassador, and to that end, I pledge to continue my own education about and on behalf of the Haflinger breed.

H.O.P.E. members who breed mares or stand stallions bear great responsibility to the future of the breed; therefore, all of my breeding shall be planned with the paramount intention of improving and protecting the pure-bred Haflinger horse. I appreciate the value-added through select breeding, responsible husbandry, correct and humane handling and excellent training, and hereby pledge to uphold and promote those aspects of my breeding and training program. I agree to condition and train horses to a level appropriate for the horse's age and maturity and shall avoid using any artificial methods which could be harmful to the horse physically or mentally. Consequently I also pledge to uphold the value of the Haflinger horse through both appropriate pricing and accurate representation of every horse offered for sale.

I will not knowingly sell a horse to a buyer who is unable to provide the horse with a healthy environment, proper nutrition, and appropriate care. I pledge to represent, whether verbally or in writing, every horse I offer for sale openly, honestly and with full disclosure of both assets and flaws in training, disposition, soundness and suitability for the intended use. I agree to use the common definitions, as outlined and explained through H.O.P.E. communications, to describe the various levels of training in the representation of my horse(s). I, to the best of my ability, shall support the owner of any Haflinger horse, regardless of where the horse was purchased, and inform the owner of other sources where they might also receive help. Should I not have a horse to suit an individual buyer's needs, I will do my best to refer that buyer to a fellow H.O.P.E. member with the knowledge that they, too, are bound by this Code of Ethics and will treat the buyer with the same level of professionalism and care.

Per membership guidelines, I agree to donate volunteer time to H.O.P.E. in a designated capacity for each membership year and perform those duties to the best of my ability in a timely manner.

Repeated failure of members to abide by this Code of Ethics shall result in a loss of membership in H.O.P.E. and withdrawal of any and all privileges such membership might enjoy, along with forfeiture of any dues or fees paid as well as any other such action as might be deemed appropriate by the membership.

H.O.P.E. Member Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date