



IACP Code of Conduct Affidavit for Certificants

Applicant or Certificant Name (printed) : _____

1. Professionally conduct themselves honestly, and with trust and respect at all times towards other members, clients and the general public regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, age, disabilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin or current country of citizenship.
2. Assist in maintaining the honor and reputation of the IACP and their Profession and avoid any form of fraud, deception, impropriety, discrimination or violence.
3. Serve his/her client or customers competently and proficiently with proper care and attention.
4. Use professional judgment on behalf of each client or customer without regard to personal interests or interests of other clients or the desire of another person(s).
5. Not undertake any service or employment for which he/she is not competent.
6. Determine his/her ability to be of professional assistance to a client. Should the expertise required fall outside the realm of the member's capability he/she shall seek appropriate answers and/ or support, or refer out to a fellow professional with the necessary experience and ability.
7. Continue to further his/her education and increase his/her knowledge, skills and experience to stay current and be able to increase the well being of themselves, the profession, clients, customers, dogs, the dog ownership community and other affiliated bodies.
8. IACP members may not seek to deprive any canine professional of his or her ability to conduct his or her business by seeking to restrict or ban accepted and established tools of the trade, or by seeking to restrict or ban accepted and established techniques and practices within the industry through calls for boycotts, restrictions, bans, or other actions designed to interfere with free marketplace participation of a canine professional in his or her business. Accepted and established tools of the trade include, but are not limited to, leashes, harnesses, training collars, slip collars, prong collars, head halters, remote electronic collars, and electronic pet containment systems. Accepted and established techniques and practices include, but are not limited to, those techniques and practices described in published books, videos, and professional seminars. A personal preference shall be allowed in the individual member's choice of methods, equipment and techniques within their own practice.

9. Give his/her client an honest opinion when consulted, and avoid bold, confident and false assurances to obtain employment, sales and/or status.

10. Not give false information to the Association. Doing so shall be considered grounds for lifetime dismissal.

11. Accept that individual member's fees charged to the community shall be a matter between the member and their client.

12. Conduct themselves in a business like and professional manner while maintaining empathy and understanding for the needs of the client, customer and dog.

13. Use professional judgement and where it is considered of benefit to the client and/or dog, engage in consultation with other professionals to seek advice and assistance. All communications between professionals with regard to clients shall be responsible, respectful, and effective while remaining confidential endeavouring to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of the professional/client relationship.

14. Cooperate with the IACP's President, Board of Directors or Ethics Committee (should one be assigned) on any reported violation. Following a full investigation and adjudication of any violation, the Ethics Committee will be required to make recommendations to the Board of Directors on any action that may be taken. The final decision will rest with the Board.

15. Any member who has been convicted in court of cruelty to dogs or inhumane treatment of animals shall be terminated from the International Association of Canine Professionals and all privileges withdrawn.

The IACP has a zero tolerance policy and will not tolerate any acts of discrimination, acts of hate, acts of violence, bullying, sexual harassment, coercion, intimidation, or any act of that impedes or interferes with anyone's civil rights.

The IACP, while striving to maintain the highest standards of conduct among its members, shall not and cannot be responsible in any way for the individual acts of its members.

By signing below, you agree to these terms as conditions for maintaining certification with the IACP. Furthermore, by signing this agreement, you understand that failure to adhere to the IACP Certificant Code of Ethics may result in your certification(s) being permanently revoked by the IACP.

Signature

Date signed