



HOPE ANIMAL-ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE

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Member Code of Ethics

Certified Members of HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response agree to the following:

1. Recognize that animal assisted crisis response is founded on standards of competence and practice that promote the best interest of the client, the handler, and the animal.
2. Espouse integrity; maintain the highest standards in the services offered; respect the values, attitudes and opinions of others; and provide services only in an appropriate and professional relationship.
3. Members shall not misuse or misapply the name or endorsement of HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response.
4. While representing HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response, members must avoid acting in any manner that is detrimental and/or contrary to the success of HOPE AACR. For example, while in uniform and working, members shall not consume alcohol or illegal substances that may impair performance.
5. Not discriminate in providing animal-assisted crisis response based on race, religion, age, gender, disability, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, economic condition or any other basis proscribed by law.
6. Recognize the need for and complete ongoing education to maintain current competence and to improve expertise and skills.
7. Recognize, affirm, and act on our commitment to the field of animal-assisted therapy. Members shall maintain current AAA/AAT registration through a formal organization that has a published evaluation process. Members shall volunteer to provide these non-crisis related services within their community.
8. Respect the integrity and protect the welfare of the person or group with whom you are working.
9. Embrace the duty of protecting the privacy of those with whom you work (clients and other members of the organization). Do not disclose confidential information obtained in teaching, practice or research.
10. Inform the client of the nature of the services to be provided.
11. Not engage in sexual activity with clients.
12. Treat other members of HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response and members of other disaster and crisis organizations with respect, courtesy and fairness. Cooperate with these organizations in order to serve the best interests of the clients we serve. Members must conduct themselves with honesty and integrity at all times.
13. Not knowingly engage in a behavior that is harassing or demeaning, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment.

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14. Not exploit individuals whom we serve. This includes not marketing our individual products or services to individuals with whom we have contact through our position with HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response.
15. Acknowledge the limits of personal and professional knowledge in any public statement regarding the organization. State completely and honestly our training. Not overstate our training and experience. Not offer information or advice in areas for which we are not qualified.
16. Not participate in the filing of complaints or grievances against HOPE AACR members that are frivolous or have a purpose other than to protect the public.
17. Strive to inform the public, through civic and professional participation in community affairs, of the effects of trauma and disaster and the mitigating impacts of animals in these situations.
18. Adopt a personal and professional stance promoting the well-being of all human beings and all animals.
19. Assign credit to all who have contributed to the work, particularly published materials, and for the work upon which publication is based.
20. For credentialed members who are mental health or other professionals, the HOPE AACR Code of Ethics shall operate in addition to the individual's professional code of ethics. In all cases, the higher standard shall apply.
21. For credentialed members who are not trained, licensed, or certified mental health professionals, in no way shall the member portray himself or herself as having a level of professional certification to which they are not entitled. (For example, handlers are not 'counselors,' 'social workers,' 'psychologists,' or 'psychiatrists' unless they have professional training and/or credentials as required by law in the state in which they would be licensed or certified.
22. Members or HOPE applicants shall not carry weapons on HOPE official business or engage in illegal actions or activities. A HOPE volunteer, whether on or off duty, shall not wear any clothing or items identifying the volunteer as a HOPE member while *openly* carrying a weapon.

I have read and agree to abide by these Code of Ethics:

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date Signed: _____

Board of Directors

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