



# THE MCTIMONEY ANIMAL ASSOCIATION

## Code of Ethics

- 1) Members of the McTimoney Animal Association (MAA) are bound to accept and adhere to the Code Of Ethics set out by the Association.
  
- 2) MAA membership implies acceptance of any Disciplinary Procedure set out in the Association's constitution.
  
- 3) All members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times and must not behave in an inappropriate manner which may in any way harm the Association or its profession.
  
- 4) Members shall project the Association in a professional manner and committee approval must be sought prior to publication or announcement of matters arising, which may affect the Association or its members.
  
- 5) Members should show consideration and respect for their fellow association members, their clients and members of other health care professions.
  
- 6) It is an offence to work on any animal without veterinary approval and/or referral. It is suggested that a signed disclaimer is included in all client records stating that veterinary approval has been granted to work on the animal in question.
  
- 7) Members are not permitted to make a veterinary diagnosis and if at any point in time should there be any doubt about the health of the animal, that animal must be referred back to the veterinarian responsible and work shall not be resumed until permission to do so has been granted.
  
- 8) At no point in time shall a member practice or hold themselves out to practice techniques restricted to medical or veterinary professions unless fully qualified and competent to perform such techniques.
  
- 9) It must be made clear by the member that their work is not a substitute for proper veterinary care.



- 10) Members may only provide services for which they are fully qualified and insured.
  
- 11) In accordance with the 1994 Chiropractors Act, Section 32 (i), no member must call him or herself or imply that they are a chiropractor.
  
- 12) Provided there are no reasonable grounds for refusal members may refer patients/clients to another Association member.
  
- 13) Members shall not knowingly undertake cases under the care of another Association member without the consent of that member, nor shall they use any means to solicit patients/clients from other Association members. Should a client choose to change from one member to another however, he shall be free to do so.
  
- 14) Confidential client records must be kept by members for a minimum of eight years.
  
- 15) Members are expected to keep up to date with the latest developments in their professional field of practice and comply with the current CPD requirements of the Association
  
- 16) This code of ethics provides a guideline for the provision and maintenance of standards governing its members but is not to be taken as a strict set of laws.
  
- 17) Members receiving complaints against them must report this to the Association. The MAA will investigate any complaints arising but will not be held legally responsible for the conduct of its members.
  
- 18) MAA membership implies acceptance in complying with any code of ethics set out by any association to which the MAA is affiliated.
  
- 19) MAA members must on no account transfer their skills learnt on animals to humans.