



# The Wingshooters Charter

*I, the undersigned member of the SA Wingshooters Association, hereby declare as follows:*

*I am a wingshooter and I deeply respect Life and the Creation. I respect the unique Culture of Wingshooting and I love the closeness with nature, the veld and the vleis, the mountains and the forests where gamebirds are found. I love the cameraderie of father and son, the closeness of mother and daughter, the fellowship of other wingshooters. I love and treasure the unique bond with my bird dog, who will go through fire and water and lay down his life for me.*

*As a wingshooter I strive to maintain a high standard of ethics and to specifically observe the Wingshooters Codes of Conduct as published. In particular, I pledge to:*

- 1. Place safety considerations above all,*
- 2. Observe the rule of empty and broken guns at all times,*
- 3. Foster and promote Conservation and the Sustainable Use Ethic,*
- 4. Avoid littering and leave nothing but footsteps,*
- 5. Always strive to improve my knowledge of the quarry and to obey the law,*
- 6. Have Respect for Life and the Codes of Conduct which flow from this,*
- 7. Avoid cruelty to quarry animals and recognise the basic needs of all sentient beings,*
- 8. Have respect for the landowners' rights,*
- 9. Care for bird dogs and allow them to express their hunting instincts with compassion, and*
- 10. Foster and put something back into this unique cultural activity.*

*I also recognise and submit to the specific Disciplinary Procedures as published and will strive to observe and uphold the Constitution of the Association.*

*I pledge to foster and promote the Wingshooters Code and Culture in those who come after me and to leave to future generations a world that is in some measure a better place because of my presence.*

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INITIALS & SURNAME

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