
Code of Ethics

Members of the Association accept the jurisdiction of the Association, and undertake to abide by this Code of Ethics

1. Owners will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care, and arrange for appropriate veterinary assistance if and when required.
 2. Owners will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
 3. Owners will ensure that their dogs shall wear properly tagged collars, and shall be kept fully leashed or under effective control when away from home
 4. Owners will clear up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited
 5. Owners will agree, without reservation, that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, may report any such operation to the Kennel Club
 6. Owners agree not to breed from a bitch in any way which is deleterious to the bitch or the breed
 7. Owners agree to sell dogs only where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life, and will help with the Rehoming of a dog if the initial circumstances change
 8. Owners will provide written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership, when placing dogs in a new home
 9. Owners will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in any competition of any kind
 10. Owners will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise dogs, nor mislead any person regarding the quality of the dog
 11. Owners will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, including a copy of this Code
 12. Owners will endeavour to identify any harmful hereditary defects by whatever methods are available and deemed necessary by the veterinary profession. For the benefit of the breed, any newly-identified hereditary problem should be notified to the Association
 13. All breeding stock should be tested for Copper Toxicosis, under whichever test is available, prior to mating
 14. In any mating, at least one parent should be certified "clear" or "normal" under whichever test is available
 15. Where possible, DNA profiling should be incorporated into the gene test
 16. In subsequent generations any stock which is "hereditarily clear" (i.e. the offspring of two tested "clear" or "normal" parents) should be DNA profiled prior to mating
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