

Below is the KC Code of Ethics which is a requirement for Breed Clubs to adopt.

Breeders/owners:

- Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if, and when required
- Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who performs an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operations to The Kennel Club
- Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the breed standard should be placed in suitable homes
- Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act
- Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally
- Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed
- Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties
- Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home
- Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited
- Will only sell dogs 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
- Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home
- Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available
- Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog)
- Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by The Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.