



KOOIKERHONDJE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN



GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Kooikerhondje Club of Great Britain undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Club members:

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) 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 operation to the Kennel Club.
- 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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).
- 14) 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.
- 15) Will ensure that only sound healthy stock is used for breeding, and all dogs and bitches used for breeding are tested for Von Willebrands disease and hereditary necrotizing myelopathy, preferably by DNA testing. Testing for slipping patella is also recommended but not compulsory.
- 16) Will ensure bitches are not bred from before 20 months of age
- 17) Will ensure that bitches are no older than 8 years of age when their final litter is born, unless this has been allowed by specific permission for the mating from the Kennel Club.
- 18) Will ensure that stud dogs are not bred from before 20 months of age
- 19) Will undertake any export of Kooikerhondje only with extreme care. It is always advisable to check with the Club Committee and the Kennel Club as to the attitudes and laws of the country before exporting. If possible the dog should be accompanied as travel is distressing for most animals.
- 20) Will strongly encourage breeders to ensure that any mating results in puppies that have a co-efficient of inbreeding no larger than 6.5.

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.