



CATALAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Catalan Sheepdog 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 performing an operation of 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 a 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 clear up after their dogs in public places, or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. Will only sell dogs where there is reasonable expectations 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 dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in their new homes.
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 the dog.
15. No bitch should be mated before the age of 18 months. Brood bitches should be retired after their 8th birthday. No bitch should be bred from more than once in any 12 months.

16. All breeding stock should be eye tested and x-rayed for Hip Dysplasia after the age of 12 months. Only those dogs with hip scores within an acceptable range and have clear eyes should be considered for breeding purposes. Stud dogs and brood bitches which have consistently produced progeny, with high scores, should be withdrawn from the breeding programme.
17. No puppy should be exported before the age of 12 weeks unless they are travelling with an escort. Care should be taken to ensure that countries to which dogs of any age are exported have adequate anti-cruelty laws in force.
18. Members are reminded that unsportsmanlike behaviour at dog shows reflects adversely on the Club and its good name and will not be tolerated.
19. Members should work in unity, putting welfare, preservation, and advancement of the breed above personal ambition.

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

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