



## REGULATIONS

### PART XIII

## CODE OF ETHICS

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1. A Member shall, at all times, ensure that all dogs under that Member's control are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive proper veterinary attention, as and when required.
- 1A. A Member shall permit any person authorised in writing by the Dogs NSW Secretary, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors, to enter and inspect any premises owned or occupied by the member for the purpose of investigating compliance with Regulation 1 of this Code.
2. A Member shall not allow any dogs which are registered in that Member's name, to roam at large and when away from home, must ensure that they are kept fully leashed or under effective control at all times. **(8/05)**
- 2A. A Member who is required to leave a dog in the care of another person for any period of time must ensure that the other person is made aware of the requirement to ensure that the dog is to be kept fully leashed or under effective control, at all times. **(8/05)**
3. A Member shall breed only with the intent of maintaining and/or improving the standard of the Breed and the health, welfare and soundness of their dogs having regard to the following:-
  - i) that the health, physical welfare and fitness for function of dogs is of prime importance, and
  - ii) that a Member shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that dogs bred by them do not suffer from any disorder that impedes their sight, breathing or ability to move freely or which is otherwise detrimental to their comfort and wellbeing. **12/08**
- 3A. Members, who are breeders, shall strive to eliminate hereditary diseases within their dogs and their breed. **12/08**
4. A bitch shall not be bred from unless it is in good health and has reached adequate maturity (no matings before 9 months for Toys and Brachycephalic Breeds, 12 months for others except Giant Breeds where a minimum of 18 months is to apply for matings). Any litter resulting from the mating of a bitch under the minimum specified age at the time of mating is eligible to be registered on the Limited Register only and flagged "not to be upgraded to the Main Register". **11/08**
- 4A. A Member shall not breed a bitch causing it to whelp more than twice in eighteen months without the prior approval of the Board of Directors except under extenuating circumstances where application for registration of the litter may be considered by the Board of Directors. **11/08**
- 4B. A Member shall not breed a bitch causing it to whelp more than six times without prior veterinary certification of fitness for further breeding and without prior approval of the Board of Directors except under extenuating circumstances where application for registration of the litter may be considered by the Board of Directors. **11/08**

5. A Member shall not knowingly permit any of that Member's pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross-bred dog, or to any unregistered dog of the same breed or to a dog not on the Main Register unless:-
- i) such mating is for the health, welfare and/or the development of a breed or an aspect thereof,  
and
  - ii) The member has obtained the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

The prohibition against crossbreeding contained in this clause shall not apply to guide and working dogs. **12/08**

6. A Member shall not sell or otherwise transfer from that Member's care any puppy under eight (8) weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination which must be given at six (6) weeks of age, and for the necessary ten (10) to fourteen (14) days for the vaccine to take effect.
7. A Member shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from that Member clearly understands their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal and that they have the time and facilities (ie adequate fences, sufficient room and proper shelter etc) to perform their obligations.
8. A Member shall provide to all purchasers of dogs sold or placed by that Member, written details of all dietary and immunisation requirements and/or appropriate publications relating to such requirements and responsible dog ownership.
9. A Member shall not:
- (a) sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers or retail pet dealers, who are not accredited by the Pet Industry Association of Australia Limited (PIAA). **(05/05)**
  - (b) allow a dog owned by that member to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind. **(10/03)**
  - (c) offer a dog for sale by auction through any form of media. **(08/03)**
10. A Member shall not KNOWINGLY misrepresent the characteristics of the breed.
11. A member shall ensure that when selling or transferring a dog to another person that documents, as required by the Regulations, are provided to the purchaser of the dog. **(07/05)**
12. Upon the sale of a dog a Member shall supply the new owner with a current vaccination certificate signed by a Veterinary Surgeon evidencing that the dog has been immunised against Canine Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvo Virus.
13. No dog should be sold in a state of ill health.
14. Non compliance with Regulations 1 or 1A of this Code is deemed to be misconduct.

15. All members must register all litters bred by them, either alone or jointly with another. Registration of a litter must be effected within 18 months of the date of whelping. For the purposes of this clause “litter” includes all puppies there from living at the date of registration of the litter. A member shall register all puppies in a litter at the same time and on one form of application for Registration of Litter. **(4/03)**
16. A member who provides or makes available a dog for use in a film, advertisement, promotion, any media or public display must use reasonable care to ensure that:
  - (a) the dog is portrayed in a fashion consistent with its breed characteristics and temperament as described in the Standard for the breed and
  - (b) the dog is presented in a fashion that is unlikely to create a negative reaction to dogs generally or that breed in particular and that if there is any likelihood of a negative impression, this is at the same time corrected through the development of a story line that presents the dog or the breed (as appropriate) in a balanced fashion . **(10/97)**
17. Puppies can be exported at an age that is permitted under the relevant livestock import regulations of the country to which they are being imported but under no circumstances are weaned puppies younger than the age of eleven (11) weeks to be exported. **(07/05)**

## **“ADEQUATE MATURITY”**

The Ethics & Welfare Working Party recently discussed the Code of Ethics Clause 4 in relation to the definition of “adequate maturity” and the classification of breeds and resolved that the following definitions be adopted.

### Definition of Toy and Small Breeds

All Dogs in Group 1 less Brachycephalic Breeds plus:

Manchester Terrier  
Lhasa Apso  
Poodle (Toy)

### Brachycephalic Breeds

Griffon Bruxellois  
King Charles Spaniel  
Pekingese  
Pug  
Boxer  
Boston Terrier  
British Bulldog  
French Bulldog  
Shih Tzu

### Giant Breeds

Alaskan Malamute  
Bloodhound  
Deerhound  
German Shepherd Dogs (added as a result of an ANKC Survey 5/01)  
Irish Wolfhound  
Bullmastiff  
Mastiff  
Neapolitan Mastiff  
Newfoundland  
Pyrenean Mountain Dog  
Rottweiler  
Schnauzer (Giant)  
St Bernard  
Tibetan Mastiff  
Great Dane

Submissions for any additions to the above classifications must be in writing to the Ethics & Welfare Working Party and will be considered on their individual merit.