



*...for the betterment of dogs ... since 1888*

## **The Kennel Club of Jersey is committed to the welfare of ALL dogs**

**As such its Membership has agreed to adopt this Code of Ethics and would encourage all Jersey dog owners to do the same**

As a responsible dog owner, I will . . .

- abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004 regarding dog ownership.
- properly house, feed, water & exercise all dogs under my care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if & when required.
- ensure that my dogs wear properly tagged collars & will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- clean up after my dogs in public places or anywhere my dogs are being exercised.
- not allow any of my dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to a neighbour or those carrying out official duties.
- register dogs with the Parish.
- transport my dogs securely.
- never use or endorse the use of electric collars
- ensure the size of cages/crates used adhere to airline regulations.

**In addition, when wishing to breed a litter of puppies, pedigree or not, I agree to following:**

- mating will not take place between mother/son, father/daughter or brother/sister
- bitches will not be bred from until one year old, nor should they be bred from after eight years of age.
- undertake to test all breeding stock, where possible, especially for hereditary conditions relevant to their breed, and not breed using animals likely to continue such conditions.
- not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.

**When selling or re-homing puppies I also agree to . . .**

- only sell dogs where there is an expectation of a happy & healthy life & will help with re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- supply written details of all dietary requirements & give guidance concerning responsible dog ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of their breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.
- not rehome puppies before 8 weeks old except in exceptional circumstances
- have them vet checked before leaving my care
- ensure that all relevant Kennel Club of Jersey documents are made available to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available, unless another arrangement has been mutually agreed in writing.
- not sell any dog to commercial wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.

**Any Member of the Kennel Club of Jersey found to be in wilful breach of these provisions will receive disciplinary action by the Club and/or be reported to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.**