



# Code of Conduct

1. Members will consider the welfare of their dogs and breed above any personal gain or profit and will take responsibility for any dogs they own.
2. Members are recommended to only breed from German Shorthaired Pointers of sound temperament, which show natural working ability and will always strive to produce German Shorthaired Pointers conforming to the breed standards as published by the Kennel Club.
3. Members will not knowingly, allow their stud dogs to serve bitches of less than two years of age, or over the age of seven years. Neither dogs nor bitches in poor health, of unsound temperament or with any serious hereditary disease will be used for breeding.
4. Stud dog owners will use their discretion as to the number and suitability of bitches covered each year.
5. Members will not allow their bitches to whelp more than once in every twelve months, or before two years of age, or over the age of seven. A bitch will not have more than three litters during her lifetime or be mated before two years of age.
6. Members will ensure that any stock from which they breed shall be registered with the Kennel Club, in the accordance with the rules in force at the time.
7. Members will not, when advertising, knowingly misrepresent themselves or their stock and will deal only in an open and honest manner with the clients, who shall be advised of any fault that the dog may have. Clients buying the stock shall be encouraged to present the dog to a veterinary surgeon within (5) five days of purchase. Should the veterinary surgeon at such examination, advise that the dog is not in good health, members will verify the opinion, take back the dog and refund the purchase price.
8. Members will be encouraged to take advantage of any relevant official health schemes devised to test the dog's soundness.
9. Members will, when engaged in competition events with their dogs, conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the breed or Society and will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

# Kennel Club General Code of Ethics

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 operations 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. 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.
14. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand-alone items (not accompanying a dog).
15. 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.