

The Joint Lhasa Apso Clubs'

General Code of Ethics

All members of the Lhasa Apso Club undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Club Members

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing 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 do not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Anima 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, ideally, bitches not to whelp under 18 months of age.
- 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 re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and to give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) Will ensure the 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) A dog or bitch that is to be bred from should be registered with the Kennel Club and hold a DNA PRA4 certificate that shows the result of the test or evidence of the parental status regarding the test, it is recommended that both parents hold a current BVA PRA unaffected certificate, but not essential.
- 16) Members should, when breeding a litter of Lhasa Apsos, adopt as a minimum standard the principles, requirements as embodied in the Kennel Club's Assured Breeder Scheme.

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.

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