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### **10.1 CODE OF ETHICS**

Code of Ethics of Responsible Dog ownership including keeping, welfare, breeding, selling and disposal of dogs by members of the NACA.

### **10.2 COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF ETHICS**

Each member, upon signing an application for membership or renewal of membership of the NACA, and being duly elected to general membership of the NACA, shall, in addition to agreeing to be bound by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the NACA, be also bound by the NACA's Code of Ethics relating to responsible dog ownership, including the keeping, welfare, breeding, selling and disposing of dogs by members to the effect of the terms and conditions set out below.

### **10.3 CODE OF ETHICS AND UNDERSTANDING**

In consideration of the NACA electing me to its general membership and approval of that renewal from time to time, I pledge to the NACA that:

- (a) I shall ensure that at all times all dogs under my control are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive proper Veterinary attention if and when required.
- (b) I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large and, when away from home ensure that they are kept fully leashed, or under effective control, at all times.
- (c) I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed, and not for the pet market or any other commercial purpose.
- (d)
  - (i) I shall not breed from any bitch unless it has reached adequate maturity (i.e. at least 12 months of age)
  - (ii) I understand that to mate the same bitch in consecutive seasons is not Recommended breeding practice and should only be undertaken in exceptional circumstances
  - (iii) If exceptional circumstances exist which I consider make it necessary to mate a bitch in consecutive seasons, I will not mate that bitch before a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the birth of the puppies from that second litter.
- (e) I will not breed, in the life of any bitch causing it to whelp more than six times. Council's approval must be obtained, prior to the mating, by breeders that wish to breed a 7th litter from any bitch. Breeders are to submit a written application, accompanied by written veterinarian certification of fitness for further breeding, to

Council and must outline the reasons why this 7th litter is important to their breeding programme.

It is the responsibility of the current owner to verify the number of litters a bitch may have had prior to their ownership of said bitch. Under no circumstances, Council will grant approval for an 8th litter.

- (f) I shall not allow any of my pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of different breed, to a cross-bred dog, or to an unregistered dog of the same breed.
- (g) I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination to be given at six weeks of age, and the necessary ten to fourteen days for the vaccine to take effect.
- (h) I shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from me clearly understand their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal, and that they have the time and facilities (i.e. adequate fences, sufficient room and proper shelter, etc.) to perform their obligations.
- (i) I shall provide to all purchasers of dogs sold or placed by me, written details of all dietary requirements and a current vaccination certificate signed by a Veterinary Surgeon evidencing that the dog has been immunized against Canine Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvo Virus within 7 days of sale.
- (j) I shall not sell any dog to a commercial dog wholesaler, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
- (k) I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog
- (l) I shall ensure when selling or transferring a dog to another person that documents as required NACA Rule 7.17 – 7.19, will be provided to the purchaser or transferee, following transfer of ownership.

Any person failing to observe any provisions of the Code of Ethics may be dealt with under the Rules of the NACA.