



Finnish Lapphund Club of Great Britain



General Code of Ethics

All breeders who register their puppies, and new owners who register ownership of their dogs with the Kennel Club, accept the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club and undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Breeders/Owners:

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 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 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. 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. 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.

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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Breed Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE:

The Code of Ethics is intended to serve as a standard of behaviour for all Club Members in any activities connected with the Finnish Lapphund. Compliance with it is a condition of Membership of the Finnish Lapphund Club of Great Britain (see Rule 16).

RECORDS:

15. Each Member who breeds from his bitch or uses his dog at stud shall keep accurate records of stock, bred and born, matings and pedigrees and will when requested make these available to the Breed Archives Secretary.
16. Any information reported to the Committee, which casts doubt upon any registration, or pedigree shall be referred to the Kennel Club.

BREEDING:

17. Each breeder shall plan each mating with the paramount intention of maintaining the Breed Standard and shall only breed when he is in a position to give proper care to both the bitch and offspring.

Members should follow these guidelines in regard to DNA testing and prcdPRA status.

- a) All breeding stock must be DNA tested for prcdPRA before being used in a mating programme, except where gene status is identified by parentage i.e. the progeny of two DNA tested clear dogs can be assumed to be clear and the progeny of DNA tested clear to affected matings can be assumed to be carriers.
 - b) Identified carriers must only be mated to genetically clear dogs.
 - c) Carriers can be mated to a DNA tested clear dog/bitch. If this is done, the progeny of such a mating must be DNA tested to identify the carrier and clear progeny. All untested progeny from such a mating must be endorsed `progeny not eligible for registration`. Such endorsements to be lifted only after the dog/bitch has been DNA tested.
 - d) Affected dogs must only be mated to a DNA tested clear dogs; all progeny must be endorsed `progeny not eligible for registration`. These endorsements to be lifted only if the dog is to be mated to a DNA tested clear dog.
18. Each breeder shall select sire and dam with regard to health and temperament after a careful study of the Breed Standard, the relevant pedigrees and the basic principles of genetics. Each stud dog owner shall similarly consider these matters when contracting for the use of his dog.
 19. Each breeder shall safeguard his bitches from unsuitable matings.
 20. Breeders shall breed only from stock that is free from known hereditary defects. On no account shall an animal of unsuitable temperament be bred from. If an animal is born with any defect or subsequently develops an inherited condition, the full details shall be made available to the Breed Archive Secretary.
 21. All stock prior to mating must be :
 - A/ DNA prcd PRA tested except where the gene status is identified by parentage.
 - B/ Eye Tested for hereditary cataracts (HC), progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), PHPV, PPM and MRD under the BVA/KC or ECVO scheme i.e. a current annual eye certificate must be held prior to mating.
 - C/ Examined for the control of Hip Dysplasia: under the BVA/KC scheme for UK KC registered dogs. Non UK bred dogs must be examined under the approved relevant scheme in the country of residence/export.
 - D/ Copies of the results should be made available to the Breed Archive Secretary and these may be made publicly available.

22. As the Finnish Lapphund is a late maturing breed no breeder shall breed from any bitch, or allow his dog to be used on any bitch before she is 18 months of age, or at successive seasons, except on the written advice of a veterinary surgeon.
23. Members will, when breeding dogs, adopt as a minimum standard the principles, requirements and recommendations as embodied in the Kennel Club's Assured Breeder Scheme. It is strongly recommended that members who breed should apply to join the scheme.

SALES:

24. Breeders must be as careful as possible to ensure that their puppies go to good homes and should therefore not knowingly sell them through pet stores, dealers or other unsuitable outlets.
25. For his own protection and that of his buyers the Breeder shall provide written proof of sale and a contract of sale, which declares the limitations on breeding/exhibition etc.
26. The breeder shall arrange for the Kennel Club Registration and a signed Transfer form to be sent to the purchaser with the least possible delay. The Registration should be endorsed `Progeny not for Registration` - and this made clear to the purchasers prior to the sale. The breeder should only lift this endorsement once the dog has been tested as in (7) above. A puppy may be sold without registration and transfer papers if that is understood and agreed to in writing by both parties.
27. No puppy shall leave the breeder until it is seven weeks old. For Registered Breeding Kennels, no puppy may leave the breeder until it is eight weeks old, and exports must comply with DEFRA regulations. Upon releasing the puppy, the breeder shall follow these guidelines:
 - a) He shall supply a pedigree of at least four generations, which will include: eye test results, hip scores and colours, where known.
 - b) He shall provide written instructions on the future care of the puppy including diet; exercise, training and worming shall stress the need for early training. He shall also give written information about the care given to the puppy to date, particularly on diet, worming and inoculations.
 - c) He shall provide records from the attending veterinary surgeon detailing any inoculations given, including their dates and the type of vaccines used, and the dates on which any future inoculations are due.
 - d) He shall release only those puppies, which to the best of his knowledge are in good health. If the purchaser so requests, the breeder shall supply a veterinary certificate of health at the purchaser's expense.
 - e) He shall supply a written contract, which includes a clause, that if the purchaser is no longer able/willing to keep the dog (at any time in its life)- he will return the dog to the breeder for assessment/re-homing.

MEMBER RELATIONS:

28. In all their activities within the Breed, Members should have uppermost in their minds that the Club exists to maintain the Breed Standard.
29. The more experienced owners and breeders shall be ready to give advice and assistance to Members who seek it and shall make their knowledge and experience available for the good of the Breed.
30. Members shall be diligent in the handling of their dogs in public places in order to reduce to an absolute minimum the risk of danger and nuisance to humans and other animals.
31. Members must recognise their responsibility to protect the reputation of the breed and shall not allow their dogs to roam at large unsupervised or to become a public nuisance, or to be a charge upon an Animal Rescue Society or Dogs Home.
32. In all questions of ethics relating to the Breed, whether covered by this Code or not, each Member shall act solely in the best interest of the Breed and shall willingly help any Finnish Lapphund owner to uphold those interests.

IMPLEMENTATION:

33. Any Member wishing to report an infraction of this Code shall do so in writing to the Secretary and shall include supporting evidence in writing.

34. On receiving such a Report the Secretary shall submit it to the Committee. If the Committee decides that it is of sufficient substance to warrant investigation he, the Secretary, shall communicate its contents to the alleged offender inviting his comment, which he shall submit to the Committee as soon as possible. The Committee shall use its discretion in deciding what action to take and in appropriate cases may initiate action in accordance with Rule 8.

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