



Southern Counties Bearded Collie Club

Code of Ethics

The Kennel Club have given approval to The Southern Counties Bearded Collie Club to incorporate additional clauses to The Kennel Club Code of Ethics to take into account the specific characteristics and needs of the Bearded Collie.

As laid down by The Kennel Club:

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 operation 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 standalone 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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As laid down by The Southern Counties Bearded Collie Club:

With specific reference to Bearded Collies members agree:

1. To keep and maintain our Beardies, in the best possible condition and health for the whole of their lives.
2. Not to subject our Beardies to any form of physical or mental abuse and to provide any treatment necessary for their well being.

With specific reference to breeding from our Bearded Collies, our Members:

1. Acknowledge that owners of the bitch and stud dog share equal responsibility for the puppies bred.
 2. Will only use Beardies known to be of sound temperament and character, free from physical and/or hereditary faults and whose hip status, general physical and mental health has been taken into account.
 3. Will not mate a bitch until she is mature, that is at least 2 and preferably 3 years of age. Nor beyond the age of 7 years without the appropriate permission from The Kennel Club.
 4. Will not breed more than three times and preferably only twice from the same bitch across her lifetime. Nor breed from the same bitch on subsequent seasons.
 5. Ensure that puppies do not leave the breeder until they are at least 7 and preferably 8 weeks old.
- 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.

Last updated – 7th October 2009

The original copy of this Code of Ethics has been signed by all Committee Members