

## CODE OF ETHICS

### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP INCLUDING KEEPING, WELFARE, BREEDING, SELLING AND DISPOSING OF DOGS BY MEMBERS OF THE KOOLIE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC.**

#### 1. Compliance with Code of Ethics

Each member, upon signing an application for membership or renewal of membership of the Koolie Club Of Aust. Inc (K.C.A.), and being duly elected to general membership of the K.C.A., shall , in addition to agreeing to be bound by the Constitution , Rules and Regulations of the K.C.A., be also bound by the K.C.A.'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 under Regulation 2 hereof.

#### 2. Code of Ethics and undertaking

In consideration of the K.C.A. electing me to its general membership and approval of that renewal from time to time, I pledge to the K.C.A. that :-

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large and when away from home ensure they are kept under effective control, at all times.
- 2.3 I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the breed, and not for the pet market or any other commercial purpose, particular emphasis should be made to work ethic.
- 2.4 Except in extenuating circumstances, I shall not breed from any bitch kept by me before it is 18 months of age.
  - 2.4.1 Bitches should only be mated on consecutive oestrus cycles with the **written** approval of a veterinarian. A bitch should not be allowed to have more than two litters in an 18 month period. Note: It is recommended that if consecutive matings take place, members:
    - 2.4.1.1 must make sure they comply with local, state and country laws.
    - 2.4.1.2 must plan to retire the bitch from breeding at an earlier age.
  - 2.4.2 A bitch must be physically and mentally fully recovered from the previous breeding before being mated. Note: State and Country laws will override the Club's Code of Ethics where further restrictions are in force.
  - 2.4.3 A bitch that has previously produced a litter by caesarean section should not be mated unless **written** veterinary advice has been sought which indicates that she is fit for future breeding.
  - 2.4.4 Bitches over eight years of age should be assessed by a veterinarian as suitable for breeding before mating and **written proof provided to the Committee**.
  - 2.4.5 A bitch in season that is not intended for breeding should be kept separate from entire male dogs.
  - 2.4.6 A bitch should only be allowed to breed when there is a reasonable expectation of finding suitable homes for each puppy.
- 2.5 I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under seven weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination to be given at six weeks of age.
- 2.6 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 (ie adequate fences, sufficient room and proper shelter, etc) to perform their obligations.
- 2.7 I shall provide with all purchases of dogs from me or dogs placed by me, written details of all dietary and immunisation requirements and/or an appropriate publication relating to such requirements and responsible dog ownership.

- 2.8 I shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers or retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
- 2.9 I shall not sell a Koolie I have purchased for the sole purpose of profit.
- 2.10 I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, nor mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog.
- 2.11 I shall ensure when selling or transferring a dog to another person that documents as required by the Koolie Club of Australia. Inc will be provided to the purchaser or transferee.
- 2.12 I shall endeavour to promote the Koolie.
- 2.13 I shall not demean other members or breeders and their Koolies.
- 2.14 I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, nor mislead any person regarding the health and performance of any dog.
- 2.15 Any member failing to observe any provisions of the Code of Ethics may be dealt with under the Constitution of the K.C.A.