

## **Kennel Club Code of Ethics from October 2008**

### Club Members

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention and other health care if and when required, treating them as members of the family with warmth and affection.
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 will report such operation to the Kennel Club. It is hoped that they will voluntarily participate in current health schemes available and use the results along with all other considerations to improve breeding stock.
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 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. Ensuring that all dogs are positively identifiable through micro-chipping, tattooing or preferable both.
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. If the puppy is likely to be bred from, breeders/sellers should ensure that it will be in a responsible manner. They should provide advice and an after care service. Breeders should take back or assist with rehoming or locating temporary accommodation for any Saluki bred by them which needs a new home.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home. This should include details of the medical history and other relevant of both sire and dam.
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. If registration is to be with held or the registration endorsed, it should be by written agreement between purchaser and seller.
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 the Saluki. In particular they should ensure prospective new owners are aware of the nature of the Saluki temperament.
15. The export of Salukis should be only undertaken with extreme care. It should be remembered by breeders that they will not be there in the event of problems. It is always advisable to check with the Club Committee and Kennel Club as to the attitudes and laws of the country, before exporting. If possible the dog should be accompanied; travel is distressing to most animals.
16. Saluki owners, keepers and particularly breeders should not encourage by example or otherwise the cross breeding of Salukis.
17. Stud dog owners are expected to do everything in their power to comply with the requirement of paragraphs 10-16 equally with bitch owners.

#### Welfare of the Breed

18. If any reason he/she is unable to keep his/her Saluki he/she should in the first instance contact the breeder. If this is impracticable, he/she should contact the Secretary of the Club, the Club Welfare Officer or Warden.
19. It should be remembered that the Saluki does not normally mature before 3 years old. Only sound healthy stock should be used for breeding and in general 2 litters in a lifetime should be considered as a maximum for any bitch; but above all no litters should be bred unless good homes are assured. It is not necessary for every bitch to be bred from.
20. It is hoped that Saluki owners and keepers will make use of all veterinary medical technology now available. Confidential advice is available either through the Saluki Health Committee, the Animal Health Trust or the Saluki Welfare Fund. The Club invites Saluki owners and keepers to inform them of any problem in the Salukis that may give cause for concern in the breed as a whole.
21. At all times the welfare of the individual Salukis or the breed as a whole must be uppermost; the integrity of Saluki owners should reflect this and not be traded off for personal advancement. Saluki owners and keepers should, when engaged in competitive events with their dogs, conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the breed and should demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

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.