

CODE OF ETHICS

1. A member shall, at all times, ensure that all dogs under the member's control, are properly housed, fed, watered, and exercised and receive proper veterinary attention, as and when required.
- 1a. A member shall permit any person authorised in writing by the Secretary, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors, to enter and inspect any premises owned or occupied by the member for the purposes of investigating compliance with Regulation 1 of this Code.
2. A member shall not allow any dogs under that member's care to roam at large and, when away from home, ensure they are kept fully leashed or under effective control, at all times.
3. A member shall breed only with the intent of maintaining and/or improving the standard of the breed, **not for the pet market or any other commercial purpose.**
4. A bitch shall not be bred from unless it has reached adequate maturity and is in good health, and thereafter not more than twice in each succeeding period of twelve (12) months. In the event a bitch is bred twice in twelve months then under no circumstances will another litter be registered for that bitch for a period of twelve months after a second litter **the member shall rest the bitch on the third season.** (However, Applications for Registration of litters whelped between 9 and 12 months after the second litter will be considered for registration by the Canine Welfare Committee.)
5. A member shall not knowingly permit any of that member's pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross-bred dog, or to any unregistered dog of the same breed. (Except that guide dogs and working dogs may be an exception to this prohibition).
6. A member shall not sell or otherwise transfer from that member's care, any puppy under eight (8) weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination which must be given at six (6) weeks of age, and for the necessary 10 to 14 days for the vaccine to take effect.
7. A member shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from that member clearly understands their responsibility for the care and welfare of that animal and that they have the time and facilities (i.e. adequate fences, sufficient room and proper shelter etc.) to perform their obligations.
8. A member shall provide to all purchasers of dogs sold or placed by that member, written details of all dietary and immunisation requirements and/or appropriate publications relating to such requirements and responsible dog ownership.
9. A member shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers or retail pet dealers, who are not registered with the joint RNSWCC/PIJAC Australian Pet Shop Accreditation Scheme, or directly or indirectly allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
10. A member shall not KNOWINGLY misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, **nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the parentage or performance of any dog.**
1. A member shall ensure that when selling or transferring a dog to another person, that documents, as required by the Regulations, are provided to the purchaser or the transferee, however, if documents are withheld for any reason, the member must still comply with Regulations 7, 8, 10 and 12 of this Code.
2. Upon the sale of a dog a member shall supply the new owner with a current vaccination certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon evidencing that the dog has been immunised against Canine Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvo Virus.
3. No dog shall be sold in a state of ill health.
4. **A member shall ensure all dogs offered at stud and bitches used for breeding shall be free from communicable disease.**
5. **All members shall be shown a copy of the Code of Ethics when joining the Club and by the act of joining the Club shall signify their acceptance of this Code of Ethics in its entirety. If a member then violates this Code, either in content or intent, that member shall be acted upon according to the severity and intent of the violation, up to and including expulsion from the Club.**
6. Non compliance with Regulations 1 or 1a of this Code is deemed to be misconduct.