



Kennel Club 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

- Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who performs 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.
- Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 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.
- Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.



Wire Fox Terrier Association

Recommendations

Along with the Kennel Club's General Code of Ethics (above) which was revised in October 2008, we would like to make the following recommendations known to our members.

- All stock offered for sale must be clean, in good health and free from communicable disease.
- All puppies should have been regularly wormed before being sold and, ideally, have received at least 1 vaccination in order that the puppy will have a clean bill of health from a vet before it goes to its new home.
- Wire puppies should not be sold until they are at least eight weeks of age. They should be sold with a written pedigree, all K.C. documentation, diet sheet and full information regarding the breed. If endorsements are put on the puppy's papers then this should be fully explained to the new owner and their signature obtained signifying that they are in agreement with, and understand, such endorsements.
- It is strongly recommended, because of difficulties the owner will experience in training, that two puppies should not be sold to one person, especially two pups of the same sex, nor should a pup be sold to anyone who already has any terrier or terrier-type dog of the same sex.
- Anyone entering into breeding arrangements with another breeder does so entirely at their own risk and they should satisfy themselves that the agreement can be amicably terminated should the occasion arise. Such agreements should always be in writing, signed by all parties, and a copy of the agreement kept by each party. The Association is unable to intervene in any way to reconcile any disagreements which may arise as a result.
- The Association strongly recommends that bitches under the age of 18 months should not be used for breeding, nor should a bitch be bred from on its first season.
- Any advertising, whether for stock or for show wins, shall be completely honest and in no way be misleading, misrepresentative or fraudulent.
- If owners of stud dogs are approached by owners of a bitch without registration papers or whose papers are endorsed "not for breeding", the Association recommends that stud services be refused on the grounds that the bitch's papers were so endorsed for good reason. It is also advisable that stud owners should ask to see the bitch's papers and pedigree before agreeing to any mating.
- The Association abhors the practice of handing over any puppy or adult dog to someone who has not previously visited the breeder's/owner's home. Such meetings should only be arranged by mutual consent when the person buying the dog meets with the approval of the breeder/owner.

Legislation was brought into effect on 6th April 2007 prohibiting the docking of puppies tails.