

NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB

CODE OF ETHICS

which it encourages all members to adopt

1. Owners should properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when desired.
2. Owners should not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
3. Owners should ensure that their dogs should wear properly tagged collars and should be kept fully leashed or under effective control when away from home.
4. Owners will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are exhibited.
5. Owners should agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on their dogs which could alter the natural conformation of the animal should report such an operation to the New Zealand Kennel Club.
6. Owners should not agree to breed from a bitch in any way which is deleterious to the bitch or the breed.
7. Owners should take care to ensure that when selling dogs there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the rehoming of a dog if initial circumstances change.
8. Owners should provide written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
9. Owners should 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.
10. Owners will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the quality of the dog.
11. Owners will ensure that all relevant New Zealand Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owners when selling or transferring a dog.