

# GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE INC. of NSW

(Affiliated with the Dogs NSW and the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.)

## CODE OF ETHICS



### Obligations of the Breeder

1. Both parents should be on the Main Register, pedigree German Shepherd Dogs. A Member shall breed only with the intent of maintaining and/or improving the standard of the Breed. Members shall strive to eliminate hereditary diseases within the breed.
2. A Member shall not permit their registered pedigree dogs to be mated to any unregistered dog of the same breed or a dog on the Limited or Associate Register.

### Breed Survey

3. The male must be Breed Surveyed and hold the 'A' and 'Z' stamp. The bitch must hold the 'A' and 'Z' stamp and preferably breed surveyed.

### Tattoo

4. The litter must be tattooed and micro-chipped at 7-8 weeks of age. All puppies in the litter must be tattooed and micro-chipped prior to leaving the breeder. Puppies should not leave the breeder less than two days after tattooing and micro chipping.

### Hip Dysplasia

5. All stock must be x-rayed for H.D. & E.D. prior to breeding. Animals must be over 12 months of age at the time of x-ray.

### Age of Breeding

6. Dogs should be breed surveyed at 18months. A bitch shall not be bred from until it has reached 18 months.
7. Stud dog owners may insist on a certificate to ensure the bitch has been swabbed and is clear of infection and should be swabbed at day 3 or day 4 of the season.
8. If the bitch shows a positive result, proof should be provided that she has been treated for the infection for a minimum of 3 - 4 days prior to service.
9. The bitch is not bred from more than twice in a two-year period as per the requirements of Dogs NSW (RNSWCC).
10. Incest breeding is not recommended (for further information contact your breed affairs chairperson).
11. Breeders must provide the GSDL Puppy Booklet. This is supplied through your Tattoo Officer or through the Marketing Officer.

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.

A Member shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from that Member clearly understands their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal and that they have the time and facilities (i.e. adequate fences, sufficient room and proper shelter etc) to perform their obligations.



### Puppies

12. Size of the litter - if the litter is in excess of 8 puppies, efforts should be made to find a foster mother or alternatively the puppies should be supplementary fed. If a foster mother is found, it should be as soon as possible after whelping.
13. Vaccinations - puppies must be immunized at 6 weeks of age, and each puppy must have an accompanying certificate at the time of sale as proof of vaccinations.
14. 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 giving the necessary ten (10) to fourteen (14) days for the vaccine to take effect.
15. Puppies should be registered with Dogs NSW (RNSWCC) or relevant state Canine Control Body at the time of sale.
16. A Certificate of Registration and 5-generation pedigree is to be issued with each puppy. The puppy must be healthy at the time of sale and every statement as far as the breeders practices are concerned, have been observed.
17. It is recommended that deposits should only be accepted in good faith and should be fully refunded if the sale of the puppy is not transacted on by the breeder.

### Advertising Litters

18. Breeders must comply with current puppy listing requirements and this Code of Ethics in regard to advertising as a member of the GSDL Inc. of NSW.

### Obligations of the Buyer

19. To follow the diet sheet provided by the breeder. Dogs and puppies must receive appropriate, uncontaminated and nutritionally adequate food according to the accepted requirements for the species and breed. The food should be in sufficient quantity and of appropriate composition to maintain: normal growth of puppies and normal weight of adult dogs.
20. To vaccinate the puppy as per the vaccination certificate provided.
21. To observe the information provided by the breeder and the GSDL regarding the rearing of the puppy.
22. If the puppy is not de-sexed and is to be bred from, you must follow the GSDL CODE of ETHICS.
23. It is recommended that dogs and bitches that are being kept as family pets should be de-sexed.

### Obligations of the Stud Dog Owner

24. If a full stud fee is to be paid at the time of service (unless otherwise organised by the parties concerned) and the bitch misses, the stud dog owner should offer the bitch owner a free return mating or be refunded the stud fee monies less the service fee.
25. If the stud dog is sold and has outstanding services owing, the stud fee (less the service fee) must be reimbursed or arrangements made that all outstanding studs are honoured.