



## **MIDLAND SHAR PEI CLUB CODE OF ETHICS**

All Members of the Midland Shar Pei Club undertake to abide by its Code of Ethics.

### **Club Members:**

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 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, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
- 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 to 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.
- 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.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 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.
- 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 a dog.
- 15) When breeding dogs, adopt as a minimum standard the principles, requirements and recommendations as embodied in the Kennel Club's Assured Breeder Scheme.

### **Specifically, Club Members undertake to:**

#### **1. Conduct.**

- (a) At all times co-operate and participate with the Midland Shar-Pei Club, and share aid and information with all those who have a genuine interest in the Shar-Pei breed.
- (b) At all times maintain the highest possible standard of care, health and welfare of all Shar-Pei in my charge.
- (c) At all times encourage and exhibit sportsmanlike conduct in all competitions and shall not display any derogatory manner or speech with regard to any other exhibitor or their dogs.

#### **2. Breeding.**

- (a) Only breed or attempt to breed from dogs and bitches which I consider to be good representatives of the Shar-Pei breed. I understand that it is of the utmost importance that breeding will only be undertaken for the betterment of the Shar-Pei breed, to produce typically sound and healthy stock.
- (b) Not breed with any dog or bitch which has a proven hereditary defect at the time of mating.

- (c) Only breed with bitches, which are physically sound, in good health and of an acceptable temperament, and only use or allow to be used stud dogs which are physically sound, in good health and of acceptable temperament.
- (d) Not to breed with bitches before 15 months of age, and not to breed any litter which the Kennel Club may refuse to register because of the age of the dam or because of the numbers of litters produced from the dam.
- (e) Not make or condone the mating of a Shar-Pei to any other breed of dog or crossbreed.
- (f) Not provide a service of my stud dog knowing or suspecting that this Code of Conduct would be breached, and to check credentials with regard to this Code of Conduct of any bitch brought for stud dog services.
- (g) Offer stud services at a reasonable charge and terms, which will be confirmed in writing with the stud dog owner and the owner of the bitch.
- (h) Where a puppy is taken by the stud dog owner in lieu of the stud fee, this agreement between the stud owner and the owner of the bitch to be in writing at the time of mating.

#### **3. Sales of Puppies & Adults.**

- (a) Only sell puppies or adults which belong to me by virtue of KC registration or which I have acquired under a stud service written agreement dated at the time of mating.
- (b) Not sell any puppy or adult on behalf of a third party where part of monies received are kept by me, as this shall constitute me as being a dealer and so being I shall be likely to be expelled from the Club under Rule 11. If I arrange the sale of any puppy or adult on behalf of an owner and receive no monies this shall be regarded only as assistance, except that if, in the opinion of the Council, I am aiding and abetting the owner to sell a puppy or adult to someone who is to sell the dog for profit, I shall be found to be aiding and abetting the practice of dealing and shall be likely to be expelled from the Club under Rule 11.
- (c) Not sell any Shar-Pei or allow any dog in my charge to be used for experiment or fighting purposes neither shall I allow any Shar-Pei to become a raffle or competition prize or allow any stud service to be available as a raffle or competition prize.
- (d) Correctly record in a written and binding contract any arrangement for a dog sold on breeding terms, and breeding terms shall not be used as a means of placing stock with persons unable to afford the price of a dog.
- (e) Sell all puppies and adults with a proper written receipt to include any agreement and conditions, and signed by both parties. If the Kennel Club registration certificate is to be given at the time of sale, duly signed on transfer, or, if this is not available, a written promise to supply one will be given by the seller. A correct pedigree, a suitable diet sheet, details of present worming status and health details are also to be given.
- (f) Thoroughly check the credentials of any purchaser of any Shar-Pei I own.

#### **4. Purchase of Dogs.**

Take steps to determine that the person or persons from whom I am buying have conformed to all conditions in this Code of Ethics.

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.

Any Members aiding and abetting any other Member to breach the Code of Ethics will be held equally responsible with the offender. Members undertake to inform the Club Committee of any breach of the Code of Ethics which come to their notice. Any such notification brought by any Member regarding another Member shall be taken up by the Club Committee and dealt with by them under Rule 11 except that Rule 16 shall also apply.