

Sealyham Terrier Breeders Association

GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Sealyham Terrier Breeders Association undertake to abide by its general 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 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.
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. No Sealyham which has any physical defect, or which shows any definite departure from the standard should be sold without the buyer being made fully aware of such defect or departure from the standard and it's possible consequences. Members should sell only animals which to the best of their knowledge are in good health at the time of sale.

16. Before breeding a litter, equal consideration should be given to type, temperament, health and soundness. Nervous or aggressive dogs should not be bred from. No bitch should be required to have more than six litters, due regard being given to number of puppies whelped. No bitch should be mated at more than two successive seasons and never without regard to the well being of the bitch. No bitch should be mated before her second season and never before the age of sixteen months, nor after the age of seven years. All breeding should be aimed at the improvement of the breed. Members should do all in their power to discourage breeding from inferior specimens, and those members who own stud dogs should refuse stud services to such specimens. Particular care should be taken where the owner of the bitch is not a member of a Sealyham Terrier Breed Club registered by the Kennel Club. No member should breed a litter unless he/she has the time and facilities to devote proper care and attention to the rearing of the puppies, and to the well being of the dam. No member should provide stud services unless he/she is satisfied that the owner of the bitch has such time and facilities. No member should breed a litter unless he/she is reasonably sure of finding homes for the puppies. No puppies should leave the breeder before the age of eight weeks.
17. It is undesirable that unregistered stock should be used for breeding. No Sealyham that is unregistered or is from unregistered or partly registered parentage should be sold without the buyer being aware the he/she will be unable to register it with the Kennel Club.
18. Puppies/ Adult cannot be exported unless DEFRA guidelines have been followed regarding age and health regulations for the country of import and where age is not specified, not before the age of twelve weeks. No Sealyham should be sold to countries where they are not protected by anti-cruelty laws. (if in doubt consult DEFRA or the Kennel Club)
19. Prospective buyers of puppies should be screened for suitability and should be advised of characteristics of the Sealyham Terrier as a breed with the need for grooming and exercise. Sealyhams should not be sold to homes where they will be on their own all day.
20. It should be impressed on buyers that they should contact the breeder in the event of any problem with the Sealyham. Breeders should make every effort to be of assistance in these circumstances.
21. Members who bring the breed into disrepute could be censured and membership refused. Members should refrain from making unfair or untrue statements about dogs or practises of others. This includes posting messages on any site on the internet
22. Officers or committee members of the club are always ready to do their best to help members with any queries or problems.

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.