

Dogs A.C.T.

A.C.T Canine Association inc.

Dogs A.C.T Regulations – Part 16 - Code of Ethics.

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- 16.1 As a financial member of the ACT Canine Association.
- 16.2 Responsible Dog Ownership Including Keeping, Welfare, Breeding, Selling and Disposing Of Dogs.

16.1 As a financial member of the ACT Canine Association:

1. I shall ensure that at all times all dogs under my control are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive proper veterinary attention if and when required.
2. I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large and when away from home ensure they are kept fully leashed, or under effective control, at all times.
3. I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed and not for the pet market or any other commercial purpose.
4. I shall not breed from any bitch kept by me before it is twelve months of age, and thereafter not more than once in each succeeding period of twelve months. Provided however that should it be necessary, through extenuating circumstances, to breed from a bitch twice within twelve months - I shall rest the bitch on the third season.
5. I shall not permit any of my pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross-bred dog, or to any unregistered dog of the same breed.
6. I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination to be given at six weeks of age, and the necessary ten to fourteen days for the vaccine to take effect.
7. I shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from me clearly understand 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.
8. I shall provide to all purchasers of dogs placed by me, written details of all dietary and immunisation requirements and/or an appropriate publication relating to such requirements and responsible dog ownership.
9. I shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly to allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
10. I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog.
11. I shall ensure when selling or transferring a dog to another person that documents as required by the ACT Canine Association Incorporated will be provided to the purchaser or transferee.

16.2 Responsible Dog Ownership Including Keeping, Welfare, Breeding, Selling and Disposing Of Dogs:

- a) In compliance with section 1 - A financial member of Dogs A.C.T shall also be aware of all obligations subject to local government laws and regulations.

The member shall permit any person authorised in writing by the ACT Government; or any person authorised by Dogs A.C.T pursuant to a resolution of the Council, to enter and inspect any premises owned or occupied by the member for the purpose of investigating compliance with Regulation 1 of this Code.

- b) In compliance to section 2 - A Member who is required to leave a dog in the care of another person for any period of time must ensure that the other person is made aware of the requirement to ensure that the dog is to be kept fully leashed or under effective control, at all times.
- c) In compliance to section 3 - The primary endeavour of a member's breeding programme shall be to breed only with the intent of maintaining and/or improving the standard of the Breed and the health, welfare and soundness of their dogs having regard to the health, physical welfare and fitness for function of those dogs.

The Member shall strive to eliminate hereditary diseases within their dogs and their breed, taking every reasonable effort to ensure that dogs bred by them do not suffer from any disorder that impedes their sight, breathing or ability to move freely or which is otherwise detrimental to their comfort and wellbeing.

- d) Incompliance to section 4 - A bitch shall not be bred from unless it is in good health and has reached adequate maturity:

Toys and Brachycephalic Breeds - no mating before 9 months.

Giant Breeds – no mating before a minimum age of 18 months.

Other breeds - 12 months.

Any litter resulting from the mating of a bitch under the minimum specified age at the time of mating is eligible to be registered on the Limited Register only and flagged “not to be upgraded to the Main Register”. The litter registration shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate as to the health of the Bitch and her pups.

A member shall not breed a bitch causing it to whelp more than twice in successive seasons (upto eighteen months) without the prior approval of Dogs A.C.T Council where the application for registration of the litter may be considered by the Council upon explanation of extenuating circumstances.

- e) Incompliance to section 9 - A Member shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers or retail pet dealers, who are not accredited by the Pet Industry Association of Australia Limited (PIAA).
- f) Incompliance to section 10 - A member shall ensure that when selling or transferring a dog to another person that all documents, as required by these Regulations, are provided to the purchaser of the dog. Upon the sale of a dog a Member shall supply the new owner with a current vaccination certificate signed by a Veterinary Surgeon evidencing that the dog has been immunised against Canine Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvo Virus.