

# AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

## GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

(Amended by KC 15.2.2011)

All members of the **Australian Cattle Dog Society of Great Britain** undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

**Club members:** Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.

- 1) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing 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 operation to the Kennel Club.
- 2) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 3) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- 4) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 5) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- 6) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 7) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 8) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 11) 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.
- 12) 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).
- 13) 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.

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.

**AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG SOCIETY OF GT.BRITAIN**  
**BREED CODE OF ETHICS (28.3.2010)**  
**(Amendments ratified by K.C. July 2010)**

**Introduction**

Clause I of the Society Rules states one of the objects of the Society as being the improvement of the breed.

The Australian Cattle Dog Society of Gt.Britain Breed Code of Ethics complements The Kennel Club General Code of Ethics which is reproduced in full at the beginning of this document .

The Committee commends the Breed Code of Ethics to you and urges all Members to:

- a. Accept them in the spirit in which they are issued.
- b. Abide by them in support of Society Rule I and the betterment and welfare of the breed.

**Breed Code of Ethics**

Breeding should only take place for the betterment of the breed. Matings which could prove detrimental to the breed should be avoided at all cost. Members should pay serious attention to potential breeding stock, ensuring that it is physically and mentally sound, comprising an excellent temperament, thus striving to produce stock which are fit for purpose and conform to the breed standard as published by The Kennel Club.

Members should note that results for all Kennel Club recognised Health Tests for the Breed are publicly available as part of an open data base via the Kennel Club and Society Websites.

BAER Hearing Test Results are not currently part of the Kennel Club Recognised Schemes – therefore copies of all such hearing tests should be sent to the society Secretary or Health Coordinator for inclusion in the society database – with a view to future inclusion on the Kennel Club database.

The Society requires members to take part in all official schemes devised to test a dog's soundness, which include as a minimum the following:

- a. BAER hearing test (from the age of 4 weeks).
- b. Prcd DNA test (from the age of 6 weeks).
- c. Eye examinations under the KC/BVA scheme every 2 to 3 years.
- d. KC/BVA Hip & Elbow scoring (usually between 12 - 18 months of age).

Stud dog owners are responsible for ensuring that all breeding bitches also comply with these requirements prior to mating.

Bitches should not whelp:

- a. if younger than two years of age.
- b. more than once in any 12 month period.
- c. if older than seven yrs of age.

Members should ensure that any stock from which they breed is Kennel Club registered.

Each breeder shall plan each mating with the paramount intention of maintaining the BREED STANDARD and shall only breed when in a position to give proper care to both bitch and offspring.

**If you are not prepared to comply with the requirements of The Breed Code of Ethics:**  
**PLEASE - DO NOT BREED.**

**If any member is found to deviate from the above requirements , they will leave themselves open to an inquiry by the committee, which could result in their membership being rescinded.**

**Sales and Welfare**

Before releasing an ACD to its new home, members should satisfy themselves that the prospective owner is fully conversant with the requirements both physically and mentally of the breed.

No puppy shall leave the breeder until it is at least seven weeks old.

A puppy may be sold without registration and transfer papers if that is understood and agreed to in writing by both parties at the time of purchase.

Members should, as a minimum, provide the following documentation to new owners:

- a. health records & pedigree information.
- b. Written instructions on the future care of the puppy including diet, exercise, training and worming and shall stress the need for early training. They shall also give written information about the care given to the puppy to date, particularly on diet, worming and inoculations.
- c. Release only those dogs which to the best of their knowledge are in good health.
- d. Supply a written contract which includes a clause that if the purchaser is no longer able/willing to keep the dog (at any time in its life) - it will be returned to the breeder for assessment/re-homing.