

Additional Code Of Ethics

- 1) The following Code of Ethics should be maintained in accordance with the aims and objectives of the GSA.
- 2) A breeder shall only breed those Gordons believed to be as free as possible from any serious defects and which are not suffering from any acute problem. To this effect it is recommended that any potential breeding stock go through relevant BVA/KC schemes. All breeding stock shall have been through the KC/BVA HD scheme and that all breeding stock be DNA tested for PRA (rcd4) with the exception of hereditary Clears and Hereditary Carriers. All living dogs/bitches shall have had a BVA/KC clinical eye examination within a year prior to mating/insemination. In any mating one parent must be genetically clear. For the BVA/HD scheme, it is recommended that those bred from have scores below the current breed average, or the mating is done with the clear intent to improve future hip scores. At all times the improvement of breeding stock must be the primary consideration.
- 3) Stud dog owners should satisfy themselves as to the suitability of bitches i.e type Temperament, age, health, BVA/KC schemes etc.
- 4) It is recommended that bitches should not be mated before 21 months of age and not older than 8 years. No bitch should be bred from more than once a year or be expected to produce more than 3 average size litters, i.e 25-30 puppies in total.
- 5) Puppies should not be sold under the age of 7 weeks. The breeder shall take all reasonable Steps to ensure the suitability of prospective owners and the conditions in which the puppy will Be kept. Prospective owners should be advised of the characteristics of the breed. Gordons should not be sold to pet shops or dealers. It should be stressed to owners that they Contact the breeder in the event of any problem with the puppy and the breeder accepts the responsibility to help s far as possible for the lifetime of the dog. The Association is always available for advice but the breeder should be contacted first.
- 6) The breeder shall provide a copy of the pedigree, a diet sheet and complete details of worming and inoculations at the time of the sale.
- 7) Breeder shall at all times exercise extreme caution when advertising or selling.
- 8) If puppies are sold on breeding terms a breeding term contract shall be endorsed by the Kennel Club.
- 9) Owners shall at all times maintain a high standard of health and care for their Gordons.

10) Members should give very serious consideration before proposing or seconding new members for the GSA.