

CODE OF ETHICS

- Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 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.
- Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 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.
- Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- It is recommended that any sire or dam that produces an offspring which is subsequently diagnosed with hyperkeratosis – are not used again in any breeding programme and also any siblings of the affected animal are again not used in any breeding programme, unless mated to a genetically clear dog.
- It is a requirement that all members who are Kennel Club Assured Breeders have their breeding stock tested for Hyperkeratosis and the results recorded with the Kennel Club.



Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from Cub Membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

KENNEL CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

We have:

- Respect for all, and
- Embrace inclusiveness; we
- Share our knowledge and experience without seeking favour; we work
- Positively towards the future for dogs being
- Entrusted with a unique responsibility to our canine companions, and are together
- Collaborative and constructive
- Tolerant and empathetic with the views of others.

KENNEL CLUB MEMBER

A Kennel Club member is an ambassador and a representative of the Kennel Club.

Inherent within that status is an expectation of a certain standard of conduct and propriety.

The privilege carries responsibilities. These responsibilities are not prescriptive but ought to be obvious within a bandwidth of reasonable expectation. They include extending respect towards everyone in the canine world – both at home and to those overseas.

In particular a Kennel Club member is expected:

- To act with integrity at all times when engaged in canine activities; not to use his/her position or status for personal benefit or material gain or for that of a spouse, partner or person in the same household.
- Not to use membership status to achieve benefits or gains.

Not to exhibit improper behaviour to staff, recognise they have a job to do, and as employees have statutory and contractual obligations and operational responsibilities, rights and obligations.

- To respect the opinions of other club members and dog activity participants, and do nothing to bring themselves, others or the KC into disrepute.
- To only disclose information regarding the business of the KC if it is in the public domain or it has been authorised for publication or disclosure, or to disclose information when legally required to do so.
- To practice inclusivity and respect diversity; race, religion, age and disability.
- To deal with allegations of misconduct through the proper investigatory process and be willing to provide and disclose all evidence necessary to permit a fair hearing for others. To take all reasonable steps to assist with the process of dealing with such allegations.
- To apply sound judgement when using social media, respecting the opinions of others and not to engage in threatening, abusive or offensive activity towards others.
- Not to publicly criticise other members, nor do anything to damage the interests of or undermine confidence in the KC and its members including social media activity.
- To comply with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

A Kennel Club member will understand that if he/she does not follow these principles and falls short of the expectations and responsibilities in being a Kennel Club member, the Kennel Club may be obliged to implement and enforce the code with sanctions under the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations – including the possibility of removal from membership.

KENNEL CLUB VOLUNTEER (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS)

The Kennel Club recognises the importance of volunteers and makes every effort to ensure that they are supported and are valued for their contribution.

A volunteer is an individual who freely provides assistance to the Kennel Club on a voluntary unpaid basis and/or ad hoc basis (but not in an employment capacity).

This may, for example include administration, working at shows and events.

Inherent in being a Kennel Club volunteer is an expectation of a certain standard of conduct and propriety. These responsibilities are not prescriptive but ought to be obvious within a bandwidth of

reasonable expectation. They include extending respect towards everyone in the canine world – both at home and to those overseas.

In particular, a volunteer is expected:

- To demonstrate commitment and to make every effort to attend events/meetings as may be required.
- To recognise that they are representing the best interests of the KC whilst they are volunteering.
- To do so because they are volunteering their skills for the benefit of the KC, its competitions and events.
- Not to seek financial recompense over and above reasonable expenses agreed with the KC or organiser(s) in advance.
- Not to do anything to bring the KC or its members or participants into disrepute while volunteering and not to undermine confidence in the KC or its officers, or members, or members of staff.
- To treat members of staff, competitors and other participants with respect, recognising they have rights and obligations and contractual responsibilities particularly whilst volunteering and commenting on licensed competitions and events.
- To apply sound judgement when using social media, respecting the opinions of others and not to engage in threatening, abusive or offensive activity towards others.
- Not to publicly criticise nor do anything to damage the interests of or undermine confidence in the Kennel Club and its members including social media activity.
- To be aware of and adhere to the Kennel Club Child Protection Policy and agree to DBS verification checks as appropriate.

A Kennel Club volunteer will understand that if he/she does not follow these principles and falls short of the expectations and responsibilities in being a Kennel Club volunteer that the Kennel Club may be obliged to implement and enforce the code including the possibility of terminating the volunteer arrangement.

Breed Standard short version (full version available on the Kennel Club website)

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A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance including the correct colour of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function. Absolute soundness is essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions or exaggerations which would be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed. From time to time certain conditions or exaggerations may be considered to have the potential to affect dogs in some breeds adversely, and judges and breeders are requested to refer to the Breed Watch section of the Kennel Club website for details of any such current issues. If a feature or quality is desirable it should only be present in the right measure. However if a dog possesses a feature, characteristic or colour described as undesirable or highly undesirable it is strongly recommended that it should not be rewarded in the show ring.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

An active, lively and wiry appearance; plenty of substance but free of clumsiness. Neither cloddy nor cobby but showing a graceful racy outline.

CHARACTERISTICS

There is a heedless, reckless pluck about the Irish Terrier which is characteristic. They develop a great devotion for their masters.

TEMPERAMENT

Good-tempered, notably with humans, it being admitted, however, that he is perhaps a little too ready to resent interference on the part of other dogs.

HEAD AND SKULL

Head long; skull flat, and rather narrow between ears, narrowing towards eye; free from wrinkles; stop hardly visible except in profile. Jaw strong and muscular, but not too full in cheek, and of good length.

Foreface not dished or falling away quickly between eyes, delicately chiselled. Lips well fitting and externally almost black in colour. Nose black.

EYES

Dark, relatively small, not prominent. A light or yellow eye highly undesirable.

EARS

Small and V-shaped, of moderate thickness, set well on head, and dropping forward closely to cheek. Top of folded ear well above level of skull. Ear must be free of fringe, and hair thereon shorter and darker in colour than body.

MOUTH

Teeth even, strong and free from discoloration. Jaws strong, with perfect, regular scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK

Fair length and gradually widening towards shoulders, well carried and free of throatiness. Generally a slight fringe at each side of neck, running nearly to corner of ear.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders fine, long and well laid back. Legs moderately long, well set from shoulders, perfectly straight, with plenty of bone and muscle; elbows working freely clear of sides; pasterns short and straight, hardly noticeable, the forelegs moved straightforward when travelling.

BODY

Chest deep and muscular, neither full nor wide. Body moderately long; back strong and straight, with no appearance of slackness behind shoulders; loin muscular and slightly arched; ribs fairly sprung, rather deep than round, and well ribbed back.

HINDQUARTERS

Strong and muscular, thighs powerful, hocks well let down, stifles moderately bent. Hindlegs move straight forward when travelling, hocks not turned outwards. Hair on legs dense and crisp.

FEET

Strong, tolerably round, moderately small, toes arched, neither turned out nor in; black toe nails most desirable. Pads sound and free from cracks or horny excrescences.

TAIL

Customarily undocked.

UNDOCKED: Set on pretty high, carried gaily but not over back or curled. Free of fringe or feather but well covered with rough hair. In overall balance with the rest of the dog. Carriage is such that the tail is not liable to damage during working.

DOCKED: Customarily docked to about three quarters. Free of fringe or feather, but well covered with rough hair. Set on pretty high, carried gaily but not over back or curled.

GAIT/MOVEMENT

Fore- and hindlegs carried straight forward and parallel. Elbows move perpendicular to body, working free of sides, stifles neither turning in nor out.

COAT

Harsh and wiry, having broken appearance, free of softness or silkiness, not so long as to hide the outline of body particularly in hindquarters, straight and flat, no shagginess and free of lock or curl. At base of these stiff hairs is growth of finer and softer hair, usually termed the undercoat. Hair on foreface crisp and only sufficiently long to impart appearance of additional strength. Hair on legs dense and crisp.

COLOUR

'Whole-coloured', most preferable colours being red, red/wheaten, or yellow/red. Small amount of white on chest acceptable, white on feet highly undesirable. Black shading highly undesirable.

SIZE

Ideal height: dogs: 48 cms (19 ins); bitches: 46 cms (18 ins).

FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

***NOTE FOR PROSPECTIVE PUPPY BUYERS**

Size – the Kennel Club Breed Standard is a guide and description of the ideal for the breed; the Size as described does not imply that a dog will match the measurements given (height or weight). A dog might be larger or smaller than the Size measurements stated in the Breed Standard.