

# German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia



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The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia asks that you make a clear distinction between those breeders that are a problem and those who have at the core of their activities the welfare and love of animals.

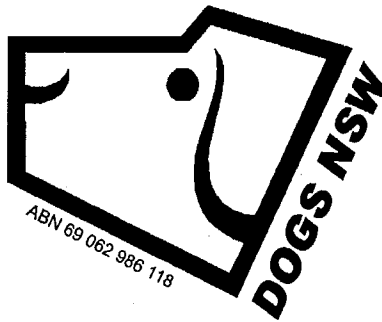
The attached Code of Ethics governs us.

The attached photos are those who need regulation and eradication.

There is no comparison and we ask that you recognise our worth and provide a sensible approach to legislation that rewards best practice.

With regard to concerns about consumer protection, we believe that rather than "protecting" the consumer, educate the consumer to understand that they have helped create the puppy farmer and must make conscious buying decisions that reject the Gumtree approach.

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## REGULATIONS PART XIII

### CODE OF ETHICS

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- (ii) In the event that a member becomes aware of any Bio Security risk that may prevent or impede a kennel inspection pursuant to Clause 2 of this Code, then the member must immediately, upon becoming aware of such a Bio Security risk, notify the Board of Directors of the Bio Security risk preventing kennel inspection and, thereafter, the member shall comply with all directions and requirements of the Board of Directors to manage the Bio Security risk and, if applicable, undertaking remediation of the Bio Security risk.
  - (iii) Where the Board of Directors is made aware of a Bio Security risk in respect of a property or premises used by a member for the purpose of the keeping or breeding of dogs that may impede or prevent kennel inspection or that may present a risk to the keeping or breeding of dogs, then the Board of Directors may, in its absolute discretion, suspend the right of the member to breed and or keep dogs at the premises or property until the member has provided to the Board of Directors satisfactory evidence from a suitably qualified Bio Security Consultant that the identified Bio Security risk no longer presents a risk to the keeping and or breeding of dogs.
5. A Member, or their Agent, shall not allow any dogs which are registered in that Member's name, to roam at large and when away from home, must ensure that they are kept fully leashed or under effective control at all times.
6. A Member shall 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 following:-
- (i) by being the holder of a financial ANKC Registered Prefix; and **(10/17)**
  - (ii) by striving to eliminate hereditary diseases within their dogs and their breed.
  - (iii) that the health, physical welfare and fitness for function of dogs is of prime importance, and
  - (iv) that a Member shall make 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.
7. A bitch shall not be bred from unless it is in good health and has reached adequate maturity and, in any case, no matings shall be permitted before the age of 18 months for bitches of Breeds specified in the Schedule of Adequate Maturity for Giant Breeds below or before the age of 12 months for any other bitch. Any litter resulting from the mating of a bitch under the minimum specified age at the time of mating is only eligible to be registered on the Limited Register and flagged "not to be upgraded to the Main Register".

13. A Member shall not knowingly permit the mating of any dog or bitch which is not registered on the Main Register of ANKC Ltd or with an organisation on the listing of ANKC Ltd Recognised Working Dog Associations/Kindred Bodies as being eligible for registration on the Sporting Register. **(07/13)**
14. A Member shall not knowingly permit any of that Member's 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 or to a dog not on the Main Register unless:-
- i) such mating is for the health, welfare and/or the development of a breed or an aspect thereof; and
  - ii) The Member has obtained the prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- The prohibition against crossbreeding contained in this clause shall not apply to guide and working dogs.
15. All Members must register all litters bred by them, either alone or jointly with another. Registration of a litter must be effected within 6 months of the date of whelping. For the purposes of this clause "litter" includes all puppies there from living at the date of registration of the litter. A Member shall register all puppies in a litter at the same time and on one form of application for Registration of Litter.
16. A Member shall include their DOGS NSW Membership Number in an advertisement placed in any form of media, or on any sign whatsoever, that advertises a dog or puppy for sale whether for payment or not. Such quotation shall be in the form "DOGS NSW Member xxxxxxxxxx". **(11/19)**
17. A Member shall not release from their care, by sale, any puppy under eight (8) weeks of age **(03/20)**. Puppies must be microchipped and vaccinated prior to leaving that Member's care.
18. A Member shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from that Member clearly understands their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal and that they have the time and facilities (ie, adequate fences, sufficient room and proper shelter, etc) to perform their obligations.
19. A Member must provide to all new owners of dogs sold or placed by that Member, written details of all dietary and immunisation requirements and/or appropriate publications relating to such requirements as responsible dog ownership and breed specific information.
20. A Member shall not:-
- (a) Supply any dog to commercial dog wholesalers or retail pet dealers. **(07/14)**
  - (b) Allow a dog owned by that Member to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
  - (c) Offer a dog for sale by auction through any form of media.

28. The Member must keep records and make those records available to any person authorised, in writing, to DOGS NSW Secretary pursuant to resolution of the Board of Directors as follows:-

- (i) All registration papers for all dogs owned, co-owned or leased by the member, including microchip details. Where applicable, copies of the same to be made available if required. **(10/18)**
- (ii) Evidence of current vaccinations, worming, heartworm, flea and tick treatment/preventative, for all dogs owned or controlled by the Member. This could include Veterinary records that should be made available if required. **(07/20)**

**NOTE (08/20): Refer also DOGS NSW Code of Practice/Record Keeping Information Booklet which can be viewed via the following link:-**

<https://dogsnsw.org.au/media/3354/code-of-practice-record-keeping-info-booklet-10-june-2020.pdf>

In accordance with the AWCOP under POCTA, records, ie, evidence in the form of an electronic or kennel diary, are to be retained for a minimum of a three (3) year period, detailing the following information pertinent to each dog owned:-

- Breeding history
- Vaccination status
- Dates of routine treatment schedules for internal and external parasites
- Additional veterinary treatments sourced through veterinary records.

#### **VACCINATIONS**

- Core Vaccines (C3) cover life threatening diseases, such as distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus.
- Non-core vaccines cover diseases that may arise and are useful in response to an outbreak or high risk area - includes Kennel Cough, Tetanus, Leptospirosis, Corona Virus, etc.
- Titre Testing is acceptable in place of a C3 vaccination in older dogs (from 4-5 years) for core diseases (Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvovirus) and if showing a positive response do not need to re-vaccinate or re-Titre Test for 3 years. **(08/20)**

#### **RECOMMENDED VACCINATION SCHEDULE**

##### **Vaccination C3:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 6-8 weeks of age
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-14 weeks of age
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 16-18 weeks of age
- 4<sup>th</sup> 12-15 months of age and every 3-4 years thereafter.

Non-core vaccinations, eg, Kennel Cough, relatively short acting vaccination requiring annual inoculation to be administered in response to an outbreak or high risk situation such as subject to accommodation in a Boarding Kennel.

#### **WORMING TREATMENTS**

##### **Heart Worm:**

May be administered daily, monthly or annually (SR-12 injection) according to product dosage.

Recommended dosage to commence at 8 -12 weeks of age and maintained for life.

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