



## GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

### Code of Ethics for Members Clubs and Officers of Council

As a Member Club and or Officer of the GSDCA I/we will:

- Support the objectives of the Council.
- Encourage our Members, as owners and breeders of the German Shepherd Dog, to ensure that all dogs under their care are properly and appropriately cared for.
- Encourage our Members as breeders of German Shepherd Dogs :
  - a) To comply with ANKC and State Canine Control “Codes of Ethics” as they apply;
  - b) To only breed with animals that are ANKC registered, German Shepherd Dogs;
  - c) To only breed with a bitch that is 18 plus months of age. (as per ANKC ruling);
  - d) To only offer at stud a dog that is 18 plus months of age. (as per ANKC ruling);
  - e) Understand that a bitch may be bred on two successive occasions if in good health, but must be rested for 12 months after the second litter. (as per ANKC ruling);
  - f) To ensure that the sire **and dam** of the litter is successfully breed surveyed;”
  - g) To not allow puppies to leave their care before 8 weeks of age;
  - h) To vaccinate all puppies for Distemper, Parvovirus, and Hepatitis by 8 weeks (normally done at 6 weeks) of age and prior to leaving my premises;
  - i) To microchip the whole litter prior to leaving the kennels. (as per ANKC ruling);
  - j) That the whole litter may also be tattooed under the GSDCA Tattoo scheme at 6-8 weeks of age and prior to leaving members care; .
  - k) To ensure that the whole litter is registered with the ANKC on either the Main or Limited register and that both varieties are correctly registered as such;
  - l) To supply each purchaser of their puppies with :
    - literature regarding the raising, caring and training of German Shepherd Dogs;
    - information relating to Member Club contacts in State or Territory of domicile of purchaser;
    - information relating to the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes;
    - a 5 generation pedigree;
    - an ANKC registration certificate for the puppy as sold;
    - an individual certificate of vaccination for the puppy as sold;
    - ensure the puppy is healthy at the time of leaving the members care.
    - To microchip the whole litter and register prior to leaving the kennels.
- Will not sell puppies through pet shops and/or weekend markets.
- Officers of the GSDCA will comply with the GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct.