



GSDCA – Code of Ethics - for Member Clubs and Officers of Council

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

- Support the objectives of the National 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) The maximum number of studs any one dog may have will be limited to 90 per calendar year;
 - f) The maximum number of litters any one bitch may have, be limited to 3 per 24 month period.
[It is noted where the Canine Control regulation is more stringent then that will apply].
 - g) To ensure that the sire and dam of the litter is successfully breed surveyed;
 - h) To not allow puppies to leave their care before 8 weeks of age;
 - i) 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;
 - j) To microchip the whole litter prior to leaving the kennels (*as per ANKC ruling*);
 - 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 Communication Code of Conduct.