



KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
CODE OF ETHICS (1989)



(Updated)

SCHEDULE 9

1. Every person who has made an application to the Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the registration or transfer of a dog, registration of an Affix, entered, exhibited or handled a dog, officiated, judged or taken part in any Show held under the Kennel Union Licence, holds membership, is a registered owner, or holds membership of any club affiliated to the Kennel Union shall be bound to this Kennel Union Code of Ethics relating to responsible dog ownership including the keeping, welfare, breeding, selling and disposing of dogs as detailed in Regulation 2 below.
2. Every person designated in Regulation 1 above pledges in respect of any dog or dogs which at any time they may have under their control that they will:
  - 2.1 ensure that at all times such dogs are properly housed, watered, exercised and will receive Veterinary attention from a qualified person, as and when required;
  - 2.2 provide adequate shelter for any dog/s kept outside the house or premises;
  - 2.3 ensure that the exercise area for such dogs be of sufficient size for the movement of such dog/s and to have the exercise area/s fenced or walled so as to restrict the movement of such dog/s to their property and that the exercise area is kept clean;
  - 2.4 ensure that correct control is exercised with regard to Municipal Meter Readers, Postmen etc, whilst recognising at the same time that such dog is there to protect the owners and their property;
  - 2.5 ensure that such dog/s does not cause a public nuisance to any neighbour;
  - 2.6 not allow such dogs to roam at large, keep their dogs on a lead, and under effective control, in all Public spaces, except those specially designated where the dogs must be trained to return on command;
  - 2.7 clean up after such dogs according to Municipal Regulations in any Public place or place where they are being exhibited or exercised;
  - 2.8 not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the performance and/or quality or health of any dog;
  - 2.9 ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from them clearly understand their responsibilities for the care and welfare of such dogs and they, the new owners, have the time and facilities to undertake their obligations as laid down in this Code of Ethics;
  - 2.10 provide to all persons acquiring dogs from them, whether by sale or gift or some other means, written details of all dietary and immunization requirements and/or an appropriate publication relating to such requirements and responsible dog ownership;
  - 2.11 ensure that the correct inoculations, as required by law, are administered at the proper time;
  - 2.12 ensure that prompt qualified medical attention is administered should they become sick or injured;
  - 2.13 not knowingly permit any purebred dogs, registered on the Breed register to mate with a dog of a different breed, to a cross bred or to an unregistered dog of the same breed;
  - 2.14 ensure that no puppy bred by him is released on sale to a purchaser until it has reached a minimum age of six (6) weeks from date of birth;
  - 2.15 breed only for the purpose of improving the breed;
  - 2.16 not knowingly sell any dog directly to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow any dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind;
  - 2.17 ensure that when selling or transferring a dog that, when available, the necessary signed document/s be provided to the purchaser or transferee;
  - 2.18 ensure that **no** dog kept by them will have its ears cropped;
  - 2.19 bring to the attention of the appropriate authority cases of alleged fraud, dishonesty, cruelty or neglect and not commit such offences themselves;
  - 2.20 will not engage in dog fighting;
  - 2.21 any person or persons as designated in Regulation one (1) of this Schedule who fails to observe any of the provisions of the Code of Ethics as detailed in Regulation two (2) of this Schedule 9 resulting in a judgement against such person or persons in a Court of Law, may be dealt with in terms of the KUSA Disciplinary Rules Schedule 1.

3. The provisions of Schedule 2 Regulation 12.2 shall apply to any person or persons who breeds from any bitch in their ownership before it is twelve (12) months of age.

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