

# Northern Japanese Spitz Club

## *Code of Ethics*



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# General Code of Ethics

### The Code:

All Members of the Northern Japanese Spitz Club undertake to abide by the General Code of Ethics.

### CLUB MEMBERS:

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing 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 operation to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
8. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. 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.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
12. 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.
13. 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 standalone items (not accompanying a dog).
14. 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.



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### **BREEDERS:**

15. I will only breed or attempt to breed from dogs and bitches, which I consider to be good representatives of the Japanese Spitz breed. I understand that it is important that breeding will only be undertaken for betterment of the Japanese Spitz breed to produce typical sound and healthy stock.
16. I will not mate or condone the mating of a Japanese Spitz to any other breed of dog or crossbreed.
17. Bitches should not be mated before they reach the age of 15 months and must not be mated after 7 years 6 months, dogs should not be used at stud before they reach the age of 9 months.
18. No Japanese Spitz puppy should leave its maternal home under the age of 8 weeks.
19. Any defects which may possibly be hereditary should be notified to the Secretary who will, in turn, notify the Officers of the Club and no one else. If a pattern starts to emerge which gives rise for concern, the Committee shall be advised of a possible problem and assistance sought from the KC Scientific Committee.
20. I will not sell any Japanese Spitz or allow any dog in my charge to be used for experiment or fighting purposes neither shall I allow any Japanese Spitz to become a raffle or competition prize or allow any stud service to be available as a raffle or competition prize.

### **OWNERS:**

21. Regular grooming and bathing is essential to a dog's wellbeing and should be considered as essential as exercise.
22. The Japanese Spitz must be allowed adequate exercise and must not be restricted to a cage seven days a week.

### **EXHIBITORS:**

23. I shall at all times encourage and exhibit sportsmanlike conduct in all competitions and shall not display any derogatory manner or speech with regard to any other exhibitor or their dogs.
24. No Japanese Spitz exhibitor should ever behave in a way which could bring the breed into disrepute. Good manners and sportsmanship should be exhibited at all times.

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