



## **NSBTC – RECOMMENDED CODE OF CONDUCT**



*Members of the Northern Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club are encouraged to observe the following recommended code of good conduct relating to responsible dog ownership.*

1. I shall ensure that I will properly feed, water, house and exercise all dogs owned by me or in my care. I will ensure that appropriate veterinary attention (both routine and emergency) is provided, if and when required.
2. I shall not allow any dogs owned by me or in my care, to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties. I will ensure that when I am away from home they are fully leashed or under effective control at all times.
3. I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the standard, and furthering the quality of the breed. I shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly to allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
4. I shall not breed from a bitch before it is sixteen months of age.
5. I shall not breed with the same bitch on consecutive seasons, allowing a season to rest as an absolute minimum (within a 12 month period). However if this is necessary due to extenuating circumstances, veterinary advice as to the suitability of the bitch to be of sufficient health and condition to embark on the role of motherhood again. Thereafter the bitch must be rested at the next season.
6. I shall not breed with a bitch who will have reached the age of 8 years old at the time of whelping. However if this is necessary due to extenuating circumstances, veterinary advice as to the suitability of the bitch to be of sufficient health and condition to embark on the role of motherhood.
7. I shall not knowingly breed from any dog carrying painful hereditary faults.
8. I shall not permit any of my pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross-bred dog, or to an unregistered dog of the same breed. Or breed more than four litters in a 12 month period.
9. I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under the age of 8 weeks.
10. I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog.
11. I shall provide to all purchasers of dogs sold or placed by me, written details of dietary, and immunisation requirements, including guidance concerning responsible dog ownership when placing a dog into a new home.
12. I shall not misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the performance or quality of the dog.
13. I shall ensure when selling or transferring a dog to another person that documents as required by NZ Kennel Club rules, will be provided to the purchaser.
14. I will clean up after my dogs in public places, or anywhere, where they are being exhibited.