

## THE GERMAN LONGHAIED POINTER CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

- i Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- ii 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 operations to the Kennel Club.
- iii Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- iv Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- v Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- vi Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- vii Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- viii Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home. This code does not apply when GLP members are working, training or exercising their dogs, or participating in gun dog events, as permitted by The Control of Dogs Order 1992."
- ix Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- x 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.
- xi Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- xii 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.
- xiii 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 stand-alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- xiv 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.
- xv Members will only breed from German Longhaired Pointers of sound temperament, which show natural ability and will always strive to produce German Longhaired Pointers conforming to the standard as published by the Kennel Club.
- xvi Members will not allow their stud dogs to service bitches of less than two years, or over the age of eight.
- xvii Stud dog owners will not use their dogs excessively but only a reasonable number of times in proportion to the size of the breed in the UK. They will also have due regard for the lines in which their dog is used to prevent in-breeding.
- xviii Members will not allow their bitches to whelp more than once in every twelve months or before two years of age or after the age of eight. The Kennel Club state that a bitch will not have more than six litters during her lifetime, however, the German Longhaired Pointer Club recommends a maximum of three.
- xix Members will encourage clients to present the dog to a veterinary surgeon within three days of purchase. Should a veterinary surgeon, at such an examination, advise that the dog is not suitable for the purpose for which it was bought, members will verify this opinion and, if necessary, take back such a dog and refund the purchase price.
- xx Members will be encouraged to take advantage of any relevant official scheme devised to test the dog's soundness. The German Longhaired Pointer Club recommends that all breeding stock is hip scored, heart and eye tested in accordance with the available schemes run by the Kennel Club and the BVA.
- xxi Members will, when engaged in competitive events with their dogs, conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the breed or Club, and will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.