

Code of Ethics

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All members of the Irish Setter Association, England undertake to abide by its 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 stand alone 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.
- 15) Will agree not to breed from a bitch in any way which is deleterious to the bitch or the breed. With this in mind, Members should not breed from a bitch under the age of 2 years under any circumstances, or on successive seasons, save in exceptional circumstances or where twelve months have elapsed between seasons.
- 16) Will agree not to allow their stud dogs to be bred from in any way which is deleterious to the breed. Members should not allow their dog to be used on a bitch under 2 years of age or if on successive seasons, save in exceptional circumstances or where twelve months have elapsed between seasons.

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.

30) Breaches of the Association's Code of Ethics

In the event of it being brought to the Committee's notice that a member may have breached any part of the ISAE Code of Ethics, a letter will be sent by the Secretary, pointing out the apparent breach, intimating that the Committee would hope that this had been unintentional and that it would appreciate a written explanation. Should no satisfactory explanation be forthcoming, or should a second breach of any part of the code occur, the Committee will consider action against the member. That action to be in direct proportion to the seriousness of the breach. As stated in the Code of Ethics, this could result in expulsion from ISAE club membership, disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities as deemed appropriate.