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STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB

**Code of Ethics of Responsible Dog Ownership,
including Keeping, Welfare, Breeding, Selling and Disposing of Dogs by a
Member of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of WA Inc.**

Section 1 - Compliance with Code of Ethics

Each member, upon signing an application for membership or renewal of membership of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of WA Inc, and being duly elected to general membership of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of WA Inc, shall, in addition to agreeing to be bound by the Constitution Rules and Regulations of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of WA Inc be also bound by the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of WA Inc's Code of Ethics relating to responsible dog ownership, including the keeping, welfare, breeding, selling and disposing of dogs by members to the effect of the terms and conditions set out under Section 2 hereof.

Section 2 - Code of Ethics and Undertaking

In consideration of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of WA Inc electing me to its general membership and approval of the renewal from time to time, I pledge to the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of WA Inc that:

- A.** I shall ensure that, at all times, all dogs under my control are properly contained within a fenced area or suitable enclosure, properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive proper veterinary attention if and where required.
- B.** I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large and when away from home shall ensure that they are kept fully leashed or under effective control at all times.
- C.** I shall breed only for the primary purpose of improving the standard of the breed, and not solely for the pet market or any other commercial purpose. I retain the right to free trade, to directly advertise and to sell dogs not retained by me. I undertake to register all progeny, and undertake to transfer all progeny, when leaving my care, in accordance with the rules.
- D.**
 - i.** I shall not breed from any bitch kept or owned by me causing it to whelp before it has reached the age of 12 months:
 - ii.** I shall not breed from any bitch kept or owned by me causing it to whelp more than twice in eighteen months
 - iii.** I shall not breed any bitch kept or owned by me causing it to whelp more than (6) six times without prior veterinary certification of fitness for further breeding. This certification must be forwarded to Dogs West
 - iv.** I shall not breed a bitch beyond 7 years of age except in extenuating circumstances without a current veterinary clear health certificate being forwarded to Dogs West within 3 months of mating.
- E.** I shall adhere to all current ANKC Regulations Part 6.8.4-5 and any subsequent amendments (as per Appendix to these rules) if specified for my particular breed. Breeders shall record such scores for breeds as required by any ANKC regulations:

- F.** I shall not permit any of my purebred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a crossbred or to an unregistered dog of the same breed;
- G.**
- i.** I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for the vaccination to be given at six weeks of age and the necessary ten to fourteen days for the vaccine to take effect I shall provide a current vaccination certificate with any dog leaving my care;
 - ii.** I shall not export any puppy under (12) weeks of age. When exporting I accept that it is my responsibility to have the dog microchipped and obtain an export certificate before the dog leaves Australia;
- H.** I shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from me are given a written understanding of their responsibility for the care and welfare of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, as defined in a and b above;
- I.** I shall provide to all purchases of dogs sold or placed by me, written details of all dietary and vaccinations requirements and/or an appropriate publication relating to such requirements and responsible dog ownership as well as their responsibility to abide by Local Government by-laws;
- J.** I undertake that if I should dispose of any dog/dogs by sale or commission to any reseller of dogs in Australia or overseas, those dogs will be registered on the limited register and identified by microchip before sale;
- K.** I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog.
- L.** I accept that should any evidence be produced that my dogs have a contagious disease, I shall not be able to show or dispose of any dogs that are within my kennel, for a period of (3) three months. In such circumstances, I will comply with the requirement that a veterinary clearance must be forwarded to the Dogs West at the expiration of such period;
- M.** I accept the following:
- i.** if I am proven guilty by law of any charge relating to my dog, my membership may be suspended
 - ii.** I shall not directly or indirectly give a dog as a prize or donation in any contest or raffle of any kind;

Section 3 –Disciplinary

Any member who shall be suspended under Dogs West Code of Ethics **HM1 and HM2 [1- 18]** and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified shall by the act cease to be a member of the SBTCWA – hence referred to as Club for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interest of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a meeting- the notice convened, which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that at a Committee Meeting of the Club shall be called to include the passing of a resolution to expel him/her. **Notice of the said Committee Meeting shall be sent by certified mail with 7 days prior notice to the member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Club except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal in writing to the Club President who is then to call within 90 days from such appeal received, a Special General Meeting of current Club Financial Members .**

With documented evidence deemed detrimental to the Club's **interests**, the Committee reserve the right to refuse any person from **being eligible to enter, exhibit, handle and/or otherwise participate in any event conducted by the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of WA.**