

THE COTON DE TULEAR CLUB OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Health and Breeders' Code of Ethics

All Breeders of The Coton de Tuléar Club of the United Kingdom undertake to abide by the following Health Code of Ethics.

- Agree to commit to operate to high standards and duty of care and comply with all relevant local and national regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, The Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1973, 1991 and 1999, The Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014, and the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- Agree to make the health of breeding stock and puppies produced a priority and only use dogs for breeding where either they or their parents have been health DNA tested. (A list of recommended DNA tests is available on the Club's website. Please refer to breeding outcome table results for reference.)
- Agree to ensure that second generation puppies from hereditary clear parentage will be DNA tested prior to breeding or sale.
- Agree no mating will be undertaken if both potential parents' DNA tests show them to be affected by any condition.
- Agree to ensure all dogs used for breeding are selected for temperament and characteristics of the breed.
- Ensure that the genealogical relationship between animals is a consideration when selecting breeding stock.
- Agree not to breed from their bitch until she has reached at least 18 months of age.
- Will not use their stud dog for breeding until that dog has reached 12 months or older.
- Will agree to only have one litter per bitch in any 12-month period.
- Will agree **NOT** to breed from their bitch if any of the following apply:
 - once it has reach 8 years of age, at date of whelping, save in exceptional circumstances, and under veterinary agreement, or
 - has had 4 litters, or
 - has had 2 caesarean sections.
- Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- Will not sell puppies before the age of 8 weeks old.
- Agreed to participate in any canine health survey or reasonable health initiative.
- Ensure that a veterinary health plan, as agreed with their veterinary surgeon is in place.



- Ensure that all breeding stock is protected, as far as is reasonably possible, by routine immunisation against current common infectious diseases, or alternatively ensure that titer testing is carried out on a regular basis to confirm continued protection.
- Ensure that all dogs in their possession are regularly treated for internal and external parasites.
- Will ensure each puppy is accompanied by written details of any veterinary treatment carried out prior to sale, together with any health test results for the puppy, or sire and dam, (where appropriate) and identification and immunisation certificates. All documents must include the puppy's identification number.
- Will ensure all puppies in their care are microchipped and a copy of the certificate is provided at point of sale as per the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- Will only sell puppies bred by themselves and raised in their own safe and secure environment.
- Will allow purchasers to view the puppies with their mother in the environment they were born and raised.
- Will ensure that puppies are adequately socialised prior to sale.
- Will only sell puppies or dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and the purchasers are committed to caring for the dog for the whole of its life and agree to help with the re-homing of a dog if initial circumstances change.
- Will provide reasonable after-sales advice.
- Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- Will ensure 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.
- **Importing of dogs** – Breeders agreed to ensure these dogs are DNA tested for all conditions listed on the CDT Website.

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.

