

Breeding Newfoundland's is a very serious undertaking. It requires knowledge of the structure and character of the breed, which takes years to learn.

Once you have a litter, your life and home will be taken over with feeding and cleaning up after puppies, for almost three months. Some puppies may remain unsold at six months old or more. Feeding and vet's bills will be very expensive. Most litters will not show a profit.

Responsibility does not finish with the sale of a puppy. You remain accountable for the rest of the animal's life.

BREEDER'S CHARTER

Should breeders find hereditary problems occurring in their stock, they must be honest and open about it, to ensure that the diseases are not knowingly perpetuated. They should also agree, without reservation, that any veterinary surgeon operating on their dogs, to correct an hereditary defect, may report such an operation to the Kennel Club and to the Club.

AS A BREEDER OF NEWFOUNDLANDS, I will adhere to the Kennel Club Code of Ethics, and any Newfoundland Club Code of Ethics in force, at all times, in addition, I will

1. Always strive for the well-being and improvement of the breed and do all I can to enhance the Newfoundland's reputation as a sound and trustworthy family companion.
2. Be aware of the inherited skeletal and heart problems within the breed and undertake to screen all Newfoundland's which are intended to be bred from and refrain from a mating which may perpetuate genetic defects. Provide the Honorary Secretary of The Newfoundland Club with the results of any health screening tests carried out.
3. Not allow any Newfoundland owned by me or in my care to be mated with another breed nor any Newfoundland not registered with the Kennel Club.
4. Breed only from bitches which conform, as near as possible to the Breed Standard and are of good character.
5.
 - (a) A bitch must not whelp a litter before 12 calendar months have elapsed since the date of the previous whelping.
 - (b) Not whelp a bitch before her second birthday.
 - (c) Not allow a bitch to whelp after her seventh birthday.
 - (d) Not mate a bitch for the first time in her life after her fifth birthday.I understand that only in extenuating circumstances, supported by written veterinary evidence and with the prior consent of the Club Committee, can exceptions be made.
6. Not breed a litter unless I have the time & facilities to devote proper care to the welfare of the bitch and her puppies, for as long as necessary.
7. Not breed a litter unless I am reasonably sure that suitable homes are already arranged.
8. Refrain from any mating which might reasonably be anticipated to produce colours or colour combinations not included in the breed Standard.
9. Not allow puppies to leave my premises before the age of seven weeks and not before having a health check by a veterinary surgeon.
10. Screen all prospective owners of my stock for suitability, before agreeing a sale.
11. Advise all new owners of breed characteristics and needs, as regards grooming, exercise, diet, housing & training. I will do all I can to ensure that prospective owners are made aware of the disadvantages of the breed, as regards size, mess and cost, before allowing them to commit themselves to a purchase.
12. Not knowingly sell a Newfoundland to a home where it will habitually be left on its own.
13.
 - (a) Supply buyers with a five-generation pedigree, on which all relevant colours & recessive colours, as well as all known information regarding health screening of the dogs named therein will be given. This should include all hip & heart scores, as well as elbow scores, if available.
 - (b) Provide details of any veterinary treatment a dog has had before leaving my care.
 - (c) Provide a diet sheet, together with information on training, inoculation, worming & other health care and also advise on the advantages of insurance.
 - (d) Provide Kennel Club Registration & Transfer certificates as soon as possible and no later than three months after the date of purchase.

14. Endorse with "Not for Export" and "Progeny not eligible for Registration" the pedigrees of all Newfoundland's bred & sold by me. The endorsement may only be rescinded by me and the purchaser is to be advised of this and all other conditions of sale, **in writing**, before the sale is completed.

(It is now a KC requirement that this clause is agreed, in writing, by all parties to the sale)

15. Not knowingly supply a Newfoundland to a laboratory or for experimental purposes or for resale to a dealer. (A dealer is defined as a person who acquires puppies or adults with the intention of selling them for profit).
16. Encourage owners of dogs bred by me to keep me informed of their animal's health & progress and to contact me if they have any problems. I will provide them with every possible advice & assistance.
17. Be prepared to take back and either keep or re-home stock bred by me, only using the Breed Welfare Schemes as a last resort.
18. Not sell dogs to countries which do not have reciprocal agreements with the Kennel Club or which, by reason of climate or philosophy, are unsuitable for Newfoundland's.

IN ADDITION, AS A STUD DOG OWNER, I WILL

19. Not provide the services of my dog to any bitch unregistered at the Kennel Club, nor to a bitch of a different breed.
20. Ensure that any bitch to be brought to my dog for mating conforms to the Breed Standard, is in good physical condition, of good character, has been screened for hereditary diseases and that the result of such screening are known to me and have been submitted to the Honorary Secretary of the Newfoundland Club. Also ensure that the bitch conforms to the conditions listed in Paragraph 5 of this Charter.
21. Undertake that any dog offered by me at stud is of good character, conforms to the Breed Standard, has been screened for all known hereditary diseases and that the results of such screening have been made available to the Honorary Secretary of the Newfoundland Club.
22. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the owners of any bitch brought to me for mating have the time, facilities & knowledge to care for the mother & her puppies and that they have homes arranged for the puppies.
23. Refrain from any mating which might reasonably be anticipated to produce colours or colour combinations which are not included in the Breed Standard.
24. "Stud dog must have a colour-flow echo Doppler examination by a veterinary surgeon with a diploma in veterinary cardiology (DVC) prior to their first use at stud".

* No. 24 added to comply with rule change at 1999 AGM.

