

Code of Ethics

As a member of the Border Collie Club of SA Inc I agree to abide by the following Code of Ethics effective from 1 January 2021: -

A. Caring for my Border Collie – I will:

1. Maintain my dogs in good health and in the best possible care and conditions.
2. Keep only the number of dogs that I can properly care for.
3. Ensure that my dogs are always under effective control even when I am away from home.
4. Love and care for my dogs for all of their life, and accepting that dogs, like people, grow old and may need special care and attention.

B. Breeding my Border Collie – I will:

1. Breed only for the purpose of maintaining or improving the standard of the Border Collie and strive to eliminate hereditary disease within the breed.
2. Breed my dogs/bitch only when mature. Not allowing a bitch to mate before 12 months of age.
3. Hip, elbow & shoulder score all my breeding stock prior to breeding from them (applicable to animals whelped after 1 January 2021).
4. Breed only from dogs that have been DNA tested and not accepting clear by parentage unless certificate provided by laboratory.
5. Only ever breed litters which have at least one parent DNA normal/clear for all fatal diseases i.e., TNS, CL.
6. Ensure that one parent of every litter is DNA clear for all other tests available, i.e.; CEA, Raines Syndrome, Glaucoma, Primary Lens Luxation, Degenerative Myelopathy, Von Willebrand Disease and Sensory Neuropathy where possible.
7. Not allow my bitch to whelp more than twice within 18 months.
8. Not allow a bitch to whelp more than 5 litters in her lifetime.
9. Not breed a bitch over 8 years of age unless at time of mating there was a current veterinary certificate stating the bitch is in good health as per Dogs SA code of ethics.
10. Register all Border Collie puppies bred by me with the appropriate State governing body for purebred dogs (Dogs SA).
11. Abide by all Dogs SA code of ethics not mentioned above.

C. Selling my Border Collie Puppies – I will:

1. Sell or otherwise transfer a puppy no sooner than seven (7) days after its first vaccination and no younger than eight (8) weeks of age.
2. Microchip all puppies bred by me as is required by state law.
3. Sell only puppies and adult dogs which to the best of my knowledge, are of sound health and have an appropriate temperament for their intended purpose.
4. Not misrepresent the characteristics of the Border Collie nor the performance of my dogs.
5. Show all health certificates for the parents of a litter to potential puppy buyers prior to sale of the puppy.
6. Provide puppy buyers with copies of DNA results where genetic tests are available for both parents of litters & eye certificates from a qualified veterinary ophthalmologist for any puppies that do not have one parent DNA normal for CEA.
7. Provide puppy buyers with copies of hip & elbow results for all parents.
8. Ensure that people acquiring puppies from me clearly understand their responsibility for the care and welfare of the puppies, and that they have the time and facilities to meet their obligations.
9. Provide an information package to purchasers of puppies sold or placed by me. The package will contain details of dietary, worming, and immunization requirements, responsible dog ownership, Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (CL or Storage Disease), Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA), Hip Dysplasia (HD), Osteochondritis Dissecans (OCD), Trapped Neutrophil Syndrome (TNS) and an Application for Membership of the Club with a copy of this Code of Ethics.
10. Not allow a puppy to be a prize in a contest, raffle, or auction, nor sell a puppy to a dealer, pet shop, or any person who I have reason to believe will not properly care for the puppy.
11. Not accept monies for a deposit, for a waiting list, or for any litter not yet whelped.

D. Supporting the Border Collie Club – I will:

1. Uphold the honour of the Club and further its objectives.
2. Promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst members and those participating in, or attending, shows or trials and not undertake or pursue any actions at all that will or would bring any form of disrepute to the Club.

Aspects of this Code of Ethics will be revised on a regular basis and following methods of genetic testing for inheritable disease and disorders becoming available.

Breaches of the Code of Ethics will be dealt with by the Management Committee according to the provisions under the Constitution.