

CODE OF ETHICS

The purpose of this document is to inform the new and prospective members of CSSC of our guidelines toward ethical practices in the club for the promotion, protection, and betterment of the breed. All CSSC members are expected to abide by this code.

1. No one should breed a dog or allow one owned by them to be bred to an animal exhibiting disqualifications as set forth in the breed standard, or those individuals having very serious faults such as the following:
 - a. Oversize or undersize
 - b. Extreme mouth faults (over or undershot, missing or crooked teeth)
 - c. Extremely poor temperament
 - d. Extreme unsoundness of gait
 - e. Hereditary defects or known carriers of same
 - f. Monorchids or cryptorchids
2. Healthy living facilities must be provided for each dog maintained.
3. Proper feed and health care must be provided for each dog maintained.
4. With each puppy sold, the breeder must provide health record, pedigree, registration certificate, and any other pertinent data for that puppy, or a written explanation for the lack of any of these. A written sales contract and/or guarantee are recommended.
5. Complete and accurate records must be maintained on all dog transactions, and members must abide by other rules of the AKC and recommendations of the ASSA.
6. No member may sell dogs to wholesale or retail outlets for resale.
7. Experienced breeders should be willing to give advice to new members and those members unsure of procedure or knowledge of a certain subject should seek such help.
8. Members are expected to support as many club functions as possible during the year.
9. Members should refer potential buyers to ethical breeders or the Club Referral Service if they do not have puppies available themselves. The club's information and educational materials should be recommended.
10. Prices for dogs sold by members shall be maintained at a level no lower than that of the majority of the ethical breeders in the area.
11. Breedings done by members should be with the betterment of the breed as a goal, and not solely for financial gain.
12. It is recommended that all animals used for breeding have a normal ophthalmic examination.
13. Members should attempt to educate themselves in depth before breeding Shetland Sheepdogs.
14. Members should be aware of their responsibility for the animals they produce.