

NORWEGIAN BUHUND CLUB OF THE UK

CODE OF ETHICS

1. All members of the Norwegian Buhund Club of the UK (The Club) agree to abide by the Kennel Club Code of Ethics (attached).
2. All members of The Club will
 - a. comply with all mandatory clauses (all clauses are mandatory unless otherwise stated);
 - b. endeavour to comply with all clauses that are highly recommended;
 - c. be aware of advisory clauses and adhere to them whenever possible

as set out below.

ALL OWNERS

3. All dogs are microchipped.
4. It is Highly Recommended that dogs are eye tested at 3 years and 7 years. (Further details are available from the Breed Health Coordinator [BHC] or any member of the Health sub-committee.)
5. Copies of eye test results will be forwarded to the BHC.

BREEDERS

6. Will ensure that
 - a. purchasers are aware of all health issues and will provide copies of all test result documents;
 - b. puppies are microchipped;
 - c. purchasers are aware of The Club and entitlement to 1 year free membership.

7. Will ensure that all breeding stock is
 - a. hip scored (older than 12 months) under the KC/BVA Hip Scheme;
 - b. has been tested under the KC/BVA Eye Scheme within the preceding 12 months of mating;
 - c. DNA tested for Cerebellar Ataxia and/or is hereditary clear; third generation hereditary clear dogs will require DNA testing;

8. Will ensure that
 - a. No dogs affected by Hereditary Cataract (HC) are knowingly bred from.
 - b. Dogs affected by Pulverulent Nuclear Cataract (PNC/PNK) are only mated to dogs with current clear eye certificates.
 - c. all dogs who are known carriers of Ataxia are only mated to dogs who have tested clear, or are hereditary clear.
 - d. dogs that have a hip score 10 points above the breed median are only mated to dogs that have a hip score lower than the breed median. (The breed median can be found here: <https://www.bva.co.uk/media/3438/chs-hips-summary-2005-2019.pdf>)
 - e. the Coefficient of Inbreeding (COI) of any mating is no higher than 10 points above the breed average. (The breed average can be found here: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/search/inbreeding-co-efficient>)

9. It is advised that the mating of dogs who both have siblings, parents or offspring with hypothyroidism should be carefully considered and discussed with the Breed Health Coordinator who may have more up to date information.

10. Any proposed mating that does not comply with the above, but the breeder feels may be advantageous should be discussed with the BHC who will bring the matter to the Health Sub-committee for approval.

KENNEL CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who performs an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operations to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
8. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the rehoming of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
12. Will ensure that 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.
13. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand-alone items (not accompanying a dog).
14. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.