



## CODE OF ETHICS

### For Member Breeders and Owners of Keeshonden

This Code of Ethics is presented as an informative guide for breeders and potential breeders of Keeshonden, whose foremost aims are the welfare and improvement of the breed. The by-laws of the Keeshond Club of Canada, Inc. states that the Club "shall do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the Breed", strongly disapproving the practice of selling Keeshonden to pet shops and/or other commercial dog dealers. In applying for membership, applicants "agree to further the Club's objectives and to conduct all their activities in connection with the Breed in an ethical manner".

An ethical breeder conducts his activities as follows:

**BREEDING:** S/He conscientiously plans each litter based on the parents' appropriate temperament and qualities in relation to the Breed's CKC approved official Standard, and before deciding to produce a litter, considers the possibilities of properly placing puppies he cannot keep himself.

S/He only uses for breeding adults which are of sound temperament; are free from congenital defects such as hereditary orchidism (i.e., males whose testicles are not both normally descended), blindness, deafness, etc. and those whose hips have been x-rayed with proper positioning and pronounced normal by a veterinarian personally qualified in the field of hip dysplasia.

S/He breeds or co-breeds only healthy males and females 18 months or older who are of correct type according to the Keeshond Club of Canada Breed Standard and are free of known genetic and temperament problems. Allows for proper spacing between litters; urges purchasers to spay/neuter those which for any reason will not be used for breeding and guards against unplanned mating.

**HEALTH:** All his stock is kept under sanitary conditions; is given maximum health protection through worming and inoculations.

**REGISTRATION:** S/He registers his breeding stock with the Canadian Kennel Club, and keeps accurate record of matings and pedigrees.

**SALES:** S/He does NOT sell or consign puppies or adults to pet shops or other commercial dealers.

S/He sells Keeshonden, permits stud service, and leases studs or bitches ONLY to individuals who give satisfactory evidence they will give them proper care and attention, and are in accord with this CODE OF ETHICS. S/He makes available to the novice the benefit of his advice and experience.

All stock leaving her/his possession is at least 8 weeks old. S/He provides buyers with written details on feeding, general care, data on worming and inoculations against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, etc., and the Keeshond's four generation pedigree.

S/He provides and requires written agreements signed by all parties to all sales and other transactions, and accordingly completes and delivers the forms ready for registrations.

NOTE: Under Canadian Kennel Club rules – ALL such forms MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUPPLIED by all parties to transactions, unless they have agreed otherwise in written, signed agreements.

All her/his advertising is factual. It does not offer Keeshonden at less than the minimum price, nor is it so worded so as to attract undesirable buyers, or to encourage raising Keeshonden merely as a money making scheme. S/He does not supply Keeshonden for raffles, "give-away" prizes or other such projects.

**PRICE:** By setting a minimum price for his young puppies depending on geographic location, he upholds the value of the Breed and of his own stock. S/He gives his adults and puppies first class care and cannot afford to sell at a low price.

When confronted by a situation not covered by this Code of Ethics s/he conducts her/himself as s/he would like to be treated under similar circumstances

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