

## **SEALYHAM TERRIER BREEDERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

The purpose of the code of conduct is to provide guidance and information to all Sealyham breeders/owners.

1. Before breeding a litter, equal consideration should be given to Type, Temperament, Health and soundness. Nervous or aggressive dogs should not be bred from.
2. No bitch should be required to have more than six litters, due regard being given to number of puppies whelped. No bitch should be mated at more than two successive seasons and never without regard to the well being of the bitch. No bitch should be mated before her second season and never before the age of sixteen months, nor after the age of seven years.
3. All breeding should be aimed at the improvement of the breed. Members should do all in their power to discourage breeding from inferior specimens, and those members who own stud dogs should refuse stud services to such specimens. Particular care should be taken where the owner of the bitch is not a member of a Sealyham Terrier Breed Club registered by the Kennel Club.
4. No member should breed a litter unless he/she has the time and facilities to devote proper care and attention to the rearing of the puppies, and to the well being of the dam. No member should provide stud services unless he/she is satisfied that the owner of the bitch has such time and facilities.
5. No member should breed a litter unless he/she is reasonably sure of finding homes for the puppies. No puppies should leave the breeder before the age of eight weeks.
6. Puppies / adults cannot be exported unless the Ministry of Agriculture (DEFRA) guidelines have been followed regarding age and health regulations for the country of import and where age is not specified, not before the age of twelve weeks.
7. No Sealyham should be sold to countries where they are not protected by anti-cruelty laws. (If in doubt consult the Ministry of Agriculture (DEFRA) or the Kennel Club)
8. No Sealyham should be sold to laboratories, pet shops or dealers in dogs or to any persons known to sell stock to any of the afore mentioned, nor should stud services be provided for such persons. No Sealyham should be sold or offered as a prize in a raffle or competition.
9. Prospective buyers of puppies should be screened for suitability and should be advised of characteristics of the Sealyham Terrier as a breed with the need for grooming and exercise. Sealyham's should not be sold to homes where they will be on their own all day.
10. No Sealyham which has any physical defect, or which shows any definite departure from the standard should be sold without the buyer being made fully aware

of such defect or departure from the Standard and it's possible consequences. Members should sell only animals which to the best of their knowledge are in good health at the time of sale.

11. Each purchaser of a Sealyham puppy should be provided at the time of sale with a copy pedigree, diet sheet and information about training, worming and inoculations.

12. Where appropriate the Kennel Club documents should be provided as soon as possible. It is undesirable that unregistered stock should be used for breeding. No Sealyham that is unregistered or is from unregistered or partly registered parentage should be sold without the buyer being aware that he/she will be unable to register it with the Kennel Club.

13. It should be impressed on buyers that they should contact the breeder in the event of any problem with the Sealyham. Breeders should make every effort to be of assistance in these circumstances.

14. Advertising by members should be as factual as possible. Misleading exaggerations or unfounded implications of superiority should not be used.

15. Members who bring the breed into disrepute could be censured and membership refused. Members should refrain from making unfair or untrue statements about dogs or practises of others. This includes posting messages on any site on the internet.

16. Officers or committee members of the club are always ready to do their best to help members with any queries or problems.

17. Members will ensure that All breeding stock (sires & dams) be DNA tested For Primary Lens Luxation before being bred from.