

NOTES ON KC ENDORSEMENTS

It is very important to explain to new owners exactly what the endorsements are and why you have placed them on the pups. Also the new owners need to sign to say that they fully understand them otherwise the KC will not uphold them.

The main endorsement for the **Progeny**.

This is used to ensure that only the best stock will be bred from. Whilst there are no guarantees you have tried to ensure that your stock is sound and free from known hereditary disease. Therefore it is common sense to expect the same of all new owners in order to do our best to safeguard the future of our lovely breed.

New owners are purchasing a pup for its lifetime – not a breeding machine. That is not to say that they may not breed from their pup but only when they have fulfilled the requirements that we have done ourselves. After all the future of the breed is in our hands.

I tell prospective owners that the endorsements are there to be lifted, in most cases hopefully. This is purely as a safeguard as we would anticipate that no owner would wish to breed from any dog if it unfortunately does not fulfill our expectations, despite our best efforts. Most prospective puppy owners that I have spoken to (and that is all the decent ones !) cannot believe that this sort of thing is not routine and required by the KC anyway ! (as it is in Europe!)

Hopefully the pup will be a good specimen of the breed with no problems but as I have said there are certainly no guarantees – we can only try to do our best!

So - when the dog has reached the age of eighteen months / bitch has reached the age of two years we would need to verify that their temperament, type, teeth, hips and eyes are all checked/tested/ scored. Once all these things are confirmed to be acceptable then the KC Endorsement will be lifted, thus permitting Kennel Club registration of puppies. This is done at no expense to the new owner. (Breeder simply has to write to the KC.)

The **Export** Endorsement - does not prevent the dog from being taken overseas (a common misconception) but it does prevent it from being registered with an overseas K.C. and therefore being bred from abroad.

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