

9 BREEDERS CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

Members will consider the welfare of their dogs and the benefit to the Breed above any personal gain or profit. Members will only breed from Vizslas that are of sound temperament, physically sound and free of known hereditary diseases, which show natural ability and conform to the Breed Standard as published by the Kennel Club. Members using their dogs at stud:-

- a. Will not allow their dog to serve bitches of less than 2 years old, or bitches that will whelp after their 8th birthday
- b. Will not allow their dog to be used at stud until it is 18 months of age
- c. Will hip score their stud dog, obtaining and assessing the results PRIOR to mating (Scores that are high by breed standards or disproportionate in score from hip to hip should be discounted from breeding)
- d. Will ensure that bitches to be covered meet the Breed Standard and this Code of Best Practice
- e. Will not allow their stud dog to be used more than three times in its first year of use, until the health and quality of its progeny is proven.

Members will not allow their bitches:-

- a. To be mated before their 2nd birthday or to whelp after their 8th birthday
- b. To whelp more than once in any 12 months
- c. To have more than three litters in her lifetime
- d. Will hip score their bitches, obtaining and assessing the results PRIOR to mating. (Scores that are high by breed standards or disproportionate in score from hip to hip should be discounted from breeding)
- e. Will ensure that their chosen stud dog meets the Breed Standard and this code of Best Practice.

Members will register all stock with the Kennel Club. Kennel Club registration documents will be available to the purchaser at point of sale, together with a 5-generation pedigree. Members will be fair, open and honest with buyers and prospective purchasers, and will NOT misrepresent themselves or their stock, or the stud dog. Buyers will be encouraged to present their puppy/dog to their veterinary surgeon within 3 working days of purchase. Should a veterinarian at such an examination advise that the dog is not in good health, the purchaser should authorise their veterinarian to confirm the diagnosis with the breeder. Members will verify this opinion and, if asked, take back the dog and refund the purchase price, or agree to a mutually acceptable compromise. Beyond the 3-day warranty, Members will be encouraged to take responsibility for any progeny bred by them, or supplied by them, which finds itself in need of re-homing.

Members will be expected to assist in finding a solution before recourse to any breed rescue or welfare organisation. Members also agree that they will comply with the General Code of Ethics contained in Appendix A.