

The Italian Spinone Club of Great Britain
Code of Ethics 2006

1. Members will consider the welfare of their dogs and the breed in general above any personal gain or profit and will take responsibility for any dogs they own.
2. Members will attempt to help and befriend novice exhibitors and breeders.
3. Members will conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the breed or the Club and will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
4. Members will make every effort to keep abreast of any problems within the breed with regard to soundness, temperament, hereditary defects etc. and take advantage of any scheme devised to test the dogs.
5. Members will only breed from Spinoni of sound temperament, which do not have any serious hereditary breed defect, and which conform as closely as possible to the Breed Standard.
6. Members will not, when advertising, misrepresent themselves or their stock, and will deal only in a fair and honest manner with clients who shall be advised of any fault the dog may have.
7. Clients buying stock shall be encouraged to present the dog to a Veterinary Surgeon within 7 days of purchase and should the Veterinary surgeon at that time advise that the dog is not suitable for the purpose for which it was bought by reason of ill health, hereditary abnormality or unsound temperament, members will verify this opinion and if necessary take back such a dog and refund the purchase price.
8. Members will fully explain to all prospective owners the disadvantages as well as the advantages of owning the breed.
9. Members will take full responsibility for all puppies bred by them and will always take back, or provide for, any dog of their breeding which needs a new home until they find a suitable alternative home.
10. Members will provide proper pedigrees and adequate diet sheets to be given to the new owners upon collection of a puppy.
11. Members will not deal with dog wholesalers or sell puppies or dogs to pet shops and stud dog owners will include in their contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies resulting from the mating will be disposed of to commercial dog dealers, puppy farms, pet shops or wholesale export merchants.
12. Members will ensure that any stock they breed from are registered at the Kennel Club and that any puppies they breed from are registered at the Kennel Club by name.
13. Members will not allow their bitches to whelp more than once every twelve months or before the age of two or after their seventh birthday.
14. Members will not allow their bitches to have any more than four litters during her lifetime and will not breed from their bitches on consecutive seasons.
15. Members will not allow their dogs to be used at stud, if the stud dog itself or the bitch is in poor condition or health.
16. Members will ensure that the owners of any bitches being served by their stud dogs are complying with the conditions in points 13 & 14 above of this Code of Ethics.
17. The club recommends that Members be guided by the Code of Ethics & the CA Control Scheme.

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