

**All members of The Lowchen (Little Lion Dog) Club undertake to abide by it's
General Code Of Ethics**

Club Members

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when need.
 - 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs, which alters the natural conformation of the animal, may report such operation to the Kennel Club Ltd.
 - 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the breed standard should be placed in suitable homes.
 - 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
 - 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
 - 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
 - 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
 - 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
 - 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
 - 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
 - 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in new homes.
 - 12) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club Ltd documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree in writing to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
 - 13) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club Ltd registration certificate's as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog)
 - 14) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.
- Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club Ltd and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

Breeders

- 15) No Lowchen puppy should leave its maternal home under 8 weeks of age.
From April 2016 all breeders must ensure that puppies are micro-chipped prior to going to their new owner and that the breeder must be the first registered keeper on the database. No breeder may transfer a puppy to a new owner until it has been micro-chipped. The breeder shall provide the new owner with micro-chip and database details to allow them to change the ownership, in line with current UK law.
- 16) No false information regarding the sire, dam or date of birth shall be given to the KC when applying for registration. All registration papers must be applied for before a puppy is offered for sale, and handed over as soon as possible, any KC endorsements and a sale without papers must be clearly marked on the receipt.
- 17) Stud dog owners must give the breeder an accurately completed KC form. Should no puppies result from the first mating/s a repeat mating is considered good practise, this will be at the stud dog owners discretion.
- 18) Notify the officers of the Club and no one else, if a pattern starts to emerge that gives cause for concern, the Health Officer will be advised of a possible problem and they will seek assistance from the KC Scientific Committee.

Owners

- 19) All premises housing Lowchen shall be fenced, clean and warm. They will be provided with adequate food, water and clean dry bedding. They must be allowed adequate exercise and must not be restricted to a cage seven days a week.
- 20) Regular grooming and bathing is essential to a dogs well- being and will be considered as essential as exercise.
- 21) Veterinary assistance must be sought without hesitation when necessary, the welfare of the animal must come before any monetary consideration.
- 22) Dogs must be regularly wormed.

Exhibitors

- 23) No Lowchen Club Member will behave in a way that would bring the breed into disrepute. Good manners and sportsmanship must be exhibited at all times.

24) No private disputes to be voiced at any show, nor support from other exhibitors on matters that do not concern them

25) No Club Member shall use any form of Social Media as a means of displaying comments deemed to be abusive, disrespectful or derogatory to an individual or the Club.

26) All exhibits to be presented in good health and clean. If an exhibitor feels that they must show an in season bitch, the animal must be kept away from male dogs and deodorised.

Judges

27) The future well- being of the breed is dependent on good breeding and judging, therefore all judges must make every effort to fully understand the Lowchen, its conformation and what is meant by type.

28) All judges must produce a critique after each appointment. Critiques are important to exhibitors in understanding placements and they also assist the committee in assessing the judges understanding of the breed.

N.B. Rule 8 The club shall have a Code Of Ethics and members must abide by the terms of the Code. If thought to be in breach of this they will explain to the committee. If the explanation is not thought to be satisfactory the member may be subject to the Clubs Disciplinary procedure or report to the KC.

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