



THE TOLLER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE

As the first part of our Recommended Best Practice: Members of the Toller Club of Great Britain are encouraged to abide by the code of ethics relating to the KCABS <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/247>

Additional Best Practices

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention as and when required.
- 2) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/welfare/act/index.htm
- 3) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 4) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars (except whilst working or competing) and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 5) Will clean up after their dogs in public places.
- 6) Will if they become aware of the mistreatment, abuse, or need for relocation of any Toller, notify the details to one of the committee of The Toller Club of Great Britain and assist in any other manner in which they are able.
- 7) Will exhibit sportsman like conduct that will reflect on them and the breed in any activity they undertake with their dog and will encourage other owners to do so.
- 8) Will refrain from public criticism and malicious degrading of others and their dogs.
- 9) Will, if they have no intention of using their Toller as breeding stock, give serious consideration (for the benefit of the breed as a whole) to having all breed recommended health checks done (see point 10) and submitting the results and copies of the relevant documents to the Club's Health Secretary

Breeding

- 10)** Will, if they are intending to use their dog or bitch for breeding, have all the recommended health checks done and submit the results and copies of the relevant documents to the Club's Health Secretary. Current Health Checks Required:
a) Hip Scoring b) Optigen prcd-PRA c) CEA/CH d) Elbows (for dogs being hip-scored after 27th March 2010)

- 11)** Will not breed from a bitch without consideration for her health and well being and, if she has had a litter previously, her ease of whelping.
No mating of bitches under the age of 2 years
A bitch must not whelp after her 8th (eighth) birthday, unless KC permission is granted.
No bitch may be bred from at successive seasons, unless a period of more than 12 (twelve) months has elapsed.
No bitch is to have more than 4 (four) litters in her lifetime.

- 12)** A dog should not be used at stud before 18 (eighteen) months of age.
Only entire dogs with two fully descended testicles, unless one is lost due to trauma, should be used at stud.
A stud dog owner must be satisfied as to the health and compatibility of the dog and bitch and the consideration of the resultant litter.

- 13)** Will, before breeding a litter from their bitch or allowing their dog to be used at stud, give serious and equal consideration to type, temperament, health and soundness and not undertake a mating that is detrimental to the dog or the breed. No unregistered dog/bitch should be used in the mating. The owners of the bitch and dog being mated should exchange copies of all relevant health certificates for their records.

- 14)** Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled.

- 15)** Will have litters permanently identifiable (e.g. the National Dog Tattoo Register) so that they can be traced back to the owner/breeder in the event of straying.

- 16)** Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.

- 17)** Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance on responsible dog ownership when placing dogs in a new home.

- 18)** Will ensure that all necessary documentation relating to the dog is passed to the new owners at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.

- 19)** 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.
- 20)** 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.