



Breeder Code of Ethics

In order to promote and foster the highest standards in the breeding, care, and placement of New Guinea singing dogs (NGSDs), The New Guinea Singing Dog Conservation Society (NGSDCS) requires that all owners of intact NGSDs subscribe to the following if they are members of the NGSDCS, or if they wish to register their NGSDs with the NGSDCS registry .

Records

I agree to follow the NGSDCS guidelines for keeping records. I will keep accurate records of each NGSD in my possession, and will maintain these records for a minimum period of five (5) years from the death of and/or transfer of ownership of each NGSD. These records will include all of the following for each NGSD: date of birth (or if unknown, the best estimate), the name and address of the person from whom the NGSD was acquired, registration certificate (or copy thereof) or other documentation proving the NGSD is purebred; and a record of all litters produced by or sired by my NGSDs. These litter records shall include: birth date, name of sire/dam, number and sexes of puppies, and a record of the transfer/sale of each puppy including the new owner's name and address. I will report to the NGSDCS any person who falsifies a NGSD registration or knowingly misrepresents a NGSD's pedigree.

I understand that the NGSDCS strongly recommends that all NGSDs be micro chipped for permanent identification and the chip registered with a lost pet service. I will therefore micro chip all puppies eligible for NGSDCS registration before they leave my care, and include the number for each puppy in the litter record. If I am unable to afford chips for the puppies through a veterinarian or to otherwise acquire them, I will contact the NGSDCS, which may supply chips at a discount or at no cost.

Breeding

I will breed only healthy NGSDs registered by the NGSDCS or listed with the International Species Inventory System (ISIS), or that have other documentation acceptable to the NGSDCS proving that they are purebred. I will not breed any NGSD until it is physically mature, which is about two (2) years of age.

As an ethical breeder, I will refrain from breeding any NGSD that has produced offspring with serious physical defects or health problems, except after consultation with the NGSDCS and/or with the advice of a geneticist familiar with the inheritance of said defect or health problem.

Before entering into a breeding agreement with another party, I will examine the male/female for serious defects and inspect its pedigree for recent common ancestors with the proposed mate. If I have any doubt about the health, suitability or purebred status of the male/female to be bred, I understand I have the obligation to refuse the breeding.

If I have doubts about the proposed breeding due to recent common ancestors in the potential mates' pedigrees, or a possible high inbreeding level, I will consult the NGSDCS and/or a canid geneticist for advice.

Because intact NGSDs are difficult to manage properly during breeding season, I will encourage those who obtain puppies as companions to spay/neuter them before sexual maturity, at about nine (9) months to one (1) year of age.

Health

I will provide all appropriate health care for my NGSDs, including recommended vaccinations, and will promptly secure them veterinary medical attention when needed. I will feed my NGSDs a wholesome food in adequate quantities to keep them in good weight during all seasons. I will guarantee that the puppies I produce have no communicable disease at time of placement/sale, and will reveal to the new owner any current or likely health problems.

Placements

I will not give or sell any NGSDs to retailers, wholesalers, jobbers, auctions, or pet shops, nor transfer them to any third party on consignment. The only exception is that I may place NGSDs into appropriate foster care until approved placement is secured. I will provide new owners with accurate information concerning NGSD behavior and special security requirements. My advertising of NGSDs will be factual and honest, both in substance and implication.

I understand that I must supply the new owner with the following documents for each NGSD: a pedigree, a written health warranty (noting any exceptions such as current or likely to develop medical problems), a record of vaccinations, and a record of any other medical treatments that NGSD has received. If the NGSD being placed is registered with the NGSDCS, or eligible for such registration, I will sign over the registration or application to the new owner unless a written agreement that registration is being withheld is signed at the time of transfer.

Compliance Penalty

I, the undersigned understand that if proof is submitted to the NGSDCS that I have willfully failed to adhere to the principles and conditions of this Code of Ethics, the NGSDCS has the right to withdraw my membership privileges and/or revoke the registration of my NGSDs. In that case I understand that no refund of membership or registration fees will be given.

Owner

Print Name

Address

Signature

Date

Co-Owner

Print Name

Address

Signature

Date