



**Belgian Shepherd Dog Club
of QLD**

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CODE OF ETHICS

Owners and admirers of Belgian Shepherd Dogs are beneficiaries of a legacy, handed on and created by the concern and care of past owners and breeders. To preserve this legacy, it is necessary to state this Code of Ethics which should be embraced by all, and to which we, as Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland Inc members subscribe.

In Belgian Shepherd breeding, the emphasis shall be placed upon working ability and other outstanding qualities of character of this breed, as well as upon appearance. There exists a constant danger that disreputable or uninformed breeders may, by improper practices, produce physically, mentally, or temperamentally poor specimens to the detriment of the breed as a whole. Measures should be taken to acquaint the general public with the contents of this Code of Ethics, so that they may not become innocent partners in improper breeding practices.

The code of ethics:-

- Not to breed indiscriminately, but always for a purpose.
- Not to breed unless the facilities, time and resources are available to adequately care for a litter while maintaining good standards of health, socialisation, care and proper veterinary attention.
- Only numbers of dogs that can be adequately coped with will be kept.
- To place considerable importance upon the failings and defects within the breed. All attempts to reduce their incidence, by whatever genetic means are available, will be made.
- To collaborate with fellow Belgian enthusiasts for the general advancement of the breed.
- The Club will be used as an open forum for discussion of all problems associated with the Belgian Shepherd.
- To refuse to sell to, or recommend, breeders who do not conform to this code, or to sell to any home where there is any reason to believe that the dog will not properly be cared for.
- To offer follow up services to puppy purchasers which guarantees assistance.
- Where possible, to take back any dog of ones own breeding if in need of rescue, or to make a sizeable donation to the BSDCQ Rescue Service for their assistance if one is not in a position to re-house the dog.
- To show good sportsmanship whether winning or losing, in or out of the show ring, and not to denigrate the stock of others.
- The advancement of the breed will be placed above personal power or glory.
- To comply with the restrictions and controls of the Kennel Council, local authority and animal welfare legislation.

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