

## **Code of Ethics**

All members of the British Mondioring Association undertake to abide by its general rules and 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 required.
- 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.
- 3) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act of 2006.
- 4) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 5) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 6) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 7) 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. The member will also provide as much possible information about the dog to ensure the best possible start.
- 8) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club 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 (Dogs rehomed via BMA excepted).
- 9) 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 registration certificates as standalone items (not accompanying a dog).
- 10) 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.

- 11) Members will attempt to help and befriend new members to the British Mondioring Association.
- 12) Members will conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the Breed or the Association and will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- 13) Members are recommended only to breed from dogs and bitches of sound temperament that have been BVA/KC hip scored and have a current (within 12 months) BVA/KC clear eye test certificate.
- 14) Members will not knowingly breed from a dog or bitch which has a serious hereditary defect.
- 15) All puppies will be vaccinated in accordance with their age and schedule and microchipped.
- 16) Members will not breed from bitches either before the age of 2 years or the 3rd season whichever is the earlier, nor will they breed from bitches on consecutive seasons if the seasons are less than 12 months apart. Exceptional circumstances accepted.
- 17) Stud dogs will not be used on bitches knowing that a point of the Code of Ethics would be broken.
- 18) The British Mondioring Association Disciplinary Committee reserve the right to request an explanation from any member who fails to abide by the Code of Ethics. The Committee further reserves the right to refuse renewal of Membership in the absence of a satisfactory and reasonable explanation, and refuse entries to competitions and events organised by the Association.

**Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.**

**BMA Commitee**