



# AUSTRALASIAN BOSDOG<sup>®</sup> SOCIETY INC.

## Code of Ethics

1. I shall not denigrate the ABS, its breeders or members.
2. I shall ensure that all dogs in my care are properly housed, fed, watered and exercised and receive proper veterinary care if required.
3. I shall breed for the improvement of the breed and not knowingly breed from any dog with a flaw that is life limiting or expected to cause chronic disability or disease throughout the dog's lifespan.
4. I shall not breed from any bitch under the age of 12 months.
5. I shall not breed from any bitch more than twice in 18 months.
6. I shall not breed more than four litters from any bitch without veterinary certification of fitness for further breeding.
7. I shall not dock the tails of any pup/dog unless recommended and carried out by a veterinarian for a diagnosed physical ailment.
8. I shall not permit any Australasian Bosdog in my care to be mated with a dog of any other breed..
9. I shall not release any pups from my care under the age of 8 weeks.
10. I shall not export any pups under the age of 12 weeks.
11. I shall register pups bred by me with the ABS Inc. and provide Registration certificates to owners.
12. I shall vaccinate all pups bred by me between 6 and 8 weeks of age and provide current vaccination certificates with all pups/dogs when placed into new homes.
13. I shall worm all pups/dogs in my care at appropriate times and provide information of medication used and next due date when placed into new homes by me.
14. I shall provide dietary information for all pups/dogs in my care when being placed into new homes by me.
15. I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed or provide false information to members of the public for the ABS Inc.
16. I shall not sell any pups bred by me via pet shops.
17. I shall have all pups bred by me microchipped by a veterinary surgeon.
18. I shall have all male dogs born after 31/10/07 owned by me who are to be used for breeding purposes hip/elbow scored and send reports of those results to the ABS Registrar for data collection.
19. I shall have all female dogs born after 31/10/07 owned by me that have produced less than 2 litters of pups who are to be used for breeding purposes hip/elbow scored and send reports of those results to the ABS Registrar for data collection.
20. I shall not breed with any dog which does not meet the ABS Health Requirements.
21. I shall have all dogs born after 31/10/17 owned by me who are to be used for breeding purposes DNA tested for hereditary diseases described in the ABS Health Policy and send reports of those results to the ABS Registrar for data collection.