



The Large Munsterlander Club: Guidelines for owners

1. Members/Owners must always consider the welfare of their dogs and the breed before any personal gain.
2. Members/Owners must only breed from Large Munsterlanders of sound temperament and goodtype which show natural ability and always strive to produce Large Munsterlanders conforming to the Standard as published by the Kennel Club.
3. Neither dogs nor bitches in poor health, or unsound temperament, or with serious hereditary faults should be used for breeding.
4. Only Large Munsterlanders with current BVA/ECVO/AHT eye certificates for Hereditary Cataract should be used for breeding purposes and annual examination is required. It has been recommended that all dogs have their eyes tested after the dog has reached 8 years of age, especially any Large Munsterlander that has been used for breeding.
5. All Large Munsterlanders should have hips X-rayed and scored on the BVA/KC scheme. All Large Munsterlanders born after 1st January 2008 should have elbows X-rayed and scored on the BVA/KC scheme. Breeders who offer puppies that are the result of Artificial Insemination (AI) or Pet Passport matings must state clearly to prospective purchasers why both parents may not both conform to the UK Health screening requirements as outlined in the LM Club Rules and the Guidelines issued by the Management Committee. In the interest of breed health, any member taking their dogs for hip/elbow scoring must submit the plates to the BVA, whatever the likely score of the hips/elbows might be.
6. The LM Management Committee has decided that, after August 1st 2010 it is mandatory that matings only take place between Large Munsterlanders that have been DNA tested for HUU. For inclusion on the Puppy Register the only accepted matings will be between Clear to Carrier, and Clear to Clear. From April 1st 2011 copies of DNA results must be submitted to the Kennel Club for publication (DNA tests done by the AHT will go automatically to the KC).
7. Members/Owners must not allow matings between dogs and bitches which do not conform to the colour as defined in the Breed Standard as published by the Kennel Club.
8. Members/Owners must not allow a bitch to whelp before she is fully mature. Members/Owners must not let a bitch whelp under 12 months between litters. (Maturity is defined as not less than 20 months and not more than 8 years of age.) Members/Owners must also ensure that stock from which they breed is registered at the Kennel Club and conforms to the Breed Standard.
9. A bitch should have no more than four (4) litters in her lifetime and accordingly no more than four (4) will be accepted onto the Puppy Register.
10. Members/Owners must not knowingly sell puppies to dealers, pet shops or puppy farms and only offer for sale puppies which are healthy, free from parasites and have hind dew claws removed.
11. Members/Owners when advertising are advised to take care to avoid misrepresentation of themselves or their stock and only deal in a fair and honest manner with clients who should be advised of any fault the dog may have. Clients buying stock should be advised to present the dog to a veterinary surgeon within three days of purchase. Should a veterinary surgeon at such examination



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advise that the dog is not suitable for the purpose for which it was bought by reason of ill health, hereditary abnormality or unsound temperament, members must agree to take back such a dog and refund the purchase price.

12. Members/Owners when with their dogs must conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the breed or the club, and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.