

# **The Large Munsterlander Club**

## **Proposed Code of Ethics**

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All members of the Large Munsterlander Club undertake to abide by its general 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, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will agree to adhere to the health requirements detailed in the Code of Conduct for Members.
8. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
9. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
10. Will clean up after their dogs in public places and at all events run under KC rules.

11. 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.
12. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
13. 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.
14. 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 stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
15. 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. 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.

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## Proposed Code of Conduct for Members

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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 good type 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. Owners/Members are encouraged to have their dogs health checked with all four health checks (see below) whether or not their dogs are being used for breeding purposes to assist with tracking and monitoring the breed. The four health tests are: hip scoring, elbow scoring, eye testing for hereditary cataract and DNA testing for HUU. Members whose bitches or stud dogs are being used for breeding must ensure that all four health tests are completed and results obtained before mating takes place. Members will ensure that when advertising proposed or actual stock, the results of all health checks carried out for both sire and dam prior to mating are included in the information being given, so avoiding misrepresentation of themselves or their stock.
  - a. **Hips and Elbows.** Must be scored on the BVA/KC scheme. Breeders who offer puppies that are a result of Artificial Insemination (AI) or Pet Passport matings must state clearly to prospective purchasers why both parents may not conform to the UK Health screening requirements in these guidelines. 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.
  - b. **Eye Test for Hereditary Cataract.** Under the BVA scheme this must be within the previous 12 months of the mating. It is recommended that all Large Munsterlanders have their eyes tested after the dog has reached the age of 8 years, particularly if the dog has been used for breeding.
  - c. **DNA Test for HUU.** Only Large Munsterlander matings between Clear/ Clear and Clear/Carrier are permitted to take place: only these will be included on the Club Puppy Register. All DNA results must be submitted to the Kennel Club for publication.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. A bitch must have no more than four (4) litters in her lifetime and accordingly no more than four (4) will be accepted onto the Puppy Register.
8. 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.
9. 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 must be advised of any fault the dog may have. Clients buying stock must be advised to present the dog to a veterinary surgeon within three days of purchase. Should a veterinary surgeon at such examination 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.
10. 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.