



# Eurasier Society UK

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### General Code of Ethics

**All members of the Eurasier Society UK undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.**

#### **Society 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 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 not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
8. Will ensure that their dogs are microchipped, wear a properly tagged collar or harness and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. 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.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.

12. 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.
13. 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).
14. 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.***

**Furthermore, Society members will be expected to follow the breed-specific recommended practices and:**

15. Undertake to ensure the well-being of the Eurasier as a breed.
16. Conduct themselves at all times in a manner that is a credit to the Society and to ownership of Eurasiers.
17. Take every opportunity to promote the interest of Eurasiers, for example by welcoming and encouraging new owners and informing and educating people about the breed.
18. Always demonstrate good sportsmanship when taking part in competitive canine activities.
19. Not use any method of communication in a way that could be considered defamatory, insulting or detrimental to another Member, or the Society, or to the breed in general.
20. Not use or distribute information or photographs not owned by them, without prior written consent of the owner.
21. Always publicise show wins and other accomplishments in a precise and factual manner.

**Members who own Eurasiers agree to:**

22. Ensure that all dogs in their keeping have their emotional needs satisfied. This means, among other things, allowing Eurasiers to be with their human family whenever possible; not leaving them alone for long periods and never keeping them in a kennel (boarding kennels excepted), chained, or otherwise restricted outdoors.

23. Provide appropriate socialisation and training.
24. Maintain the best possible standards of canine health and care (including proper grooming and attention to teeth and nails) and provide protection from known diseases where such protection is available. Proper veterinary care should be obtained when required.

#### **Society recognised breeders agree to:**

25. Breed Eurasiers according to the UK Kennel Club Breed Standard.
26. Always undertake breeding with the welfare and improvement of the breed in mind and not for financial gain. Volume breeding is not in the best interest of the breed.
27. Plan matings selectively and conscientiously. It is strongly recommended that breeders approach the Society, via the appropriate Officer(s), to discuss the suitability of the dam and the choice of sire, prior to the mating, or to request assistance in choosing an appropriate mating. Before breeding, thoroughly screen and make a careful analysis of the health, temperament, conformation, pedigree, inbreeding coefficient and known hereditary and genetic defects of the sire and dam and those of their extended family if possible.
28. To breed only with stock who are confident and balanced animals. No excessive nervousness, shyness or unwarranted aggression should be tolerated.
29. Both sire and dam must have hip, elbows and patellas screened through the **BVA/KC** or other similar accredited scheme and have satisfactory scores.
30. Breeders are advised to note the KC recommendation, that it is prudent to select a sire and dam with hip scores that are below the Breed Mean Score and wherever possible the elbow score should be 0.
31. Only dogs and bitches with normal patellae, with a veterinary statement of being 'free from' patella luxation are to be used for breeding. It is prudent to note that in young dogs, particularly bitches, the condition can normalise as they mature or in anestrus.
32. Both sire and dam must be clear of entropion and ectropion. Any Eurasier with diagnosed distichiasis should only be mated to a completely unaffected dog.
33. Both sire and dam must have minimum a Four-Panel Thyroid Test (T4, fT4, TSH, TgAA), and all values must be in the normal range. All breeding stock should be tested every 2 years or before a mating.
34. If requested by the Society Breeding Sub-Committee owners of breeding stock must be willing to undergo additional tests e.g. coat colour, DWLM, Epi, BVA eye test.

35. All breeding stock must have correct gender characteristics. Sires must have two apparently normal testicles fully and naturally descended into the scrotum.
36. All breeding stock should have a full set of teeth (42 conforming to the usual tooth conformation) unless certified by a vet to have been lost, and a normal scissor or pincer bite. Dogs with missing P1 & P2's should only be mated to an unaffected dog.
37. All breeding stock must have naturally pricked ears, semi-pricked or pendulous ears are not acceptable.
38. No breeding animal is allowed to have a kinky tail unless certified by a vet that it has been acquired after birth.
39. All breeding stock should have good pigment. Lack of pigment can be compensated for in matings where possible.
40. When mating a Eurasier to another whose owner is not obligated to comply with this Code of Ethics, ensure that their Eurasier is fully health-checked.
41. Not allow a mating when the bitch or the stud have already produced 21 puppies unless at least two puppies have been health-checked and achieved satisfactory results for hips, elbows, patellas, eyes and thyroid function as indicated above.
42. It is best practise not to repeat a mating until at least two puppies from their previous litter have been health-checked and achieved satisfactory results for hips, elbows, patella, eyes and thyroid function.
43. Always be mindful that the nature and needs of breeding stock are the same as those of all Eurasiers: They are first and foremost COMPANION dogs. Breeders are therefore expected to keep retired breeding Eurasiers as an integral part of the family and not re-home or dispose of them.
44. For breeders keeping both sexes it is recommended that not more than three brood bitches with one stud dog should be kept in any one household.
45. Only breed a litter if they have the time and facilities to devote proper care and attention to the rearing of the puppies and the well being of the dam.
46. Only breed a litter if they are reasonably sure of finding suitable homes for the puppies.
47. Not intentionally mate a Eurasier with any other breed, nor with a Eurasier not registered with a national Kennel Club in its country of origin / residence.
48. Be honest and open about hereditary problems occurring in their stock to ensure that these are not unknowingly perpetuated.
49. Enter into all breeding arrangements with written contracts and only sell puppies in conjunction with a written contract. (sample available)

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50. Once a sire has produced 50 puppies in the UK, he should not be used again until at least four puppies have been fully health-checked and achieved satisfactory results for hips, elbows, patella, eyes and thyroid function and Code of Ethic 27 has been observed.
  51. Not provide stud services unless satisfied that the owner of the bitch has the necessary time and facilities.
  52. Only mate bitches that will be between the age of 24 months and 7 years when they whelp, and then only if they are considered physically and mentally fit enough to raise a litter of puppies.
  53. Not to intentionally have a litter from a bitch on consecutive seasons.
  54. Not to produce in a household more than two litters in any 12-month period.
  55. Not allow a bitch to have more than four litters in her lifetime.
  56. Consult with the Committee before using a bitch that has had a Caesarean delivery.
  57. Keep accurate and thorough breeding records in full accordance with Kennel Club requirements.
  58. Pay careful attention to the physical and emotional needs of puppies produced, providing maximum health protection through worming and proper veterinary care at all times, as well as adequate stimulation and thorough socialisation.
  59. Ensure that all advertising is factual and neither offers Eurasiers at cheap prices, nor is worded so as to attract undesirable buyers.
  60. Never sell a puppy to a home where it will be habitually without human company for more than a few hours at a time.
  61. Fully inform potential puppy owners about the characteristics and needs of the breed, and the disadvantages, as well as advantages, of raising and owning a Eurasier.
  62. Not pass on a puppy under the age of eight weeks.
  63. Endorse all registrations of puppies 'Progeny not for Registration'. The purchaser must be advised of this condition of sale, in writing, before purchase has been completed, and advised of the conditions for lifting this restriction.
  64. Microchip all their puppies.
  65. Provide all new owners with written details on dietary requirements, general care, exercise requirements, dates of worming, and a three-generation pedigree which includes the results of all available hip, elbow, patella, eye and thyroid tests.

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66. Keep in touch with new owners, answering questions and giving advice where appropriate, and checking on the Eurasier's progress.
  67. Encourage puppy owners to continue their membership of Eurasier Society UK.
  68. Strongly encourage owners to have their dogs' hips, patellae, elbows, eyes and thyroid tested at the age of 12 months or older. (Breeders may wish to consider retaining a deposit at the time of purchase, to be refunded when the owner has the tests carried out and makes known the results.).
  69. Be responsible for the stock which they have bred and sold and be prepared to take back and either keep or re-house dogs of their own breeding. (If this is not possible, breeders would be expected to make a donation to Welfare & Rescue to defray the expenses incurred).
  70. Must ensure that they are fully meeting the legal requirements of their Local Authority. This includes if applicable the application for a local Authority license to breed.