

# **Norfolk & Suffolk HPR Field Trial Club**

## **Code Of Conduct**

**Members of the club and any other person attending club activities do so at their own risk and are expected to follow this code of conduct.**

The code of conduct sets out the minimum standards the club expects its members to adhere to. This code of conduct is for the welfare and safety of members of the club, their dogs, members of the public and the benefactors of the club who host the clubs activities.

Members shall commit to:

Training of HPR Breeds in, Working Tests, Gundog Working Tests, Pointing Tests and Field Trials and to work in the Shooting Field safely.

Members shall commit to:

Improving their handling skills and the skills of their dogs through continuous development.

Members shall commit to:

Training their dogs regularly at the club on training days and at home.

Members shall commit to:

No harsh or cruel handling of their dogs; that the welfare of the dogs shall be paramount at all times.

Members shall commit to:

Respect all grounds used by the club.

Members shall commit to:

Clean up; clear up after their dogs, in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.

Members shall commit to:

Keep their dogs on a leash. Under control on or off a leash even if the animal is working or undergoing a training exercise during club activities.

Members shall commit to:

Not allowing their dogs to roam at large, cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.

Members shall commit to:

Not allowing their dogs with any infectious diseases or bitches in season to participate in any club activities including training classes.

Members shall commit to:

Ensuring that guests and spectators accompanying them during club activities are made aware of and adhere to the club rules and the code of conduct.

Members shall commit to:

Supervising their children and any children of their guests or spectators during club activities.

Members shall commit to:

Abide by the BASC code of 'Good Shooting Practice'. Always maintaining the highest levels of sportsmanship.

Members shall commit to:

Have the appropriate level of third party insurance.

Members shall commit to:

Abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.

Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.

Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies, which may not conform to Breed Standard, should be placed in suitable homes.

Will not create demand for, nor supply puppies that have been docked illegally.

Will not breed from a dog or a bitch that could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.

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.

Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as 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).

**Please Note:**

**Breaching any part of this code of conduct may result in expulsion from club membership and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or being reported to the appropriate authorities.**