



Bavarian Mountain Hound

(Bayerische Gebirgsschweißhund)

Society of Great Britain

www.bavarianmountainhoundsociety.org.uk

General Code of Ethics

All members of the Bavarian Mountain Hound Society of Great Britain undertake to abide by its General Code of Ethics.

Society Members:

- Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all hounds under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- Will agree without reservation, that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their hounds, which alters the natural conformation of the animal, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
- Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- Will agree not to breed from a hound which could be in any way harmful to the hound or to the breed.
- Will not allow any of their hounds to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- Will ensure that their hounds wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- Will clean up after their hounds in public places or anywhere their hounds are being exhibited.
- Will only sell hounds where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life, and will help with the re-homing of a hound if the initial circumstances change.

- Will supply written details of all dietary requirements, and give guidance concerning responsible ownership, when placing hounds in a new home.
- Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a hound, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- Will not sell any hound to a commercial dog wholesaler, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly allow hounds 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 hound).
- Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise hounds, nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a hound.
- Not to breed from any Bavarian Mountain Hound until it is at least thirty months of age on the day of mating. Variance from this is only with prior approval from the Society's Committee.
- Have the said Bavarian Mountain Hounds hip tested under the KC/BVA hip testing scheme, and must obtain a suitable score according to the scheme, **which must not exceed 18 points.**
- Not to breed from any Bavarian Mountain Hound until it has at the least passed the Society's Aptitude Test, or an **ISHV (Internationale Schweißhundverband)** equivalent if taken abroad. (This provision is to come fully into force on the 1st January 2011).

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from Society 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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