

PURPOSE

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behaviour expected from all members of the GSD League of Great Britain. It fosters a respectful, ethical, and supportive environment for individuals passionate about German Shepherd Dogs.

1. WELFARE AND CARE OF DOGS

- Prioritise the health, safety, and well-being of all dogs.
 - Provide appropriate nutrition, veterinary care, exercise, and socialisation.
 - Avoid practices that cause unnecessary stress, harm, or suffering.
 - Train and handle dogs in accordance with animal welfare legislation that prevails at the time.
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2. ETHICAL BREEDING PRACTICES

- Breed only from physically and temperamentally sound dogs with appropriate health testing.
 - Maintain accurate records of pedigrees, health tests, and breeding outcomes.
 - Avoid excessive breeding and ensure responsible puppy placement.
 - Never support puppy farming or unethical commercial breeding.
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3. SHOWING AND COMPETITION

- Exhibit dogs respectfully and professionally.
 - Accept judges' decisions with grace.
 - Avoid misrepresentation of dogs' condition or behaviour.
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4. IGP SPORT AND TRAINING

- Respect IGP rules and promote fair competition.
 - Ensure dogs are physically and mentally prepared.
 - Accept judges' decisions with grace.
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5. CONDUCT TOWARD OTHERS

- Treat all individuals with courtesy, honesty, and respect.
- Avoid defamatory, discriminatory, or aggressive behaviour.

- Support an inclusive and welcoming environment.
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6. REPRESENTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- Represent the League with integrity in all interactions.
 - Avoid statements that damage the League's reputation.
 - Use social media responsibly and respectfully.
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7. COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Abide by relevant laws, Kennel Club regulations, and League policies.
 - Cooperate with investigations into breaches of conduct.
 - Understand that violations may result in disciplinary action.
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8. COMMITMENT TO IMPROVEMENT

- Engage in ongoing education about dog welfare and breed standards.
 - Share knowledge constructively and respectfully.
 - Promote the German Shepherd Dog as a versatile and loyal breed.
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MEMBER AGREEMENT

By joining the GSD League of Great Britain, members agree to uphold this Code of Conduct and contribute to the responsible stewardship of the German Shepherd Dog.
