



SIBERIAN HUSKY WELFARE ASSOCIATION (UK)

Code of Ethics for Volunteers

Introduction:

This code lays out the standards of behaviour and interaction required by volunteers of the Siberian Husky Welfare Association (SHWA) UK.

Given the concern about the large numbers of unwanted dogs being presented for rehoming which has been the motivation for the creation and ongoing operation of SHWA(UK), it is crucially important that SHWA (UK) volunteers, while working to alleviate the problem are not seen to be acting in any way which might be considered as adding to it. For this reason, all prospective volunteers will be asked to agree to and abide by the following code of ethics as a condition of working with SHWA.

Code of Ethics

As a volunteer working on behalf of SHWA, I agree

GENERAL

to promote the best interests of the breed by explaining honestly to the public in general as well as to prospective owners, both the advantages and disadvantages of owning the breed.

1. to help and advise newcomers to the breed.
2. always to behave (or to encourage your dogs to behave) in a manner which will promote understanding of the breed and which will enhance the good reputation of both SHWA and the breed as a whole.
3. to do nothing which will bring the breed and/or SHWA into disrepute.
4. where arguments over policy etc arise within SHWA, to conduct discussions in an mature and rational manner – avoiding personal insult and abuse.
5. to conduct myself in line with the accepted rules of good sportsmanship when involved in any husky related activity – showing, racing, training etc.

6. to promote the welfare of the breed by supporting breed rescue in any way deemed appropriate by SHWA.

I also agree to abide by the code regarding:

BREEDING & SALE OF PUPPIES

In the event of a Volunteer wanting to breed his/her own dogs (SHWA dogs may under no circumstances be bred from) they should contact the SHWA founders (Mick & Terry Brent: shwauk@btinternet.com) with details of the prospective mating so that SHWA can ensure that the appropriate Breed Health Tests have taken place with satisfactory results and that the volunteer will tick all the boxes establishing him/her as an ethical breeder.

Contact SHWA for full details. Being honest and open about any other hereditary health problems which you may discover affecting your bloodlines.

I have read and understood the above Code of Ethics.

Name

Signed

Date

Please return the signed form to shwauk@btinternet.com