

Puppy Charter

At Petplan our aim is to provide an ethical, efficient and friendly service, valuable to both breeders and puppy buyers at all times in accordance with good industry practice.

As we cannot visit all breeders and their facilities and do not take any responsibility for the actions of any breeders, we have established the following Breeder Charter which sets out our terms of business to help ensure all puppies are bred and sold responsibly. By issuing a Petplan cover note you agree to abide by this charter and comply with the following:



Jenny Hopkinson - Otago Dobermanns

- 1 I have bred and own the litter.
- 2 If I keep a breeding establishment for dogs it is licensed by a local authority under the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Bill 1999.
- 3 If the bitch is a pedigree, she is registered at the Kennel Club and if the puppy is a pedigree it will be registered by me prior to the sale to a puppy buyer.
- 4 If the puppy is a pedigree it meets the accepted breed standard as laid down by the Kennel Club, unless otherwise advised to the puppy buyer.
- 5 If the puppy is a pedigree I will provide a completed and signed pedigree form in the approved Kennel Club format. It will show not less than three generations, detailing where possible, the breed and registration numbers.
- 6 The bitch has not been mated until her second season.
- 7 There is a period of at least one year since the bitch's last litter.
- 8 The bitch has whelped no more than 6 litters.
- 9 I am satisfied to the best of my knowledge and veterinary advice in my possession that all puppies advertised for sale:
 - a) Are in good health and have not knowingly been exposed to the risk of Distemper, Canine Parvovirus or any other contagious disease prior to sale.
 - b) Show no sign of congenital conditions or illness.
 - c) Show no sign of infestation by fleas or lice.
 - d) Have been fully wormed.
 - e) Are at least 6 weeks of age or, where being sold by a licensed breeding establishment or licensed Scottish rearing establishment as defined in the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Bill 1999, at least 8 weeks of age.
- 10 Any illness or injury, or any clinical sign(s) of an illness or injury, which occurred prior to the date and time of collection by the puppy buyer, will be fully disclosed to the puppy buyer before collection and to Petplan when activating the insurance cover.
- 11 Any defects will be pointed out by me or a member of my staff (where relevant) to the puppy buyer, including but not limited to:
 - a) Where a male puppy does not have both testicles descended into the scrotum.
 - b) Where the coat colour of the puppy differs from those acceptable to the Kennel Club standard.
 - c) Any other matters which a breeder of reasonable experience might consider to be relevant to the puppy buyer's decision to purchase the puppy in accordance with good industry practice.
- 12 Conventional (i.e. not homeopathic) vaccinations will be used. All puppies aged over 8 weeks at the time of sale will have been given their first vaccination by a licensed practising veterinary surgeon, and any puppies sold at 10/11 weeks will have been fully vaccinated in accordance with good veterinary practice. A certificate to this effect produced and duly signed by the licensed practising veterinary surgeon will be handed to the puppy buyer.
- 13 All puppies will have been wormed twice before sale, and a certificate showing the dates of worming and the preparation used duly signed by me will be given to the puppy buyer.
- 14 A feeding chart will be supplied by me to the puppy buyer.
- 15 I have never been convicted of an offence nor disqualified from having a licence under the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Bill 1999 and I am not subject to any investigations by any local authority, trading standards or other regulatory body.
- 16 I accept that Petplan continually monitors claims made under the breeder cover note scheme and if the cover notes issued for puppies I have sold have consistently high levels of claims, Petplan has the right to amend or withdraw my authority to issue breeder cover notes.
- 17 I understand that breeder cover notes cannot be issued to me, any member of my family, anyone who lives with me, or any person employed as part of the breeding business.
- 18 I understand that it is my responsibility to inform Petplan if I no longer comply with any aspect of this charter and I accept that at this time Petplan will withdraw my ability to issue breeder cover notes.
- 19 I understand that Petplan has the right to amend or withdraw my authority to issue breeder cover notes at any time.

