



# Bracco Italiano Club Breeders Charter

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As the breed becomes more and more popular here in the UK there are more people breeding puppies.



The Breed Club is committed to protecting and improving the breed and want to support those whose breeding programmes are carefully considered and are for the protection of the breed.



To help the public make good choices when they are looking for good ethical breeders



This Charter lays out the practices that are acceptable to the Bracco Italiano Club, in keeping with their code of ethics and the Kennel Clubs R&Rs

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To be recognised under this charter breeders must:

Be a member of The Bracco Italiano Club - this will mean they abide to the clubs code of ethics and rules and regulations

Agree not to breed more than once a year, save exceptional circumstances when they must inform the clubs of their intention.

Not breed from a FEMALE under 2 years of age or mate a FEMALE after her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Not breed a FEMALE on consecutive seasons

Not allow a stud dog to be used before he is 2 years of age or allow him to be used extensively.

Agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes and restricted never to be bred from or sold with a neuter contract at an appropriate age

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Agree	Not to breed from a dog or FEMALE which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
Health	Do thorough health testing, hips, elbow and eyes and keep abreast of other tests recommended by the breed club.
Selling	Only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and take a dog back or help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change, regardless of the age of the dog.
Integrity	Be open and honest about the complexities of the breed, explain training needs and where possible recommend a local HPR trainer (or obedience class) to new owners
Dogs for life	Agree to keep older dogs (ie past breeding use) unless its in the dogs best interest and certainly not for sale or on breeding terms. <i>And must inform the breed club</i>
Breeding Terms	Do not sell puppies on ridiculous breeding terms - KC restrictions accepted as these are good practice
Fair Price	To sell puppies at an appropriate fair price ( <i>Clubs recommend £1000-£1200</i> )
Inform	Supply a full and comprehensive puppy pack and contract out lining any terms and conditions which must have been fully explained to the new owner prior to purchase. ( <i>club could draft a recommended pack</i> )

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Engage	Allow people to come and visit and meet the breed without pressurising them into buying puppies. Give people a balanced view on the breed, good and bad
Be responsible	Support owners of dogs that may develop possible hereditary health issues (take puppies back or refund purchase price)
Commitment	Be responsible for the puppy for the whole of its life, responsibility doesn't end when a puppy leaves with new owners. Responsible breeders make sure their puppies new families know they can turn to them with any questions or problems that arise throughout the puppies lives
Be Honest	Share health information with the clubs health co-ordinators and encourage owners to complete health questionnaires, good or bad.
Educate	Keep themselves informed of any issues within the breed and attend seminars and other education programmes