

WP&CS of Australia Inc.

MEMBER & BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS

The aims and purposes of the Society are:

- *To encourage the breeding and improvement of horses and ponies, more especially those of the Welsh Breeds.*
- *To promote the welfare of all horses, ponies and cobs*

To ensure that all individual members of the Society, and those who serve as Committee Members, Breeders, Competitors, Judges, Stewards, Volunteers and in any other capacity act with honesty and integrity in all of their dealings with the Society, other members, clients and the public at large.

UNDERTAKINGS

- Members of The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia who are engaged in breeding activities or offering Welsh Ponies and Cobs for sale undertake that they will act in accordance with the Members & Breeders Code of Ethics at all times.
- Members of The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia who are engaged in breeding activities or offering Welsh Ponies and Cobs for sale undertake that they will exercise humane and responsible care for all horses for which they are accountable, be responsible in respect of the selection of breeding stock and maintain accurate stud records.
- Members of The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia who are engaged in breeding activities or offering Welsh Ponies and Cobs for sale will endeavour to operate their breeding operations and business dealings in a such a manner as that which promotes the image of the Welsh Pony and Cob and instils confidence in any owner or enthusiast of Welsh Ponies and Cobs.
- Members of The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia who are engaged in breeding activities are encouraged to consider the current market conditions that may be affected by climatic conditions such as drought or by economic conditions.
- Members of The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia who are engaged in breeding activities or offering Welsh Ponies and Cobs for sale will at all times abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

UNDERSTANDING

- Persons who breed or sell Welsh Ponies and Cobs are at the forefront of the industry. They are the persons whose activities can best preserve the integrity of the Welsh Breed by upholding quality and selective breeding standards, by maintaining accurate records and by dealing with buyers and the public at large in an honest manner. Further, their efforts in dealing openly, honestly and according to best business practices can instil public confidence in the industry. In recognition of their importance, all who breed or offer Welsh Ponies and Cobs for sale are expected to operate according to the Members & Breeders Code of Ethics and The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Code of Conduct and the Rules and Regulations that are adopted to encourage acceptable breeding practices.

- Members must use current and correct paperwork when undertaking registrations, transfers, breeding and all other transactions, and adhere to the current timelines at all times, and become familiar with, and adhere to the Regulations including *Regulations for the Registration and entry of animals in the Welsh Stud Book of Australia Inc and appendix.*
- ***It is the responsibility of the owner of the animal disposing of the same, to notify the Secretary of the Society, surrender the Registration Certificate for endorsement and pay the transfer fee. Notification must be received within the required timelines on completion of sale or may be subject to additional fees.***
- ***Ponies sold without papers:
The Registration Certificate must be returned to the office noting that the pony has been sold without papers.***
- ***The Registration Certificate remains the property of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Inc.***

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia recommends that Members engaged in breeding activities or offering Welsh Ponies and Cobs for sale document their agreements in writing. These agreements need to be signed by the parties involved and copies of the agreement made available to all parties.

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia recommends that Members are familiar with, and adhere to the *Model Codes of Practice* regarding 'Land Transport of Livestock' and refer to the guidelines for equines.

*****Please follow this link for the current guidelines:***

<http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/land-transport/>



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia recommends that breeders and sellers of Welsh Ponies and Cobs become familiar with the Australian Consumer Laws including amendments as made, to ensure they adhere to legal and ethical practices.