

NDCC MEMBER/BREEDER CODE OF PRACTICE

This Code of Practice outlines basic procedures and sets forth principles of general conduct to be followed by all members. Failure to do so shall result in disciplinary action as set out in the Constitution/Bylaws of the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada.

Responsibilities of Members

- 1) All members shall abide by the Constitution/Bylaws of the NDCC and the rules of the CKC.
- 2) Members are encouraged to support the efforts of the NDCC regarding health issues of the Newfoundland and are encouraged to participate in testing, surveys and seminars which would help to educate them further.
- 3) Members shall ensure that their Newfoundlands are at all times treated in a humane and caring manner, including adequate food, water, shelter, grooming, companionship and veterinary care.
- 4) Members are encouraged to undertake appropriate training to ensure that their Newfoundland will be a welcome member of the community.
- 5) Members shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and exhibit good sportsmanship when participating in any activity which involve the Newfoundland or the NDCC.
- 6) Members shall refrain from knowingly making untrue statements about the stock or practices of themselves or others involved in the showing and/or breeding of Newfoundland dogs.
- 9) A certificate of registration shall be forwarded to the new owner when the contractual obligations agreed to have been fulfilled. Such a contract should be in writing and clearly state the specified obligations of the new owner.
- 10) Sellers shall, whenever possible, use the CKC Non Breeding agreement, or a legal similar document, for the sale of dogs not destined for breeding.
- 11) Breeders/Sellers shall not knowingly sell their puppies to puppy mills, pet dealers, pet wholesalers, pet brokers, either singly or in litter lots. Breeders shall strive to conduct only ethical trade agreements, with special attention to make sure that neither their stud dogs nor their bitches are involved with any commercial business involving the selling of puppies.
- 12) At the time of sale, the buyer shall be provided with a detailed contract signed by the seller, outlining the description and sex of the puppy, including tattoo or microchip information, pedigree of sire and dam and whelping date. It should also include any health guarantee offered and type of compensation forthcoming in the event of a complaint or dispute.
- 13) Breeders/Sellers should outline their ideas for proper nutrition, care and upbringing, as well as follow up veterinary care, such as immunization, spaying and/or neutering.
- 14) Any advertising displayed by either Breeder or Seller shall be done honestly and shall in no way be misleading or fraudulent in its content.

Responsibilities of the Breeder/Seller

- 1) Breeders shall breed only purebred animals which are CKC registered or eligible for CKC registration.
- 2) Canadian breeders shall adhere to the CKC Breed Standard in their breeding programmes, being careful to maintain soundness of body and mind, with emphasis on good temperament.
- 3) Both the bitch and the stud dog shall be in good health and free of disqualifying faults. Breeders shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands with health clearances for the most recognized problems within the breed.
- 4) Breeders shall represent accurately the health and breeding records of both the stud dog and the bitch.
- 5) Stud dog and bitch owners shall negotiate all terms of the breeding agreement prior to undertaking the breeding. A written contract is strongly recommended and shall be mutually agreed upon and signed by all parties involved.
- 6) Breeders shall keep accurate breeding records, registrations and pedigrees.
- 7) Breeders are responsible for each puppy that is produced by their bitch and will use every reasonable effort to ensure that every puppy is placed in a safe environment. Prospective buyers shall be screened to ascertain that they are aware of the needs of a Newfoundland and have the knowledge, facility and time to care for a dog.
- 8) Breeders shall register Newfoundlands born in Canada in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act.

Discipline

Enforcement of any disciplinary action shall be carried out as laid out in the NDCC Constitution/Bylaws, *Article VI, Discipline, Section 1(A)*.

In the case of any business transaction involving Newfoundlands, the NDCC will refuse to entertain any grievance brought against a member unless accompanied by all written contracts, signed by all parties involved and any other pertinent material supporting the complaint.

The following are grounds for disciplinary action:

- Neglect or abuse of any Newfoundland. This must be documented by the affidavits of two witnesses or by investigation of an authorized humane organization.
- Suspension of privileges by the CKC for rule violations.
- Breeding and/or advertising found to be in violation of the Breeder Code of Ethics.
- Knowingly selling or aiding in the sale of Newfoundlands to or through a pet broker, a pet store or its agents.
- Refusal to comply with the terms of a written agreement without showing just cause.
- Refusal to transfer registration papers to a buyer without showing just cause.
- Refusal to honour written guarantees and agreements without showing just cause.