



THE NEWFOUNDLAND DOG CLUB OF CANADA

Membership Application

Part 1

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

I/We am over the age of eighteen. YES NO

◆ I/We currently, or have in the past, owned Newfoundlands YES NO

◆ Are you a Newfoundland breeder? YES NO

Kennel Name _____

CKC Registered YES NO Perm. YES NO Date: _____

◆ Do you plan to breed Newfoundlands in the future? YES NO

◆ Do you currently breed other breeds of dogs? YES NO

Please list the breeds _____

◆ Please list dog clubs you are/have been a member of and any positions held _____

◆ Have you ever been expelled or suffered action by an animal organization? YES NO

If yes, please name club _____ **Please explain fully on a separate page*

◆ What are your Newf related interests? _____

◆ I/We would like to join the NDCC for the following reasons _____

Part 2

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 programme, 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.

Part 3

NDCC BREEDER CODE OF ETHICS

Breeders must adhere to the CKC and NDCC Newfoundland Standard in their breeding program.
Breeders must also adhere to all regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club with regards to both registration and breeder ethics.

Health

In order to protect the present and future welfare of the Newfoundland dog, it is strongly recommended that the following health checks be done on all Newfoundland dogs/bitches prior to being used for breeding and that certification through OFA be obtained at the appropriate age. By certifying with OFA there is record for future generations and breeders; without it, important information may not be available.

- Cystinuria – unless it is known definitively that the dog/bitch is clear by parentage
- Elbow dysplasia (or any elbow defect)
- Eye defects
- Hearts should be checked, preferably by a veterinary cardiologist
- Hip dysplasia
- Patellas

Temperament

Temperament is the number one priority in this breed. Since there is no certification for temperament – the onus is on the breeder to NOT use dogs/bitches that show signs of aggression with humans, or shyness that is beyond lack of socializing. A normal Newfoundland may appear shy when initially introduced to new things, but the recovery should be rapid and the dog/bitch should not continue to be frightened by normal things once properly introduced.

Colour

Breeders will not intentionally produce non-standard colours. Colour testing will be required when there is any possibility a dog/bitch may carry non-standard colours. In that way, the breeder can make an educated decision as to the value of the breeding and act accordingly, keeping in mind that we must avoid non-standard colours whenever realistically possible.

Under no circumstances will healthy pups be culled for being a non-standard colour.

In the event that non-standard coloured puppies occur in a Canadian bred litter, all such puppies will be sold on a CKC Non-Breeding Agreement with a spay/neuter clause in the personal contract. The objective is to eventually produce only standard colours in our breeding programs and this may take more than one generation of selection.

Breeding stock imported from countries where non-standard colours are acceptable will require colour testing. The use of imported dogs/bitches that carry non-standard colours will be considered intentional introduction of non-standard colours to the existing gene pool.

Where a breeder intentionally produces pups of non-standard colours the NDCC has the right to review the situation and proceed with any action deemed suitable by its executive members.

Breeding Practices

Breeders must NOT use dogs/bitches with disqualifying faults in their breeding program.

Disqualifications in this breed are: bad temperament, short flat coat (Labrador Retriever type), marking of any other colour than white on a black dog, or any colours other than the traditional black, or Landseer (white and black).

Breeders will breed only mature bitches and no bitch shall have more than two litters in a 24 month period unless there are extenuating circumstances. A mature bitch would be at or close to two years of age. Breeders will recognize that it is rarely in the best interest of the bitch to breed past 6 years of age and will act accordingly.

Stud dog owners shall accept for breeding only bitches that meet the requirements set out herein, and shall endeavour to ensure that the owner of the bitch will abide by good breeding practices such as are outlined in the NDCC's Code of Practice.

Selling Practices

Breeders will advise all new owners of breed characteristics, both mental and physical, as well as their needs with regards to grooming, exercise, diet, housing and training. They will also ensure that new owners are aware of the unique characteristics of this breed with regards to size, mess and cost before they commit themselves to purchase.

Puppy buyers shall be supplied with a five generation pedigree on which all known colours and recessives and available health scores are given. It is recommended that buyers be given copies of certifications. Alternatively the person could be given the link to access these online at OFA.

Puppy buyers will be provided with all worming and vaccination records, as well as what the breeder recommends for future vaccination/worming schedules.

Puppy buyers will be provided with CKC registration and transfer no later than six months after the date of purchase unless there are extenuating circumstances.

General Responsibilities

All breeders will make a commitment for the lifetime of every dog/bitch they produce, and will make every attempt to provide for any Newfoundland they have bred in the event that it becomes necessary. If rescue is needed because the breeder is unable to take the dog/bitch back, then the breeder will cooperate with the attending rescue organization and some financial support should be considered.

All breeders will commit to education of the general public and act accordingly when inquiries are received - at all times and not only when they have pups available.



Membership Application

Part 4

I/We understand that if my/our membership application is approved, I/We will be joining as a Provisional Member(s) for a period of six months, which entitles me/us to receive the Club's publication "Newf News", along with notification of all meetings and events.

I/We may not vote on Club issues nor hold elective or leadership office. I/We understand that I/we will not be able to advertise in the Club's Breeders' Listing in Newf News or on the Club's website for two years after I/we have been approved as a Provisional Member(s).

Only Active and Lifetime members are eligible to vote or hold office of elective or leadership positions. (*Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada, Bylaws: Section 3, Categories of Membership (B) & (D)*).

I/We agree to abide by the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club (not included), the NDCC Bylaws/Constitution, the NDCC Member/Breeder Code of Practice and the NDCC Breeder Code of Ethics (if applicable), all of which are included with this form.

The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada does not endorse the breeding of Newfoundlands other than those recognized under the CKC Standard: black and Landseer (white and black). All NDCC members are encouraged to research the bloodlines of any and all breeding stock and avoid breeding to any dog that might introduce non-standard colours into any litters. Canadian breeders shall adhere to the CKC Breed Standard in their breeding programme, being careful to maintain soundness of body and mind, with emphasis on good temperament (*NDCC Member/Breeder Code of Practice/Responsibilities of the Breeder(Seller)/2*)

Canadian Single Membership Dues:	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
Canadian Double Membership Dues: (two adults residing in the same household)	\$ 55.00	\$ _____
International Membership Dues:	\$ 65.00	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Please make cheques or money orders payable to: The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada

Return the completed application along with payment to the Membership Secretary:

Margo Brown
195 Glenariff Drive, Box 74
Freelton, Ontario L8B 1A5

I have read and agree to abide by the NDCC Member/Breeder Code of Practice and, if applicable, the NDCC Breeder Code of Ethics.

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

For Club use:

Date Received _____

Date of Acceptance _____

Club Official _____

Must be an Active or Lifetime member of the NDCC