



Rottweiler Club of Victoria Inc CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Rottweiler Club of Victoria Inc. are bound by the Code of Ethics and undertaking as set out by the Victorian Canine Association Inc.

As a member of the Rottweiler Club of Victoria Inc., I agree that I will abide by the following Code of Ethics and I clearly understand that to breach the Code could lead to disciplinary action under the By-Laws and Constitution of the Club.

1. I shall ensure that at all times all dogs under my control are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive proper Veterinary attention, if and when required.
2. I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large and when away from home will ensure they are kept fully leashed or under effective control at all times.
3. I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed, and not for the pet market or any other commercial purpose.
4. I shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
5. I shall not breed from any bitch used, owned, kept or leased by me nor shall I use a dog owned, kept or leased by me that does not comply with the breeding requirements set out in this clause or as prescribed by the RCV Inc. from time to time.

The breeding requirements include:

- a) The RCV Inc. must be provided, prior to the publication of registration, with satisfactory hip, elbow, eye and dental certificates and JLPP status report of each Rottweiler used in the breeding. Health testing results must comply with the requirements of the health testing schemes in use at the time.
 - b) A bitch must be 22 months of age at time of mating or have reached 24 months at whelping and be less than 7 years 10 months of age at mating or 8 years at whelping.
 - c) A dog must not be bred before reaching 18 months of age.
 - d) A bitch shall not be bred causing her to whelp more than twice within an eighteen month period. If consecutive litters are bred, the bitch must be rested for at least a full twelve month period from the whelp date of the second litter prior to the next mating.
6. I shall not permit any of my pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross-breed dog, or to an unregistered dog of the same breed.
 7. I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination to be given at six weeks of age, and the necessary ten to fourteen days for the vaccine to take effect.

8. I shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from me clearly understand their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal, and that they have the time and facilities (i.e., adequate fences, sufficient room and proper shelter, etc.) to perform their obligations.
9. I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog.
10. I shall provide to all purchasers of dogs sold or place by me written details of all dietary and immunisation requirements and/or an appropriate publication relating to such requirements and responsible dog ownership.
11. I shall ensure that when selling or transferring a dog to another person that documents as required by the V.C.A Inc. Rules and Regulations will be provided to the purchaser or transferee.
12. I agree to keep accurate records of stock, matings and pedigrees and to register my breeding stock and puppies with the V.C.A. Inc.
13. Any member who has been in violation of the By-Laws and/or Code of Ethics shall have recourse to the Committee of the R.C.V. Inc.
14. Disqualifying faults are as listed in the current F.C.I Standard for the Rottweiler. All animals that display disqualifying faults are ineligible for breeding
15. In accordance with the accepted F.C.I. Standard all departures from the Standard as written shall be considered faults. The seriousness with which the fault is regarded should be considered with the possible effect breeding with such an animal may have on the progeny and the Rottweiler breed and in the exact proportion to its degree.

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