



# DPCC Code Of Ethics

This Code is established as a guideline for the use by the members of the Doberman Pinscher Club of Canada when buying ,selling, breeding, and exhibiting the Doberman Pinscher.

- 1) Abide by the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Doberman Pinscher Club of Canada and the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club.
- 2) Members must keep accurate breeding records, registrations and pedigrees; further they should maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.
- 3) All services and sales arrangements should be mutually agreed upon, stated in writing and signed by all parties involved, including all adjustments, deposits, replacement conditions, etc. all members are encouraged to support and conduct only ethical trade practices.
- 4) All advertising must be honest and not in any way mis-representative, fraudulent, or misleading.
- 5) Encourage the x-raying and OFA Certification of the Doberman Pinscher for Hip Dysplasia.
- 6) DPCC members are encouraged to support the efforts of the DPCC relative to health issues concerning the breed, and to have their dogs tested for health disorders known to affect the breed.
- 7) All dogs offered at stud shall not knowingly be bred prior to one (1) year of age and shall be in good health and free from communicable diseases and disqualifying faults. Any bitch accepted for stud service should be at least 18 months of age, in good health , free from communicable diseases and disqualifying faults. All breeding that occur should be done with the intention of the preservation and betterment of the breed, taking into consideration matters of structure, health and temperament, as well as the ability of the breeder to be responsible for the puppies produced.
- 8) No stud dog will knowingly be bred to any bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, pet shop, litter lot sales, or any other commercial enterprises whose business is involved in like activities.
- 9) No bitch will be bred for commercial reasons. All bitches will be bred with intentions of that particular breeding improving the breed.
- 10) No Doberman Pinscher will knowingly be sold to commercial facilities, business, puppy brokers, pet shops, puppy mills or guard dog business or agents thereof.
- 11) Honestly evaluate the quality of all Doberman Pinschers sold and fairly represent that evaluation.
- 12) Prices of Doberman Pinschers should be based upon individual quality. Members should maintain prices so as not to be injurious to the breed. When appropriate, some animals should be sold with a written agreement to have the animal altered and registered with the Canadian Kennel Club as Non-breeding.
- 13) At the time of sale, members must furnish records to each buyer of all shots and worming , pedigree and obtain all signatures necessary for any agreed co-ownership or non- breeding.
- 14) Members shall conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dog showing and Doberman Pinschers in particular.

I have read and understand the Doberman Pinscher Club of Canada's Code of Ethics. I agree to abide by this Code of Ethics. I understand that failure to do so may result in the loss of membership privileges.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_