



CODE OF ETHICS

1. INTRODUCTION

- i. I agree to co-operate and participate with the North of England Rottweiler Club and other Rottweiler clubs to share aid and information with those interested in the breed.
- ii. I agree to read and familiarise myself with and abide by the Kennel Club Breed Standard for the Rottweiler.
- iii. I agree to maintain good standards of physical and mental health of my dogs and shall properly care for them including obtaining good veterinary care. I further agree that good mental health includes regular contact with people and exposure to the outside world and that I would urge my puppy purchasers to provide obedience training at the proper age.
- iv. I will clean up after my dogs in all public places.
- v. I will not allow my dogs to roam at large or cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- vi. I will ensure that at all times when away from home that my dogs wear properly tagged collars and are kept fully leashed or under effective control.

2. BREEDING

- i. I will only breed from those dogs and bitches believed to be clear from known serious hereditary defects, and which are mentally stable. I will not breed from any dog or bitch which hasn't been x-rayed and scored under the BVA/KC HD Scheme.
- ii. If the owner of a bitch, I will breed from healthy, mature bitches. Save in extenuating circumstances, I will not mate a bitch who is under 2 (two) nor over 8 (eight) years of age and will allow at least one season between matings.
- iii. If the owner of a stud dog, I will only breed from healthy, mature dogs, who have passed their 12th (twelfth) month. I will refuse stud service to any bitch who has not yet reached her 24th (twenty fourth) month or who is over 8 (eight) years or which I consider to be in poor health. I will point out to the bitch owners the care, time and resources needed to adequately care for a litter.
- iv. I will keep accurate records of breeding, sales and registrations.

3. SALE OF ROTTWEILERS

- i. I will attempt to help buyers and be available to answer questions and provide assistance.
- ii. I will only sell puppies that are to the best of my knowledge in good health and exhibit sound temperament and are at least 7 (seven) weeks old. At the time of sale I will provide a Pedigree Certificate together with a diet sheet, details of worming and any inoculation. Any puppies sold over the age of 12 (twelve) weeks shall have commenced an inoculation programme.
- iii. I will not sell dogs, bitches or puppies to Dog Wholesalers, Retailers, Pet Shops or Laboratories nor will I donate a Rottweiler for raffle purposes.
- iv. I will take every possible care to ensure the suitability of my Rottweiler's future home.

6. SPORTSMANSHIP

- i. I will conduct myself at all times in a manner, which will reflect credit upon me and upon the breed, regardless of the location or circumstances.