

# Code of Ethics 2032

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### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

The Rottweiler is above all a working dog and must exhibit the temperament, intelligence and structure of a working companion. The physical appearance and characteristics should be as laid out in the “Country of Origin” Breed Standard as approved by the FCI and the Australian National Kennel Council.

The West Coast Rottweiler Club of Western Australia (Inc) has adopted this Code of Ethics as a guide to proper practice and as a means of minimising the constant danger that disreputable or uninformed breeders may by improper practices produce physically, mentally or temperamentally poor specimens to the detriment of the breed as a whole.

By promoting and enforcing this Code of Ethics the Club is discharging its responsibilities to the breed and demonstrating the concern and care that all responsible Rottweiler owners should feel for the breed.

By joining the West Coast Rottweiler Club of Western Australia (Inc) individual Rottweiler owners agree to be bound by this Code of Ethics.

This club is affiliated with the National Rottweiler Council (Australia)

### **2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CLUB:**

The Club, as a body corporate, undertakes to:

- a) At all times place the best interests of the Rottweiler in Australia before any other considerations.
- b) Educate members to increase their awareness of and responsibility to the breed. Such education will include but not be limited to conveying the breed standard and other relevant information to members in a format that can be readily understood.
- c) Promote canine mental health by encouraging members to regularly socialise their dogs. Such socialisation to include regular contact with people and exposure to the outside world.
- d) To act at all times in a way that strengthens the influence and role of the Club in the Australian canine community.
- e) To require that individual club members comply with this Code of Ethics as a condition of membership.
- f) To ensure that any member charged with a breach of this Code of Ethics is given a fair and impartial hearing, including the right to present a defence, in accordance with the principals of natural justice.

### **3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:**

I agree that as a condition of membership of the West Coast Rottweiler Club of Western Australia (Inc) I will at all times:

- a) Conduct myself with courtesy towards others and in a manner that will reflect credit on my breed.
- b) Co-operate with the Club and assist it to promote and protect the Breed.
- c) Read, familiarise myself with and abide by ANKC Rules, Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc) Rules and the Breed Standard requirements.
- d) Maintain good standards of physical and mental well being for my dogs and care for them properly, obtaining professional care when necessary.
- e) Promote the mental health of my dogs by regular socialisation. Such socialisation will include regular contact with people and exposure to the outside world.
- f) Ensure my dogs receive sufficient exercise under the appropriate control,, and also obtains basic obedience training.
- g) Ensure that my dogs are properly housed, fed and not permitted to leave the property unless under effective control.
- h) Abide by the “responsibilities of breeders” set out elsewhere in this document.

### **4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BREEDERS:**

#### **General**

I agree that as a condition of membership of the West Coast Rottweiler Club of Western Australia (Inc) that I will only breed Rottweilers in accordance with the conditions set out in this Code of Ethics.

#### **Specifically I will at all times ensure that:**

- a) I will breed only for the purpose of improving the breed by producing sound healthy puppies of correct character and conformation, and only if I have the time and resources to adequately care for a litter.
- b) I will only breed from dogs and bitches that have been
  - screened and certified as suitable for breeding following examinations for hereditary diseases/faults as may be required by the NRC(A).

- examined and certified by an appropriately qualified Veterinarian.
  - placed on the NRC(A) register by submission of the appropriate paperwork to the State Breed Registrar.
- c) The combined Lawson/Willis score for a breeding pair should not exceed 20.
- d) I will breed only with Rottweilers registered with an affiliate of the Australian National Kennel Council or international counterpart.
- e) My dogs of either gender are not mated to any unregistered dog or dog of another breed
- f) I will ensure that ALL dogs/bitches I sell that are considered not suitable for breeding are sold with the proper CAWA Non-breeding Agreements.
- g) I undertake
- to disclose any disqualifying faults produced, as defined in the Breed Standard, to the State Breed Registrar for the future health of the breed and to the purchaser of any affected puppy.
  - to keep accurate records of all matings, progeny and sales.
  - to inform ALL my puppy buyers of our clubs Code of Ethics.
- h) Litter Whelped/Expected Notice has to be submitted before the Committee of the WCRC of WA Inc. with the relevant paperwork, before the Breeder can be referred.

### **Brood Bitches**

I undertake to:

- a) to consider the likely effect of pregnancy, whelping and lactation upon the health and welfare of the bitch before any proposed mating.
- b) not to dtggf any bitch preferably before she reaches two years of age, but definitely not before 18 months of age, and holds all required NRC certificates for the control of hereditary diseases
- c) not to breed from any bitch after she turns 7 years of age and I shall not breed from any bitch more than twice in three successive heat seasons unless that bitch has heat seasons of less than one per year.
- d) not breed any bitch owned/kept by me causing it to whelp more than six times without prior veterinary certification of fitness for further breeding and without prior approval of the Secretary/Registrar.

### **Stud Dogs**

- a) I will not breed any Dog before he reaches 14 months of age and holds all required NRC certificates for the control of hereditary diseases.
- b) I will view the hip & elbow, eye, and mouth results and pedigree of any bitch prior to mating and will only permit my dog to be mated to bitches suitable for breeding in terms of the requirements of this Code of Ethics.
- c) I will ensure that the person presenting the bitch to be mated is the registered owner or his/her agent.
- d) before agreeing to any mating I will ensure that the bitch's owner has adequate facilities, time and resources to raise a litter.
- e) if the stud is still available and in good health I will allow a repeat service within the following 12 months to any bitch that has failed to conceive.
- f) I will provide copies of the stud's official evaluation results and 3 generation pedigree to the bitch's owner.

### **Puppies**

I undertake :

- a) not to sell directly nor indirectly to any commercial, wholesale or retail pet dealers, nor shall I knowingly permit a dog to be advertised, displayed or sold on commission by a commercial dog wholesale, retail pet dealer or as auctioneer.
- b) to ensure that all puppies are socialised, wormed, vaccinated and at least eight weeks of age before sale.
- c) to ensure that all purchasers clearly understand their responsibilities for the care and welfare of the breed and are supplied with written instructions on how to bring up a well adjusted Rottweiler including immunisation certificates, dietary information and a copy of this Code of Ethics.
- d) I will not allow any puppy to leave my premises unless it has been microchipped in accordance with the National Rottweiler Council (Australia) Scheme.

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### **Advertising**

Y hen advertising or selling stock I will be extremely careful to describe my stock accurately and will not make false or misleading claims about my dogs.

### **5. ENFORCEMENT:**

Any member acting in violation of the "Code of Ethics" may be called upon to explain their action to the Management Committee. This may result from a complaint made in writing and accompanied by a \$25.00 fee (refundable if the complaint is upheld). Or the Management Committee may submit its own complaint. The offending member will be given a fair and impartial hearing in according with to the WCRC of WA Constitution.