



# **THE ROTTWEILER CLUB, INC.**

## **CLUB GUIDELINES**

I/We agree,

1. To breed discriminately and only upon strong evidence of the possibility of finding suitable homes for the resultant puppies. To breed unadvisedly may lead to 'over population' and contribute materially to the deterioration of the Rottweiler breed.
2. To keep accurate records of matings and pedigrees and to register breeding stock and puppies with the Dogs New Zealand
3. BREEDING- that only those Rottweilers will be used for breeding which have no disqualifying serious faults and no radical departures from the official Rottweiler standard.
4. As an owner of a bitch, I will not breed bitches before their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> season-approximately 2 years of age and will cull deformed puppies and those which deviate substantially from the Rottweiler standard. I will give bitches at least one year and at least one season or more between litters.
5. As the owner of a Stud dog, I will breed dogs ideally not before 18 months of age, then wait approximately 6 months to view the quality of his progeny and I will refuse service to any bitch under 2 years of age, or which I consider in poor health or has serious faults. I will allow a repeat service within the following 12 months where a bitch has failed to conceive after being bred to my stud, if the stud is still available and in good health and at such a time and place as mutually agreed to by the owner of the bitch and myself. I will discourage the bitches owner from breeding unless they have facilities, time and resources to adequately care for the litter.
6. To maintain good standards of health and care and proper veterinary attention. Proper mental health requires regular socialisation with people and exposure to the outside world.
7. PLACEMENT OF ROTTWEILERS. I will refuse to sell to or recommend breeders who do not conform to this code, dog wholesalers and retailers, or to donate a Rottweiler for raffle purposes or to sell to any home where there is reason to believe that the Rottweiler will not be properly cared for. To pass onto the buyers of Rottweilers a three generations pedigree. Registration to be withheld or papers endorsed "NOT TO BE BRED" where the Rottweiler may be suspected of carrying a serious fault being detrimental for breeding purposes or until proven otherwise. Not to release the puppies before they are eight weeks old and only if healthy and inoculated. To urge purchasers to provide obedience training at the proper age. To recommend that purchasers render incapable of reproducing, any Rottweiler which is not suitable for breeding.
8. Not to sell Rottweilers at prices substantially below current market prices asked by reputable breeders for comparable quality.
9. ADVERTISING. That advertising, oral or written, shall be factual, not false or misleading, and not worded so as to attract undesirable buyers or to encourage the raising of Purebred Rottweilers as an easy money scheme. Advertising with the club will not be forthcoming unless the breeder guarantees the soundness of their puppies and conform to this code.
10. SPORTSMANSHIP. To show sportsmanship whether winning or losing in or out of the show ring and in no way denigrate stock of others. To make the committee aware of maltreatment, misuse or need for relocation of any Rottweiler of which I become aware.
11. HIP DYSPLASIA. That all breeding stock be x-rayed for Hip/Elbow Dysplasia at a minimum of 12 months.
12. EYE AND DENTAL CERTIFICATES. That all breeding stock be certified.
13. DNA PROFILED and JLPP TESTING. All Breeding stock must have been JLPP tested and DNA profiled as per the LRL Scheme with Dogs NZ. Breeders must not breed two carriers of the JLPP gene, but may bred between a clear and a carrier, but the preference is to breed from two clears as to not pass this gene onto puppies.