

## THE CODE OF ETHICS

The following sections form the accepted Code of Ethics for Members of The Dobermann Club.

1. Abide by the Rules and Constitution of The Dobermann Club and by the Rules of the Kennel Club.
2. Keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.
3. All stud services and sales arrangements shall be mutually agreed upon, stated in writing and signed by all parties involved. The receipt should be given to the purchaser of a puppy not a bill of sale.
4. All advertising shall be honest and not in any way misrepresentative or fraudulent.
5. Maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.
6. Encourage the x-raying of Dobermanns for hip dysplasia and for CVI, and the testing of eyes for PHPV.
7. All dogs offered for stud to be in good health and free from communicable disease and obvious faults.
8. Only Kennel Club registered Dobermanns to be used for breeding.
9. No bitch shall be bred on more than one occasion within a period of twelve months, nor prior to two years of age, and should be in good health and free from communicable disease and obvious faults. Maiden bitches are put at risk if mated after five years of age. Veterinary advice should be sought before breeding from proven bitches of seven or more years of age.
10. Honestly evaluate the quality of all Dobermanns, and fairly represent the evaluation at the time of sale.
11. Substandard or inferior animals should either be destroyed or sold with written agreement to have the animal altered or papers are withheld, and a 'no breeding' contract signed. The Dobermann Club does not condone or promote the breeding of white Dobermanns.
12. Furnish records to each buyer of all inoculations and worming, pedigree and Kennel Club registration and completed Transfer of Ownership documents, unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that papers are withheld.
13. All Members shall conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the ownership of the Dobermann in particular.

The Dobermann Club is the national club for the breed, and was established in 1948. Its objects are to foster and promote the interests, welfare and good name of the breed, bearing in mind that the Dobermann is a working dog.

Each year, the Club holds a Championship Show and one Open Show, and other events of interest to Dobermann owners. Help and advice is given on obedience, working and showing with Dobermanns. Normally each subscription carries with it an entitlement to a Yearbook.

New Members can usually purchase a copy of the current Yearbook from the Secretary. The Club also publishes a Newsletter at half yearly intervals. The Club Stand provides a ready source of books, badges and many other items of interest, it is present at most Club functions, and also operates a postal service.

Members may, after three months membership, vote at the AGM for Officers and Committee Members, who direct the day-to-day management of the Club, for the Members of the Obedience, Working Tests and Land Sub-Committees, and for any proposed changes in the running of the Club.

Membership of the Club affords a unique opportunity to meet other Dobermann owners and their dogs.

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