

CODE OF ETHICS – United Rottweiler Klub of America Inc. (URKA Inc).

New members, by their application, agree to abide by and follow the guidelines outlined in the Code of Ethics.

Current members, by their annual renewal, reaffirm their agreement to follow the guidelines of this Code.

Non-members, may be refused membership or club privileges based on their past or present behavior if it has been outside the scope of the Club Code of Ethics – (Members)

The URKA Inc. endorses the following Code of Ethics for its members as of March 04, 2020

Members:

Will agree the actions and behavior of the membership brings creditability and integrity to the image of the organization and to the breed. For this, members agree to the following:

1. Members agree to follow URKA Inc. Bylaws, Policy and Procedures of Misconduct, Club Policy and Regulations and local laws.
2. To conduct themselves with a high standard of professionalism and sportsmanship at any event involving Rottweilers. *Sportsmanship defined as ethical, appropriate, polite and fair behavior while participating at an event or on media when the Rottweiler is concerned.*
3. Members are encouraged to mentor those new to the breed in person or on social media, to offer support and advice with the benefit of their knowledge and experience.
4. In all communications (whether written or oral) to be factual (to the best of the member's knowledge). Special consideration should be given to any advertising to ensure that it is not misleading.

Ownership:

1. Members agree to maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness and care of all dogs.
2. Dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety.
3. All Rottweiler's shall be raised with the highest possible level of human interaction and socialization where possible to best facilitate sound development of the dog both mentally and physically.

Breeding:

1. Members are **encouraged** to breed dogs who have achieved Standard Evaluation, or ZTP, which ensures the dog is free of disqualifying faults according to FCI breed standard.
2. Members are **encouraged** to participate in the URKA Inc. Health Award programs which is designed to educate and promote health testing for owners and or breeders.

Members agree to **strive towards** the FCI breed standard when breeding is considered. Members should only breed and breed to, Rottweilers who are free of disqualifying faults according to FCI, of stable temperament and free of communicable diseases. Who should have achieved a minimal health testing of passing hip and elbow ratings and have been tested for JLPP (Bronze level health-award)

3. Members **further recognize** that merely obtaining the necessary certification does not warrant breeding a Rottweiler.
4. Members agree to only breed Rottweilers who are registered with a National Kennel Club.
5. Members agree to register their puppies with a National Kennel Club and only sell them as registered Rottweilers.
6. Members are encouraged to place "permanent ID" (tattoo or microchip) on all puppies they produce or purchase.
7. Members agree to NOT sell or supply Rottweilers to pet shops. for auctions, raffles, flea markets or any other such enterprise.

Approved by membership vote March 04, 2020