

## **COMMON CODE OF ETHICS/CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MDC ANNEX 1**

1. Abide by the Constitution and Rules of The Midland Dobermann Club and the Kennel Club.
2. Keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.
3. Breeding agreements.  
All stud services and sales arrangements shall be mutually agreed upon, stating in writing and signed by all parties concerned.
4. All advertising shall be honest and not in any way misrepresentative or fraudulent.
5. Maintain best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.
6. Encourage the x-raying of Dobermanns for Hip Displasia, CVI and Eye Testing under KC/BVA recognized schemes.
- 6a. Encourage permanent identification and DNA testing under KC/BVA recognized schemes.
7. Only Kennel Club registered Dobermanns to be used for breeding.
8. All dogs offered at stud to be in good health and free from communicable diseases and serious faults as listed in the breed standard and will not mate a bitch in contravention of item 9.
9. No bitch shall be bred from more often than once per 12 (twelve) calendar months period or mated before 2 (two) years of age, and shall be in good health and free from communicable diseases and serious faults as listed in the breed standard.
10. Honestly evaluate the quality of all Dobermanns and fairly represent that evaluation. For any puppies that appear to be sub-standard, the breeder/s have the following options available to them:  
They could be:
  - i) No Breeding contract signed and endorsed by the KC or papers withheld.
  - ii) An agreement in writing by both parties to spay or castrate at an appropriate age.
11. No puppy shall leave the breeder/s under 8 (eight) weeks of age.
12. Breeders should maintain an interest in the welfare of all puppies that they breed.
13. Furnish records to each buyer of all inoculations and worming, pedigree and Kennel Club registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at the time of the sale that KC registration papers are withheld.
14. All members shall conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the ownership of the Dobermann and membership of the Midland Dobermann Club.
15. Members are encouraged to train their dobermanns to at least the KC Good Citizen Bronze award. Breeders should encourage all new puppy owners to do the same.
16. The Midland Dobermann Club does not endorse or promote the breeding of White Dobermanns.

**In response to the recent Kennel Club directive the Midland Dobermann Club have adopted  
the new updated KC General Code of Ethics as per below**

The "Clubs" own Code of Ethics are more breed specific and are as above.

## **THE MIDLAND DOBERMANN CLUB** **KC GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS**

All members of The Midland Dobermann Club undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

**Club members:**

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
8. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
12. Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
13. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
14. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

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