

**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.