
It is mandatory that a code of ethics be subscribed to by those who are concerned with the propagation of physically, mentally and temperamentally sound Boerboels of breed type. Measures should be taken to acquaint the general public with the contents of this code so that they might not become innocent partners in improper breeding practices.

Every Northwestern Boerboel Club (NBC) breeder is bound to this Code of Ethics relating to responsible breeding as detailed below. Therefore, they must commit to the following:

1. Agree to promote a high standard among members and breeders in the pursuit for the preservation, progress and improvement of the breed.
2. Accept that on failure to abide by this code they shall be investigated, and a determination made by the board, as provided for in the constitution. In the event of an investigation into possible misconduct, the board may decide to temporarily withhold all services to the member concerned.
3. Deal with fellow members, breeders and buyers honestly, truthfully and respectfully.
4. Breed with the emphasis on working ability, health and temperament along with physical attributes.
5. Sensibly breed upon strong evidence of the possibility of finding suitable homes for the resulting puppies.
6. Choose only normal bitches and dogs in excellent health who have reached their 18th month, are free from communicable diseases and have no radical departures (*disqualifications*) from the official AKC standard. This includes the agreement to breed only to dogs that are AKC registered, registerable or can obtain an AKC number (for foreign dogs).
 - a. A bitch may be bred to only one stud dog during any one estrus cycle with the exception that a bitch may be bred to multiple sires in the same estrus cycle with strict adherence to the AKC multiple sire registration application requirements.
 - b. Members agree to have hips and elbows x-rayed and graded by OFA or, PennHIP; if imported from a foreign country then by a reputable veterinarian-controlled registry.
 - c. Members agree to have a heart auscultation performed by a veterinarian or a cardiologist. It is strongly recommended that dogs and bitches used for breeding be screened via echocardiogram by a board-certified cardiologist.
 - d. Members agree to have breeding stock examined by a veterinarian for entropion and ectropion. Bitches should be free from vaginal hyperplasia.
 - e. It is strongly encouraged that a DNA health screening be performed through agencies such as: Paw Prints Genetics, Optimal Selections or Embark. With exception of DNA most health testing must be performed at 12 months of age or older and prior to breeding. This does not apply to dogs that have passed away and were collected.
 - f. Members are required to produce documents upon request and/or publish the information as part of any litter announcement publicly posted. All breeding stock must be permanently identified by DNA Markers and one of the following tattoo or microchip prior to obtaining health certifications.
 - g. It is strongly encouraged that Boerboels used for breeding utilize third party temperament evaluations such as AKC-CGC,A,U; FDC, TDI, ATTS, BH, or ABC-BST ** prior to breeding.

NORTHWESTERN BOERBOEL CLUB BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS

7. To improve public recognition of the Boerboel breed and its image by:
 - a. consulting with prospective buyers to ascertain whether the Boerboel is a breed suitable to their requirements and circumstances, and to educate them in regard to their responsibilities towards the breed at large, the dogs' feeding and health requirements, as well as the intentions of this Code of Ethics.
 - b. providing buyers with references to additional information on the club's website in respect to the AKC standard, the NBC Constitution and Bylaws and regional events.
 - c. registration to the AKC of litters within 120 days of whelping.
 - d. any puppy showing deviations from the standard, including all listed disqualifications and any color not allowed by the approved AKC standard, rendering it unsuitable for breeding or showing will be registered by the breeder with a limited registration. (Only the breeder may request the AKC to remove the limitation at some later date, if conditions warrant such action).
 - e. not releasing puppies to new owners until the age of 8 weeks or older; and shall provide buyers with sales agreement, vaccines history/schedule and microchip information.
8. Breeders recognize that they have a lifetime responsibility for puppies produced by their brood bitch. Breeders must also recognize the inherent obligation to provide a stable environment that protects each puppy's physical and emotional well-being.
 - a. This includes helping to relocate to a new home that puppy or adult dog which the owner is unable/unwilling to keep or taking that puppy or adult dog back.
 - b. Any provisions for refund or reimbursement of expenses shall be handled in the contract between breeder and owner.
 - c. No puppy or adult dog bred or owned by an NBC member shall be disposed of in an animal shelter or pound unless such disposal is required by law.
9. NBC places a high premium on breeders' commitment and responsibility to sell Boerboels to committed and ethical owners.
 - a. Members are advised to not sell their Boerboels to countries where dog fighting and the slaughtering of dogs for human consumption or use are practiced.
10. Members shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner which will reflect credit upon the breed, regardless of location or circumstances, especially when attending dog shows or trials, whether as an exhibitor or spectator.
11. Members will not make public, unfounded accusations to try to discredit other breeders, exhibitors or NBC members.

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AKC	American Kennel Club
AKC: CGC	Canine Good Citizen
AKC: CGCA	Canine Good Citizen Advanced
AKC: CGCU	Canine Good Citizen Urban
AKC: FDC	Farm Dog Certified
ABC: BST	American Boerboel Club: Breed Specific Temperament Test
ATTS: ATT	American Temperament Testing Society, American Temperament Test
TDI	Therapy Dogs International, Therapy Dog International
BH	Schutzhund training; Begleithund or Companion Dog (prerequisite temperament and obedience test for IPO)