

NORTHWESTERN BOERBOEL CLUB OWNERS CODE OF ETHICS

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) member is bound to this Code of Ethics relating to responsible ownership as detailed below. Therefore, they must commit to the following:

1. Agree to promote a high standard among members, owners 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, owners and breeders and buyers honestly, truthfully and respectfully.
4. Own your Boerboel with the emphasis on working ability, health and temperament through training and participation in supported events for your Boerboel.
5. Always provide the best possible health care to all dogs in their possession and on their premises. This includes:
 - a. Not allowing cruelty to or the neglect of any Boerboel or take part in any dog fighting, and to bring incidences of such involvement by a member to the club's attention immediately.
 - b. Not selling any dog directly or indirectly to any third party, commercial dog wholesaler, pet shop or pet dealer. It is strongly recommended that in the case of rehoming your Boerboel, the breeder which the Boerboel came from will be contacted first.
 - c. To be an advocate for your Boerboel in all situations.
6. Members, owners and breeders 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.
7. Members, owners and breeders 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)