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# The Rottweiler Club of New Mexico

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## A Code of Ethics Club

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### Membership Application

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The Rottweiler Club of New Mexico (The RCNM) subscribes to the belief that education is of paramount importance to the owning and the breeding of Rottweilers. Breeding practices promoting healthy, stable animals are a part of our Constitution. The back of this form contains a copy of our Code of Ethics.

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Applicant :

Last Name

First Name

Co-Applicant :

Last Name

First Name

Address :

Street

City, State

Zip

Home Phone :

Work Phone (Optional) :

Cell Phone:

Email

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List below a Rottweiler you presently own/co-own. If you do not own a Rottweiler at this time, you shall be an Associate Member and can change your status to Full Membership when you do acquire a Rottweiler.

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Dog's Name :

Titles:

Date of Birth :

Sex :

Altered : Yes / No

AKC # (if applicable):

OFA # :

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List any Dog Clubs you have belonged to:

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Areas of Interest where you would like to help The RCNM :

Education Training Conformation Breeding Stewarding Equipment Office Work Telephone

Other (Please List) :

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**I/We hereby apply for membership with *The Rottweiler Club of New Mexico*. I/We agree to abide by the Constitution, the By-Laws and the Code of Ethics of *The Rottweiler Club of New Mexico*, and by the rules of the American Kennel Club. I/We are in good standing with the American Kennel Club. I/We further acknowledge that I/We have read and will subscribe to The RCNM Code of Ethics as printed on the back of this application.**

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Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Co-Applicant

Date

#### Endorsement of two members of The Rottweiler Club of New Mexico

I have reviewed the completed application and endorse the applicant(s) for membership based on my personal knowledge of or conversation with the applicant(s). I acknowledge that the applicant(s) has read, understands and agrees to abide by The RCNM Code of Ethics.

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Signature of Member

Date

Signature of Member

Date

Printed Name of Member

Phone No.

Printed Name of Member

Phone No.

**Dues for one year are \$25.00 for Single Membership and \$35.00 for Family Membership. Mail Application and Fee to: Susie Blott, Secretary, 766 Amethyst Dr., Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124 (505) 891-9319.**

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# **The Rottweiler Club of New Mexico**

## ***Code of Ethics***

### **1. Purpose**

In Rottweiler breeding, the emphasis shall be placed upon working ability and other outstanding qualities of character of this breed, as well as upon appearance. 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 Rottweilers of proper breed type. Measures should be taken to acquaint the general public with the contents of this code so that they may not become innocent partners to improper breeding practices.

Consistent with the above, I will agree to breed discriminately and only upon strong evidence of the possibility of finding suitable homes for the resulting puppies. I understand and agree that to breed inadvisably may lead to over-population and contribute to the deterioration of the Rottweiler breed.

### **2. Records**

If I breed my bitch or use my stud dog in service, I agree to keep accurate records of stock, matings and pedigrees and to register my breeding stock with the American Kennel Club.

### **3. Breeding**

I agree that only those Rottweilers will be used for breeding which have Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) certified hip X-rays and who have no disqualifying faults as listed in the current official AKC Revised Standard, such as: A dog lacking one or both testicles, undershot or overshot bites or more than one non-eruptive tooth, entropion or ectropion eyelids, long or curly coats, excessive temperament exhibited such as extreme shyness, nervousness or viciousness towards humans, white markings other than a small amount on chest, color or markings other than that stated in the official AKC Standard.

I will further agree that, should I breed from lines in which I am knowledgeable that any of the above occurs, I will disclose this to my buyers.

As the owner of a bitch: I will only breed normal, healthy, mature bitches who have reached their 24th month and who have no disqualifying faults or radical departures from the current AKC Revised Standard. I will not permit my bitch to produce litters in three consecutive seasons. I further agree to cull deformed puppies.

As the owner of a stud: I will only breed healthy, mature dogs who have reached their 24th month and who have no disqualifying faults or radical departures from the current AKC Revised Standard. I will refuse stud service to any bitch who has not reached her 24th month or who has disqualifying faults or radical departures from the current AKC Revised Standard. I will follow the custom to allow one repeat service (at the bitch's next season) where a bitch has failed to conceive after being bred to one of my studs, if the stud is in good health and available, and at such time and place as mutually agreed to by the owner of the bitch and myself. I will encourage bitch owners to breed only if they have the facilities, time and resources to adequately care for a litter.

It is recommended that each member make a sincere effort to see that a reasonable portion of the anticipated litter by his own bitch or that resulting from the use of his stud dog be suitably spoken for before a breeding takes place.

A bitch may be bred to only one stud dog during any one estrous cycle.

### **4. Health**

I agree to maintain good standards of health and care of my dogs including proper veterinarian care. I further agree that proper mental health includes regular contact with people and exposure to the outside world.

### **5. Sales**

I will refuse to recommend breeders who do not conform to the obligations expressed in this code, or to dog wholesalers and to retailers (such as pet shops), or to donate a Rottweiler for raffle purposes, or to sell or buy in litter lots.

I will use either a sales contract or a written agreement with any sales involving a dog.

I will pass on to the buyers of puppies or adult dogs accurate health, breeding and registration records and a four-generation pedigree. Registration papers may be withheld or a Limited Registration may be given on a dog who may be suspect of carrying a disqualifying fault, making it detrimental for breeding purposes until the dog has been proven otherwise or rendered incapable of reproducing (per veterinarian's letter).

I will further recommend to my puppy purchasers that they render incapable of reproducing any dog who has developed disqualifying faults thereby rendering the dog unsuitable for breeding.

I will not release puppies before they are seven weeks of age, and then only with the full knowledge that they are healthy and have had the required medical inoculations and care. I will urge my puppy purchasers to provide obedience training at the proper age.

As a breeder, I will make a sincere effort to see that every dog will have an adequate home and will be properly cared for.

### **6. Advertising**

I agree that my advertising, oral or written, shall be factual and not worded so as to attract undesirable buyers or to encourage the raising of Rottweilers as an easy-money scheme.

No price shall be given in advertising Rottweilers.

### **7. General Conduct and Sportsmanship**

I shall conduct myself at all times in a manner that will reflect credit upon the breed and myself, regardless of the location or circumstances, but especially when attending dog shows or trials, whether as an exhibitor or a spectator.

I agree that I will not co-own a dog and participate in the breeding of said dog with a person who does not subscribe to and support a code of ethics.

I agree that I will not, to the limit of my ability, have members of my household or immediate family participate in activities that are contradictory to the principles in this code.

If I should become aware of the maltreatment, misuse or need for relocation of any Rottweiler, I will notify any or all of the following for resolution of the problem; A member of the Board of Directors, the correct authorities in my area, and/or the breeder.

### **8. Enforcement**

I understand and agree that upon receipt of sufficient written proof of violations of the Code of Ethics, the Board of Directors will proceed according to the Constitution of The RCNM, Article VI.

A grievance committee of three members is to be appointed by the Boards of Directors to report their findings to the Board for a vote by the Board.