The Rottweiler Club of Canada
www.rottclub.ca
NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Remit to: Membership Chairperson
membershipchair@rottclub.ca

A. Please indicate type of membership: (Please note: The RCC will donate $1.00 from each membership to a canine cause each year.)

☐ SINGLE MEMBER ($40)
☐ FAMILY MEMBER ($50)
☐ PUPPY MEMBER ($20) Breeders to purchase for new puppy owners. **Breeder/Kennel name:**_____

B. Options to add to your membership:

☐ WORKING CLUB MEMBERSHIP ($50) Listing in quarterly newsletter and on website.

C. Donations:

Help the RCC promote and support these various events and organizations. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

☐ Rottweiler Health Foundation $ ☐ Canadian National Specialty Show $_____

D. Member information:

Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) Number:	
Name(s):	
Street Address:	
City, Province:	
Postal Code	
Telephone:	
Email address:	
Website:	

☐ YES, add me to RCC membership email list.

Additional Family Members Names (over 18, same household):

1._____ 3._____

2._____ 4. _____

E. Payment information

Payment will be required once your application has been approved. Please do not make a payment prior to us advising you that you have been accepted as a member.

Note: The membership year commences April 1st. All membership renewals become due April 1st after the date of the initial application for membership is made.

F. Signatures

-I/We agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Rottweiler Club of Canada and the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club.
-I/We understand my membership to the Rottweiler Club of Canada also requires me to abide by the Club's Code of Ethics (COE) ver: April 2010

Signature (primary member):_____ Date:_____ (Breeder signs and pays for Puppy Memberships)

Signature (additional members):_____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Received:_____ Membership Expires:_____ Membership#:_____
Date Amount Cheque# ref: Web

The Rottweiler Club of Canada Incorporated Code of Ethics

(ver. August 1, 2021)

The Code of Ethics is established in accordance with the objectives of The Rottweiler Club of Canada Inc. (hereafter referred to as the RCC or the Club). By joining the RCC our members agree to abide by the following items: **Note:** Dogs shall refer to both dogs and bitches

Section 1: Purpose

To study and strive to conserve and improve the breed in health, appearance, structure, temperament and working ability, never sacrificing one for the others. The Rottweiler is above all a working dog and must exhibit the temperament, intelligence, appearance, and structure of a working companion. The physical appearance should be as described in the current CKC Rottweiler Standard. Members will be truthful when discussing the Breed. Members will strive to mentor new people in Rottweilers.

Section 2: Ownership

A) Members will maintain their good standing with the RCC, and must not have a history of disciplinary action with the Canadian Kennel Club; members will follow the Canadian Kennel Club (hereafter referred to as the CKC) by-laws, federal, and provincial laws. Members will also follow the RCC by-laws and Code of Ethics.

B) Maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness and care of all dogs. Dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety. All Rottweilers shall be raised with the highest possible level of human interaction and socialization <u>where possible to best facilitate sound development of the dog both mentally and physically.</u>

C) Choose names for CKC registration which do not use prefixes or kennel names associated with other recognized breeders of Rottweilers in Canada, United States of America, Germany or any other foreign country, unless written permission is obtained from the original user of the name.

D) The RCC membership list is for members' personal & club use only. It is not to be sold, nor given away, nor is it to be encompassed into any business database. Any member caught doing so will be disciplined by the Club without notice of a hearing or formal complaint being filed.

Section 3: Breeding

A) Breed only dogs and bitches, who have reached their 24th month, who are properly registered (by CKC or CKC recognized agencies, i.e. ADRK, AKC, FCI countries).

B) **<u>REGULAR BREEDER MEMBERS:</u>**

I. Breed only dogs whose hips have been certified clear by the OVC, OFA or a FCI recognized authority.

II. Breed only dogs, if born after Jan 1st, 2005, whose heart has been OFA certified OVER the age of 24 months (2 years). We strongly suggest the evaluation be performed by a Board-Certified Cardiologist and not a general practitioner. As of April 1, 2016, OFA is now offering the Advanced Cardiac Program (a two-tiered test). Please refer to the OFA website for further information regarding the Advanced Cardiac Program (www.ofa.org). The RCC strongly recommends its breeder members adhere to the Advanced Cardiac Program.

III. Breed only dogs whose elbows have been x-rayed at the minimum age of 24 months and reviewed by either the OVC, OFA or an FCI recognized authority. In an attempt to lower the incidence of elbow dysplasia in Rottweilers, it is strongly recommended to breed only normal elbows to normal elbows, or Grade 1 DJD to normal elbows (for the purpose of maintaining a broader gene pool).

IV. The RCC encourages breeders to utilize available genetic testing for Hypothyroidism, vWD (a bleeding disorder), and long coat.

V. Breed only dogs born after January 1, 2021, whose eyes have been tested by a board-certified ophthalmologist at the minimum age of 24 months of age or older, and results (pass or fail) are listed on the OFA CAER (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals Companion Animal Eye Registry)

website. Breeders are to use their educated discretion when breeding dogs and/or breeding to dogs that do not have a passing eye certification number.

VI. As of January 1, 2021, breed dogs that have been tested for and are CLEAR of JLPP (Juvenile Laryngeal Paralysis & Polyneuropathy), or cleared by parentage for JLPP. If a dog is a carrier of JLPP they cannot be bred to another carrier but must be bred to a clear. The RCC strongly recommends that all RCC breeder members post their results (pass or fail) on the OFA database and breeders post to their own website/social media pages if applicable, or at the very least have the results readily available to anyone who is inquiring.

VII. Dogs being imported into Canada must have all of the above required health clearances before being used for breeding (passing: heart and hips. Tested for: Eyes, JLPP and elbows). All of the required health tests should be recorded with the OFA, OVC or an FCI recognized authority. If not posted on the open database for OFA, then proof of said health tests should be available when requested.

VIII. The following applies to dogs which reside outside of Canada and are being used for/bred to, either via a natural, fresh, or frozen semen breeding: must have passing hips and heart and be tested for JLPP, eyes and elbows as required above. If CERF or OFA eye testing is not available for the dog, then the dog would be required to have testing from EVCO (European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists) or another recognized registry. Because a CHIC# requires CERF/OFA eye testing, the dog or bitch would be exempt from this requirement but must have an eye test from EVCO regardless. The RCC strongly suggests that breeders utilize available genetic testing for Hypothyroidism, vWD (a bleeding disorder) and long coat.

IX. The RCC strongly recommends that all RCC breeder members post their results (pass or fail) on the OFA database and breeders post to their own website/social media pages if applicable, or at the very least have the results readily available to anyone who is inquiring.

X. In the case of using frozen semen from a deceased dog:

I. **Born prior to 2005:**

i. Breed only dogs whose hips have been certified clear by the OVC, OFA or an FCI authority. Breed only dogs who have reached their 24 month and who are properly registered by CKC or a CKC recognized agency (i.e.: ADRK, AKC, FCI countries).

II. **Born on, or after January 1, 2005:**

i. Must have what is indicated in I above (and all subsections thereof); and
ii. Heart cleared with OFA.

III. **Born on, or after April 1, 2010:**

i. Must have what is indicated in I and II above (and all subsections thereof); and
ii. Full dentition.

IV. **Born on, or after January 1, 2021:**

i. Must have what is indicated in I, II and III above (and all subsections thereof); and
ii. Breed only dogs whose elbows have been xrayed and results provided by OFA, OVC or an FCI recognized authority. Eyes tested with CERF or OFA or testing from EVCO (European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists) or another recognized registry, JLPP test performed and or cleared by parentage. If breeding a JLPP carrier, breed only to a clear JLPP bitch.

Note: Anyone found to be in violation of Section(s) 3.A and/or 3.B will be subject to *immediate disciplinary action by the Board* with no need for a formal complaint to be filed.

C) **<u>GOLD BREEDER MEMBERS (Effective January 1st , 2021)</u>**

I. Any member of the RCC may place the wording "RCC Gold Breeder" in their advertising and the word "Gold" after their Kennel name, if they obtain CHIC numbers on all their alive owned/co-owned/leased breeding dogs and/or semen, and acquire OFA full dentition number.

II. RCC Breeder member who, as of April 1st, 2010, tests and reveals results of the following in the OFA and CERF databases; hips, elbows, heart, eyes and as of January 1, 2021 tests and reveals JLPP and obtains a full dentition on their alive owned/co-owned/leased breeding dogs and/or semen.
NOTE: In the case of CHIC changing their requirements in the future, the above 6 tests are all that is required to be a RCC Gold Breeder member. .

III. To list a Gold Breeding, you must be a RCC Gold Breeder, who is breeding to a CHIC#'d dog plus obtains JLPP and an OFA full dentition number.

D) Further recognize that merely obtaining the necessary certification does not warrant breeding a particular animal.

E) I. Breed only dogs of stable temperament.
II. Breed only dogs free of communicable diseases.
III. Breed only dogs with no disqualifying physical faults according to the CKC standard.

Exceptions to E) III:

I. Missing Teeth – Only dogs born on or after January 1st, 2006 shall be subject to the CKC standard dated January 1st, 2006. All dogs born on or after this date shall require a Veterinarian's letter as proof of full dentition, should a dog lose a tooth due to injury, disease or age.

II. Testicles – A Veterinarian's letter shall be required should a dog lose a testicle due to injury or disease.

III. Foreign Dogs – Any foreign dog used by a member of the RCC shall be subject to the breed standard (and disqualifications) of its country of residence.

F) I. Offer at stud only dogs who meet the above criteria
II. Use only studs who meet the above criteria
III. Breed only to bitches who meet the above criteria
IV. Breed only bitches who meet the above criteria
V. Never breed bitches more than two out of three consecutive season

G) No member of the RCC shall permit docking of a Rottweiler owned or co-owned after 7 days of birth unless medically necessary (Veterinarian letter required). In such cases, the docking must be performed by a veterinarian.

H) Supply adequate time and resources for the ongoing care of any litter whelped, including, but not limited to; proper shelter/facilities, good health, proper nutrition, fresh water and protection against known diseases.

I) i. As a breeder, I will urge my puppy purchasers to provide obedience training at the proper age.
ii. As a breeder, I will make a sincere effort to see that every dog will have an adequate home and be properly cared for.

J) <u>If aware of the situation,</u> the owner of a bitch or stud dog shall assist in the recovery and/or relocation of all progeny produced as a result of any mating of that bitch or stud dog which, for any reason, cannot remain with the original purchaser.

K) Any provisions for refunds or reimbursement of expenses shall be included in the contract between breeder and purchaser.

L) No puppy or adult dog bred or owned by an RCC member shall knowingly be disposed of in a Rottweiler Rescue, animal shelter or pound unless required to do so by law.

Section 4: Sales

A) Evaluate honestly according to the CKC Rottweiler Standard, and state clearly to the buyer the quality of any Rottweiler sold.

B) Inform the buyer if the dog or puppy has a physical condition, or serious deviation from the standard, and the sale will be made with an agreement in writing signed by both the buyer and the seller that the dog is not to be bred.

C) All advertising shall be honest and informative and shall in no way misrepresent the stock or services offered.
D) Sell only to responsible persons, never knowingly sell to pet shops, commercial brokers or any entity who engages in any activity which might exploit the breed.
E) Rottweilers shall not be given as prizes, offered in raffles, or sold at auctions or fur medical research.
F) Release puppies to their new homes only after they reach seven weeks of age and only after they have been properly identified by means of CKC recognized tattoo or microchip.

Section 5: Documentation

A) As per the rules of the CKC, all records of breedings of dogs owned, co-owned, leased or co-leased must be maintained and be available for inspection.
B) All matings involving dogs owned by different individuals (immediate family members exempt) will include a contract outlining the details of the agreement. Signed copies of all contracts will be maintained by both parties.
C) Sales contracts will be prepared for all transactions involving the transfer of ownership.
D) All dogs/puppies sold or placed must be guaranteed to be in healthy condition, including adequate protection against known diseases.
E) Keep and pass on to buyers;
    I. Accurate health and/or breeding records.
    II. Registration records and pedigree records of at least three generations.
F) All puppies will be registered with the Canadian Kennel Club and registration papers will be provided to the buyer within 6 months from the date of sale.
G) All puppies **NOT** purchased as show, working and breeding stock are strongly recommended to be registered with the CKC on a **NONBREEDING** contract.
H) The sales contract will also outline the expectations of the parties involved and should encourage (as appropriate) the spaying/neutering of the animal.

Section 6: Communication/Behaviour

It is expected that all members will;

A) Conduct themselves with the highest standards of professionalism and sportsmanship at any event involving Rottweilers.
B) Assist newcomers to the breed as much as possible.
C) In all communications (whether written or oral) are to be factual (to the best of the members knowledge). Special consideration should be given to any advertising to ensure that it is not misleading.
PLEASE NOTE: Any advertisement and/or brag, whether web based or published, claiming a year end standing (#1, #2 etc.) must provide a copy of the certificate issued by the awarding club i.e. CKC, RCC, AKC, etc. Any advertisement and/or brag claiming a year end status or an interim status must clearly state the club, the award and the date (e.g.: #2 Rottweiler RCC Breed Standings as at December 31st, 2007, #1 Rottweiler CKC Standings as at December 31st, 2007, #2 Working Dog CKC standings as at December 31st, 2007 etc.). If any ads or brags are received which do not meet this criteria, they shall be rejected for reasons stated above. The RCC is the only club in Canada that maintains interim stats on the Rottweilers competing in conformation in Canada. The CKC uses all breed points only as their way of determining the #1 dog in each breed. While we appreciate the CKC's method of tabulating the #1 dog in each breed, the RCC would like to recognize the top Rottweiler in both **BREED** and **ALL BREED** FOR EACH YEAR. Again, a member will not be allowed to advertise their dog as holding the #1 **BRRED** for (year) or #1 **ALL BREED** for (year) spot, until such time as the year has been completed and the results have been tabulated and official. If one is claiming an interim status, then it must follow the rules set out above.

Section 7: Complaints and Discipline

A) Canadian Kennel Club Suspension:
Any member who is suspended, debarred, expelled or deprived of privileges from The Canadian Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

B) Complaints:

I. Any member may lay a complaint against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written complaints containing details of the alleged misconduct must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of $125.00 which shall be forfeited if the Defendant is found guilty at a hearing of the Board or of a committee duly appointed for this purpose.

II. The Secretary shall promptly send to the accused member, by registered mail, one copy of the charges together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that they may either appear in his/her own defense, bring witnesses and present evidence, or may send an equivalent presentation.

III. The Secretary shall forward the Board or appointed committee a copy of the complaint, which will also be forwarded to the Defendant and the Complainant. The Board shall set the date and location for a hearing, not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks from the date on which the Secretary received the charges. If the hearing is held by the Board, minimum of (5) Directors or 50% of the Board, whichever is the highest number, must be present. In the event of a committee, at least a majority of the appointed committee shall be present.

IV. Should the charged individual be a member of the Board of Directors, he/she shall step down from office until such time as the charges are resolved and other members of the Board shall assume responsibility for performing the essential duties of said office. Should a complaint be laid against the Secretary, then the President shall act in accordance with these by-laws.

C) Hearing

a) The Board or appointed Committee shall ensure that both the Complainant and the Defendant are treated fairly and in accordance with the rules of natural justice. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both Complainant and Defendant shall be treated uniformly in this regard.

b) After examining all the evidence and testimony presented, a majority of the Board or Committee shall find by majority vote

I. the charges not sustained

II. the charges sustained, in which case the Defendant may be suspended from all privileges of the Club for up to, but not more than six (6) months, or

III. if the said Board or Committee deems that suspension is insufficient punishment, they may in addition recommend expulsion from the club.

c) Within 30 days of the Board's final decision, the Secretary shall notify each of the parties of the decision and disciplinary action, if any. The Secretary's account of the findings and any disciplinary action will be published in the Club's next newsletter or posted on the website of the Club.

D) Disciplinary Action

I. There are three levels of disciplinary action that may be taken:

a. Letter of Reprimand: A letter of reprimand will be sent to the accused member. No member may receive more than 1 letter of reprimand within a 12-month period without incurring further disciplinary action.

b. Suspension: The accused member will be suspended from all privileges of the Club for not more than 6 months from the date of the hearing.

c. Expulsion: If suspension as punishment is deemed insufficient, expulsion of the accused member from the Club may be recommended to the Board. If expulsion is to be recommended, the accused member will be notified by email or registered letter:

i. Any member who is suspended from all privileges of the Canadian Kennel Club shall be automatically suspended from the privileges of the Club for a like period. Club dues are forfeited, and the right to an appeal or hearing is forfeited.

ii. If an individual is applying for membership with the Club (and has not yet been voted in), and that person violates a section of the Code of Ethics or Bylaws, their membership application will not be entertained, and the said person shall not be allowed to reapply to the Club until two years have lapsed from the date of the violation being brought to the Club's attention.

iii. If an individual/family/associate has been a member in good standing with the Club and has been found to violate the Code of Ethics or Bylaws for a repeated offence, or for a similar offence, then that individual/family/associate member will be expelled from the Club and shall not be allowed to reapply for membership.

II. At the discretion of the Board, expulsion may also take place by mail-in vote consisting of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all eligible voting members in favour of expulsion. Proxy voting is not permitted.

III. If expulsion is not ordered, any suspension ordered by the Board or Committee will stand.

E) Appeal Process

I. Any person subject to any decision arising out of a complaint filed through the Club's disciplinary process may file an appeal.

a. An appeal must be filed in writing and forwarded to the Secretary of the club.

b. The Secretary will notify the respondent of the appeal and the procedures within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal.

c. Both the appellant and respondent will be provided with a date and time of hearing of the appeal a minimum of thirty (30) days before the appeal will be heard/considered.

d. Both the appellant and respondent shall have the right to attend the hearing.

e. An appeal hearing must not be a retrial but rather a hearing to determine whether or not, there is just cause to overturn the finding of the decision-making committee.

f. Arguments presented by the parties to the complaint during the appeal process should, therefore, be limited to this aspect.

g. The Secretary shall inform both the appellant and respondent of any decision in writing within thirty (30) days of the hearing.

II. Hearing

a. The procedures for the hearing and the order in which the appeal will be heard are:

i. Call to Order
ii. Chair Opening Remarks
iii. Appellant
iv. Respondent
v. Questions
vi. Deliberations.

b. Both the appellant and respondent shall be treated fairly and without prejudice.

I have read and understand the Rottweiler Club of Canada's Code of Ethics and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I should breach any of the above Sections, I will face disciplinary action by the Board, up to and including expulsion.

Signature: _____

Membership #: _____

Date: _____