



MID-JERSEY LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

CODE OF ETHICS

PURPOSE

THIS CODE OF ETHICS IS PRESENTED AS A GUIDELINE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE MID-JERSEY LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB, INC. TO USE WHEN BUYING, SELLING, BREEDING OR EXHIBITING LABRADORS.

1. Keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.
2. Support and conduct ethical trade practices:
 - a. Maintain a professional attitude: Where sales and service arrangements are concerned, they shall be mutually agreed upon, stated in writing, dated and signed by all parties.
 - b. All bitches and dogs used for breeding must be registered by the American Kennel Club.
 - c. All buyers must receive a record of immunizations, worming, pedigrees and AKC applicable transfer documents.
 - d. Members will not knowingly provide dogs to pet dealers or to other sources applicable of commercial distribution, singly or in "litter lots".
3. All dogs shall be kept under sanitary conditions and shall be given maximum health protection through regular inoculations and proper nutrition. Dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety.
4. Breeders shall use their best judgement in breeding from sound stock of good temperament; taking full advantage of appropriate hip and eye clearances schemes.
5. It is suggested that all puppies be sold with written contracts appropriate for show/breeding quality or pet quality specifications, guarantees and restrictions. The contract will ensure that the breeder will be contacted whenever an owner can no longer keep a dog at any time in the dog's life, and it will be the obligation of the breeder to either:
 - a. actively work to assist in placement or disposition of the dog, or
 - b. accept the return of the dog.

Puppy purchasers should be urged to spay or neuter all pet quality puppies.

In proposing the above suggestions, the members of the Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. do not intend to dictate to individuals, but rather to offer these criteria's as guidelines.

Signature of Applicant

Date