



BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will provide information on the characteristics and properties of the breed to interested individuals.
2. I will maintain a safe, clean and sanitary facility for all stud dogs, bitches, and adult dogs for sale and puppies for sale.
3. I will not allow any of my dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbors or those carrying out official duties.
4. I will ensure that my dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
5. I will clean up after my dogs in public places or anywhere my dogs are being exhibited.
6. I will breed only for the purpose of improving the quality of the breed. I will follow the guidelines set out in the breed enhancement plan of SABMA. I will conscientiously plan each litter of puppies for sale, selecting a stud dog and bitch to be mated based on their pedigrees, temperament, health and conformation.
7. I agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
8. I will not provide the services of my dog to any bitch unregistered at SABMA without the written permission of a senior SABMA appraiser.
9. I will ensure that any bitch to be brought to my dog for mating conforms to the Breed Standard, is in good physical condition, of good character, has been DNA profiled, has been screened for hereditary diseases and that the result of such screening are known to me and have been submitted to the office of SABMA.
10. I undertake that any dog offered by me at stud is of good character, conforms to the Breed Standard, has been DNA profiled, has been screened for all known hereditary diseases and that the results of such screening have been made available to the office of SABMA.
11. I will do DNA profiles on all breeding animals. Copies of these profiles will be available to buyers of adult dogs for sale and puppies for sale and will be supplied to the office.
12. I will always strive for the well-being and improvement of the breed and do all I can to enhance the South African Black Mastiff's reputation as a sound and trustworthy family companion.
13. I will be knowledgeable about inherited health problems in my breed and will do appropriate health clearances on all breeding animals. Copies of these health clearances will be available to buyers of adult dogs for sale and puppies for sale. Information about any of these problems will be supplied to the office immediately.



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14. Should I find hereditary problems occurring in my stock, I will be honest and open about it, to ensure that the diseases are not knowingly perpetuated. I also agree, without reservation, that any veterinary surgeon operating on my dogs, to correct a hereditary defect, may report such an operation to the office of SABMA.
15. I will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dogs for sale or puppies for sale.
16. I will not breed any male or female until they are both physically and mentally mature, and I will not continue to breed any male or female beyond an appropriate age for the breed.
17. I will not breed a litter unless I have the time & facilities to devote proper care to the welfare of the bitch and her puppies, for as long as necessary.
18. I will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the owners of any bitch brought to me for mating have the time, facilities & knowledge to care for the mother & her puppies.
19. I will comply with all government laws and regulations concerning the keeping of dogs.
20. I will show discrimination in the sale of my puppies and be concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed. I will make buyers aware of their responsibilities as dog owners. I will not sell or donate dogs to commercial dog wholesalers, dealers, brokers, retailers, pet shops or any other person or organization, for resale or "give-away" to the public. I will not supply dogs or puppies for charity raffles or auctions. I will not supply puppies or dogs to be trained or used for dog fighting. I will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
21. I will keep accurate records and forward this information to the office. These records will include: stud service contracts, pedigrees, DNA profiles, all litters of puppies for sale, and all dogs/puppies sold.
22. I am not a broker, dealer, puppy mill or wholesaler. I will not offer puppies for sale that I have acquired from others. I will not sell puppies to pet shops or other retailers.
23. At time of sale, I will provide the buyer with:
 - a) A sales contract signed by both parties.
 - b) Health record including a diet, inoculation and parasite control record, and health guarantee.
 - c) Basic diet and care information and guidance concerning responsible ownership.



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24. At time of sale, I will provide the office with:
 - a) A copy of all sales contracts.
 - b) A breeding evaluation form completed in full including all progeny alive or dead.
 - c) DNA certificates of all puppies.
25. I will not deliberately degrade any fancier, their dogs, or their kennel.
26. I will be honest and ethical in my financial dealings with buyers.
27. I agree to be a resource for buyers of puppies or older dogs that I have sold for the life of the dog.
28. I will encourage owners of dogs bred by me to keep me informed of their animal's health & progress and to contact me if they have any problems. I will provide them with every possible advice & assistance.
29. I will take back and either keep or re-home stock bred by me if the new owner for whatever reason cannot take care of them or do not want them.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from membership, and/or disciplinary action by SABMA in accordance to the constitution and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

AS A BREEDER OF SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK MASTIFFS, I will adhere to the Code of Ethics, and any SABMA Code of Ethics in force, at all times.