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Being ethical means conforming to the accepted moral standards of a group.

When applied to owning or breeding dogs, it means that an ethical person has a higher standard than just avoiding a certain behaviour or practice because it is illegal or because they are afraid of being caught out. This means an MDBA member agrees to conform to self-imposed high standards in all they do relating to their behaviour and activities as a dog owner or dog breeder even when they think no one is watching.

Our Code of Ethics describes what brings our members together as a collective and is the foundation of their shared expectations of each other. Our members are proud to belong to a group that provides a strong framework and high standards for their canine-related activities.

The core principles in this code are based on the fundamental and prized values of the MDBA. They act to guide decision-making in relation to ethical responsibilities.

This requires a commitment to respect and maintain the philosophies and actions needed to provide the health and wellness of dogs and the best interests of dog owners and communities.

The Code of Ethics recognises that MDBA members are in a unique position of trust and influence with their dogs, families, colleagues, and the community, and this carries a high degree of responsibility where accountability is vital.

It provides a “seal of approval” that those in the community can look for when using/selecting our member's services.

MDBA Members agree to

1. Be committed to the primary focus on what is best for the health and welfare of dogs and not engage in any behaviours that are detrimental to the continuation and preservation of purebred pedigreed dogs.
2. Acting with honesty, integrity, impartiality, due care, and being trusted to do the right thing in all of their dealings related to dogs.
3. Not knowingly be associated with any information that contains materially false or misleading statements or is misleading by omission.
4. Conform to self-imposed high standards in all they do relating to their behaviour and activities as a dog owner or dog breeder.
5. Strive for excellence through self-assessment and continuing education.
6. Exercise adequate control and supervision over matters for which they are responsible in any dog-related activities and in accordance with the MDBA's accountability framework.
7. Act in accordance with MDBA Rules, Codes and Policies and not take any action or fail to take action that may breach the law.
8. Avoid any action that could negatively affect the reputation of the MDBA and refrain from any form of exploitative or abusive behaviour and from all forms of harassment and misconduct.
9. Be guided by the best available science, evidence, and technical expertise in the welfare care and management of their dogs, the dogs their breed.