



National Redbone Coonhound Club (NRCC) Code of Ethics

ETHICAL STANDARDS

Members of the NRCC agree to maintain the excellence of the Redbone Coonhound breed and to abide by the NRCC Constitution and Bylaws, the Rules of the American Kennel Club (AKC), and with the following Code of Ethics.

All members of the NRCC agree to abide by the following:

1. I will not misrepresent myself or my Redbones in my dealings with others.
2. I will honor all agreements entered into freely between myself and others concerning Redbones and Redbone-related activities.
3. I will abide by local laws, ordinances, and covenants relating to dog care and ownership.
4. I will not bring dishonor to the National Redbone Coonhound Club, nor to the breed for which I have agreed, by my membership, to preserve and protect.
5. I will strive at all times to promote and improve the Redbone Coonhound breed and its image to the public.
6. All advertising shall be honest and not in any way misrepresentative, fraudulent, or misleading.

As a breeder:

7. I will keep accurate records and retain those records for a minimum of five years. These records shall include:
 - a. Stud Service contracts, which shall be in writing and duly executed
 - b. Pedigrees
 - c. All litters produced
 - d. All dogs/puppies sold
8. I will plan each breeding with the goal of improving the breed.
9. I will consider overall conformation, temperament, and ability when selecting the stud dog and brood bitch, taking into consideration the breed standard and the genetics of both the sire and dam.
10. I will not willingly breed any male or female that is not physically and mentally mature. Bitches will not be bred during their first heat.
11. I retain the right to refuse any breeding if I do not consider it in the best interest of the breed.
12. I will not breed my stud dog to any bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, pet shop, or any other wholesale distributor whose business is involved in like activities.
13. I will only breed dogs that are sound representatives of the breed, free of serious or disqualifying defects.
14. Bitch and stud dog owners are responsible for the puppies produced by their animals. Breeders and stud dog owners shall take responsibility for the dogs they produce by taking dogs back or in some way assisting with placement in another home if they can no longer be cared for by the owners.
15. I will refrain from breeding dogs that have consistently produced inferior puppies.
16. I will maintain high standards for the health and care of my mature dogs, and I will guarantee the health of my puppies at the time of sale.
17. I will not sell dogs/puppies to dog brokers or second-party retailers.
18. I will screen my puppy buyers carefully and only place them in the best possible homes.

19. I will provide the buyer of dogs/puppies with official registration papers and health records/certificates, along with guidelines on the dietary needs and veterinary requirements for each dog.
20. I will not sell a puppy before it is eight weeks old.
21. When appropriate, animals shall be sold on limited registration or with written agreement to have the animal altered and AKC registration or transfer documents withheld pending proof of alteration.
22. At the time of sale, the seller shall furnish records to the buyer. Those shall include complete health, vaccination, and deworming records, pedigree, and AKC registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at time of sale or transfer providing that these papers are to be withheld.

As an exhibitor and/or competitor:

23. I will conduct myself accordingly to be a positive participant in the sport of purebred dogs. This conduct includes respect for show sites, show hotels and overflow facilities, Internet sites and forums, and social media.
24. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship in all activities and conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times with fellow handlers, assistants, exhibitors, and judges.
25. I will refrain from unnecessary criticism of other exhibitors' dogs.
26. The health and welfare of the dogs in my care will be my top priority.
27. I will abide by all published AKC rules applying to dog conformation shows, hunting, and other competitions.
28. I will conduct business in a fair and honest manner and never make any false or otherwise misleading statements or representations with respect to any dog, breeder, owner, exhibitor, or official.

