

MARITIME TOY DOG CLUB
CODE OF ETHICS

SECTION 1: MEMBER CONDUCT

1. Members of the MTDC shall refrain from making unjustified derogatory comments, direct or implied, about:
 - a) The Club
 - b) An Official of the Club
 - c) Another Member or their dogs
2. Newly approved members cannot sponsor and/or vote for a probationary period of one year. This will ensure they have had sufficient time to become fully cognizant of all the MTDC rules, regulations and bylaws. Then, and only then, are they a member in “good standing” with full voting rights and privileges to sponsor a candidate.
3. Members in good standing may sponsor two new members for application to the Executive per standing year. A request to sponsor more than two applications would require approval of the Board.
4. An application must have two sponsors of the MTDC. The Zone Director must have knowledge of the application.
5. The Board must approve, by majority vote, any and all fundraising, Club promotion, educational seminars, judging critiques ring side. The Board will seek the necessary approval of the clubs and or activities involved. The Board is responsible for all things done using the name of Maritime Toy Dog Club.

SECTION 2: REGISTRATION

1. All stud dogs, bitches, all litters and every puppy in each litter shall be registered with a kennel club whose studbooks are recognized by Agriculture Canada.

SECTION 3: BREEDING

1. Members shall select stud and matron with an eye to conformation, intelligence, and temperament, after a careful study of the CKC breed standard, pedigrees, and basic principles of genetics.
2. Members shall consider in their breeding programs only dogs which are free from hereditary defects that may impair their functioning as sound healthy dogs.
3. Members of MTDC who are also members of any recognized Agriculture Canada dog affiliations, Clubs and Associations are to follow the Breed Standards and rules regarding the Constitution/By Laws, and or Code of Ethics of their individual breed clubs and or associations.

SECTION 4: SALES

1. Members shall be discriminating in the sales of puppies and adult dogs, and also concerned with the type of home in which they are placed. Therefore, no animal shall be donated for raffles or giveaways, auctioned, sold or consigned to pet stores or animal brokers, and no animal shall be sold at swap meets or flea markets.
2. Stock leaving a member’s home is at the discretion of the member in accordance with standing practices of that Breed.
3. Members shall provide buyers with written details of feeding, general care, dates and types of inoculations and dates at which further inoculations are due. Members are encouraged to use non-breeding agreements and/or written spay and/or neuter agreements when dealing with all placements.
4. Individual Registration papers from the appropriate recognized Agriculture Canada organizations should follow the completion of sale and/or contract.
5. Members will make their best efforts to help any dog of their breeding for which a new home must be found. Any toy dog needing a home due to a death in a family or simply the owner unable to care for said animal deserves our help whether on an individual basis or by referring to Breed Rescue or associated Breed Clubs who provide such services.