

REMC CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will consider only the betterment of the breed when allowing a mating of Mastiffs, being conscious of controlling and eliminating inherited problems. A breeder shall plan each breeding with the paramount intention of protecting the bred and only when s/he is in a position to give proper care to both bitch and offspring.
2. I will not allow a bitch to be bred prior to her 3rd season or 20th month, whichever comes first; nor shall any bitch be bred after her 7th birthday. A bitch will not be bred more than once a year unless she does not whelp a litter, the litter is still born, consists of a single pup or part of a veterinarian's recommendation for treatment of pyometra. Any other reason for a bitch to be bred more than once a year would need to be stated in writing, along with a licensed veterinarian's certification of good health, to be received by the Corresponding Secretary at least 30 days prior to the mating for the Board's acceptance.
3. I will not breed more than 4 litters of puppies in any calendar year. (NOTE: For this purpose "Litter" includes co-ownership, leasing or possession of another's litter for the purpose of sales).
4. I may use my male at stud without limitation, provided the bitch bred to is not owned or co-owned by any person that would breed more than 4 litters a year as described in #3 above with the paramount intention of protecting the breed; and being conscious of controlling and eliminating inherited problems.
5. I will keep a 5 generation pedigree on each litter of Mastiff puppies I breed.
6. I will sell a Mastiff only to a buyer whom I believe to be interested in the betterment of the breed or whose interest would not be inconsistent therewith.
7. I will not knowingly sell or provide a Mastiff to a pet shop for resale or to a broker or agent for sale, gift or prize.
8. I will furnish a signed registration or transfer with each Mastiff I sell, unless a written agreement is made with the buyer that such papers will be withheld.
9. I will not sell or ship a puppy less than 8 weeks of age.
10. I will furnish the buyer with complete instructions for the care of each Mastiff I sell. I will supply a record of inoculations and worming with a veterinarian's recommended schedule for continuation.
11. I will advise the buyer of each puppy to have a veterinarian's check-up within 2 weeks of the sale to determine that the puppy is healthy. If the veterinarian determines that the puppy is not in good health, I will, upon the puppy's return refund the purchase price or replace the puppy.
12. The breeder will assist the placement of a mastiff, should a buyer no longer be able to keep a Mastiff the breeder sold or previously placed.
13. I will try to instill in anyone who owns a Mastiff that they have a lifelong responsibility to the animals they bring into their homes as well as the animals they place in other homes.

14. I will try to show good sportsmanship at all times, and in all matters relating to Mastiffs. I will maintain the highest degree of honesty and integrity. I will not knowingly make a misstatement of fact in any serious discussion or advertisement of my Mastiffs, or the Mastiffs of any other REMC member, that I might have with persons not qualified to judge the facts for themselves.

15. I will report to the Board of Directors of the REMC any mistreatment of Mastiffs or unethical practices by an REMC member.

16. I will not engage in any practices not specifically stated in the Code of Ethics, if the Board of Directors deems that practice, not in the best interest of the Mastiff breed or the Redwood Empire Mastiff Club, Inc.

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REDWOOD EMPIRE MASTIFF CLUB, INC.



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND CHARACTERISTICS

A Mastiff should be a very large, massive, well balanced dog combining grandeur, good nature, courage and docility.

Viewed from any angle, the head should be massive, with a broad, deep skull; short blunt muzzle and a distinct stop. Ears and muzzle should be black, eyes dark brown, set wide apart and free from haw. While a scissor bite is preferred, a slightly undershot bite is acceptable.

The neck, back and loins should be powerfully muscled and the chest should descend at least to the elbows when viewed from the side. The dog's height comes from proper depth of body, rather than from length of leg. The legs should be heavily boned and should propel the dog forward with great drive and power.

The correct Mastiff coat lies tight to the body; fawn, apricot and brindle are acceptable colors. White markings, if any, should be minimal and confined to the chest.

The Mastiff is not easy to rear and it will probably always be expensive to do this properly. This is particularly true with puppies to the age of two years, inasmuch as the quantity and quality of food must be meticulously watched to ensure a proper growth of bone and muscle. The breed, however, is well worth the expense and trouble. It has a noble and generous disposition and will respond to kindness and makes the nest of all house dogs and companions. The Mastiff also trains readily, has a happy faculty of making no unnecessary or uncalled for noise, and when shown property lines, will adhere to them. Under no circumstances will the dog become a roamer or a tramp if a reasonable amount of early training is given.

CARE AND FEEDING

Puppies from weaning to thirteen weeks of age should be fed four times a day, morning, noon, evening and bedtime. And—this is just as important as it is for a human baby in the household—a strict schedule must be followed if you want to keep a healthy puppy. Set your most convenient hours for feeding. Do not feed rawhide chews.

It is a fine idea for the breeder to give the new puppy owner a few days' supply of the food the puppy is used to. With the many adjustments to be made, feeding the same food with its familiar smell and taste will do much to keep the puppy in good health and spirits.

Growing animals require plenty of food and fresh water. When the puppy stops eating and begins to romp and play with his food, remove it immediately. Free feeding is not recommended.

It is well to turn the dish or offer your puppy bits from your hands. In this way he learns to trust you and knows if you touch his dish at feeding time you have no motive of robbing him of his food. We agree completely that puppies who do not fear their owner's hands at feeding time are on the right road. However, do not tease or play at meal time.

As puppies mature, their need for food increases up to a certain age. Food intake will vary. Over nutrition is most harmful, as it accelerates growth causing many types of bone disease. If you have questions....ask!

Your breeder should provide you with guidelines to keep your puppy healthy and happy throughout its life

GET A GOOD MASTIFF

When you purchase a Mastiff you are adding a new member to your family, so it is important to get a good one.

Shopping around for a "bargain puppy" invites disappointment later. Purebred Mastiffs cost money to breed and raise, and in the final analysis you must expect to get just about what you pay for...the good old law of supply and demand fixes that. Perhaps as good a guide as any is to purchase from a member of a regional or national dog club. There are many reputable breeders in most areas and the great majority of them belong to regional and/or national associations that foster the pure breeding of Mastiffs. Membership in these organizations denotes a serious interest in the advancement of the breed. You should feel comfortable asking for references.

Buying from pet stores is not recommended.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are they good with children and other animals?

Yes, they are gentle and protective, providing they have been raised with children (and other animals) and are accustomed to them. Small children should not be allowed to play roughly with a puppy. Socialization is key to a mentally healthy Mastiff.

How big do they get?

Bigger than a St. Bernard; not as tall as a Great Dane, but heavier. The Mastiff breed standard sets the desired minimum height as the shoulder at 30" for males and 27 1/2" for females. Depending upon sex, Mastiffs generally weigh between 135 and 200 pounds.

What are mastiffs like in the house?

Clean, quiet and undemanding. Heaven to a Mastiff is a rug beside his owner's chair. Mastiffs are naturally clean, and quick to housebreak. Most adult Mastiffs don't chew, and will typically only get on furniture when invited.

Are Mastiffs good guard dogs?

They are an excellent family guards. They go to the door, and bark, their hackles stand up, and they look formidable, but Mastiffs, as a breed, are not trigger happy. They have a gentle, rather than aggressive nature which makes them unsuitable for guard or attack dog training. Nor are they suitable "stake-out" dogs, because of their strong desire to be with their owners.

Do Mastiffs have many health problems?

Mastiffs are a giant breed dog. Hip and elbow dysplasia occurs in all large breeds, and the Mastiff is no exception. Puppies from dysplasia free parents are less likely to become dysplastic, but even they are not immune. Cystinuria is a health problem currently being researched. Thanks to the birth of the Meagles, donations and lots of research, the PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy) gene has been identified for the Mastiff breed.

What if I want an older Mastiff or can't afford a pup?

Consider getting a rescued Mastiff. Contact your regional club. We often get calls for dogs that need to be re-homed, are left at shelters, etc. Foster homes are also needed.

THE REMC, INC. - A BRIEF HISTORY

The Redwood Empire Mastiff Club, Inc. began in approximately 1977 under the name of the Western Mastiff Fanciers. The MCOA allowed the Club to host the first West Coast MCOA National Specialty in conjunction with the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club Show in 1978. From its inception, the Club was devoted to the betterment of the breed including breed rescue and education. The REMC held its first independent specialty in 1999 and continues to do so each October on the Saturday prior to the Del Valle Kennel Club shows.

In order to receive recognition as an AKC sanctioned Club the Western Mastiff Fanciers underwent a number of changes including our current name of Redwood Empire Mastiff Club. The REMC completed requirements and is now a California non-profit corporation.

The object of the Club shall be:

- To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure bred Mastiffs, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Mastiffs shall be judged.
- To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

Members are required to adhere to a strong code of ethics.