

NODROG GORDON SETTER CLUB OF MICHIGAN, INC.

Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics outlines the essentials of responsible behavior for Gordon Setter owners and breeders, whose foremost aim should be the welfare of their dogs and of the breed.

The Club subscribes to a Code of Ethics with respect to the treatment and promotion of pure-bred Gordon Setters. A copy of the Code of Ethics will be provided to each person applying for membership. Each applicant will be required to acknowledge that they have read and agree to abide by the Club's Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

Any member who is accused of violating the Code of Ethics will be given an opportunity to address any allegations made against them following the process for Discipline outlined in Article VII, Section 2 *of the Constitution and By-laws of NODROG Gordon Setter Club of Michigan, Inc.*

In addition, NODROG members agree to:

- Comply with all American Kennel Club rules and regulations.
- Maintain their dogs in a healthy and clean condition, providing regular veterinary care, proper nutrition and housing, appropriate social experience, and regular exercise in a safe area. Comply with all state and local laws and ordinances regulating the care and conditions in which their dogs are maintained.
- Behave in a sportsmanlike manner and not deliberately disparage other owners, exhibitors or breeders, or their dogs. and comply with the ideals stated in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship
- Adhere to the breed standard by making every effort to learn about the structure, anatomy, action, behavior and other inheritable traits of the Gordon Setter in order to produce sound, healthy dogs with good temperaments.
- Breed only with the intention of improving the breed, planning each litter with this goal in mind, using parents of appropriate qualities in relation to the official standard and description of the breed, physical soundness, and temperament.
- Provide a written contract or bill of sale for each sale, lease or service which includes all special conditions related to the transaction. Provide accurate health and pedigree records for the Gordon Setter being sold, leased or standing at stud. Provide all signed AKC paperwork required for the transaction.
- Recognize that before breeding a litter the breeder has a responsibility to provide for the proper placement of puppies which cannot be kept and the breeder has a continuing obligation to provide for the welfare of all of the dogs produced by the breeder for the lifetime of those dogs in the event that any of their owner(s) become unable to keep or care for a dog or dogs produced by the breeder.
- Sell Gordon Setters, permit stud service, and lease studs or bitches only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they are in accord with this Code of Ethics.
- Refuse to sell or consign Gordon Setters to commercial breeders, wholesalers, retailers or research laboratories and refuse to supply dogs or puppies for raffles, prizes, auctions or similar activities.
- State only accurate factual information about the breeder and dogs when advertising puppies, adults and stud services for sale.
- "{Members} Must agree that if any Gordon Setter, on whose papers you are shown as the breeder or co-breeder, should become part of any Gordon Setter rescue program, that upon written notification, you will assume financial responsibility for those expenses and assist the Rescue Chair in placing in a suitable home, or assume custody of said Gordon Setter."

- State in advertising, “Member of the NODROG Gordon Setter Club of Michigan, Inc.” only if the breeder or owner is a current member in good standing of the American Kennel Club and the NODROG Gordon Setter Club of Michigan, Inc.