

BDBAN Codes of Conducts and Ethics



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Boerboel Dog Breeders Association, Nigeria (BDBAN) is pleased to present this document to its members and also intending joining associates to lay a foundation of ethical conducts and responsible breeding that involves the South African Mastiff (Boerboel) in Nigeria. This document would be adopted and be accorded strict adherence by its members. It is our hope that this documentation would provide a platform where both breeders and owners of the Boerboel dog would find comfort and also solutions to any issues that might arise during the process of owning this wonderful dog breed.

The Breeder's Code of Ethics (BCOE) is a document provided by BDBAN to provide breeders information and support, and to promote quality breeding practices to preserve the health and breed standard of the South African Boerboel in Nigeria.

To remain a BDBAN breeder, a breeder must adhere to this BDBAN Code of Ethics (COE) and also to all requirements set forth therein. Breeders must submit specific documentation that supports their adherence to the BCOE standards to the Breed Committee. This information is submitted as part of their initial application and then updated annually thereafter.

The Ethics Committee shall from time to time make reference this BCOE in deciding on issues and making recommendations to the Board on petitions or other matters that may be passed to them from time to time.

This code is established in accordance with the objectives set out in BDBAN Constitution as the standard of practice for the responsible and ethical ownership and breeding of the Boerboel. Violations of the BDBAN Code of Ethics (COE) will be subject to BDBAN disciplinary procedures, and may be grounds for expulsion.

ABOUT Boerboel Dog Breeders Association, Nigeria (BDBAN)

Boerboel Dog Breeders Association, Nigeria (BDBAN) is an initiative of eight (8) South African Boerboel Breeders in Nigeria. It was formed by the need to set breeding standards for the ailing breed here in Nigeria. The group was formed in January 2013 and thereafter incorporated in Nigeria and duly registered by the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria (CAC). BDBAN is affiliated to the parent registration and regulatory body of the Boerboel Dog in South Africa namely South African Boerboel Breeders Society (SABBS).

BDBAN would from time to time invite SABBS members and office holders to conduct Appraisals in Nigeria and also seminars to help improve the breed locally here in Nigeria. In achieving this aim it's important to set out ground rules and ethical conducts governing the said group in order to ensure activities and issues are resolved amiably between members and also the public dog owners and fancier.

One of the core objectives of BDBAN is to ensure that the Boerboel breed in Nigeria would have an identity and also a body where the breed standard would be enshrined in every dog bred from all kennels and owners registered with the organization.

The BDBAN Breeder Heartbeat

1. The BDBAN's breeder's main desire is to better the breed. They breed for the love of the dogs and because they want to see the breed flourish in the future. That means they only breed those dogs that have traits of value to the breed to pass on to progeny. Each generation should be at least as good as the previous, and ideally it should be better.
2. The BDBAN Breeder takes care that their dogs are not a nuisance or threat to neighbors, visitors and members of the public by making noise, soiling in public areas and not being on a leash and under control in public areas.
3. The BDBAN's breeder's screens prospective buyers very carefully. They ask relevant questions to be sure that their puppies only end up in the best of homes.
4. The BDBAN's breeder's guarantees each puppy sold. The guarantee should cover such things as health and temperament, up unto the allowance and time a breeder stipulates in its contract of sale or as defined by BDBAN.

5. The BDBAN's breeder's premises are neat and clean. Dogs are well exercised, happy and healthy. Kennel runs are roomy and comfortable. Dogs are up to date on inoculations, well-fed and well-groomed. There is no excuse for dirty, matted, skinny, or under-exercised dogs.
6. Each breeding takes place with the understanding that genetic diversity is a major key to the health and welfare of our breed. Genetic diversity is encouraged whenever possible.
7. Breeders shall strive for perfection of the Boerboel in accordance with the breed standard as approved by BDBAN, and the Parent Club, the South African Boerboel Breeders Society, and shall breed only physically and temperamentally sound stock, shall learn the good and bad points of their own stock and shall never double up on a known serious fault that will affect the health and/or standard of the breed nor shall they repeat a breeding which produces potentially fatal heritable defect.
8. All breeding stock must have permanent identification with a nationally recognized microchip. All breeding stock shall be included in a DNA identification database maintained by BDBAN.
9. Breeding stock must have hips rated and certified by a registered veterinarian orthopedics. All stock entered into a breeding program between 18-24 months of age MUST have been tested and result entered onto BDBAN's Stud Registry if the breeder so wishes.
10. Breeders of both bitches and stud dogs shall breed only when in a position to assure proper care to both bitch and puppies; and when reasonably certain that there are a sufficient number of good homes available for the puppies.
11. Breeders shall make every effort to learn basic genetics and as much as possible about health, structure, movement, behaviour, and other inheritable traits of the Boerboel and shall use this knowledge to produce sound, healthy dogs that adhere to the breed standard.
12. Breeders shall be available to their buyers for whatever advice and reasonable aid and assistance they may need for the life of the dog. BDBAN Breeders shall help and support their fellow breeders in fulfilling this obligation and shall supply a copy of this Code of

Ethics to all buyers, explain to them its provisions, and provide them with the name and address of the BDBAN's Membership Director.

13. Breeders bear a lifetime responsibility for the well-being of their own Boerboels, as well as those they have produced. This applies to owners of brood bitches and stud dogs, living and deceased. If a Buyer/Owner cannot keep a dog, the Breeder will assist with re-homing.

Breeding Arrangement

1. Terms and conditions of the mating must be clear to all parties prior to mating. A written contract is strongly recommended. Stud services should be clearly outlined as to cost and conditions to repeat service. A copy of a standard studding agreement is attached to the Appendix herein attached.
2. Breeders shall verify that any dog or bitch they use for breeding possesses the physical qualities they desire and is as their owner represented them to be. Breeding stock must be healthy and meet age. Breeders shall obtain copies of all certifications and an acceptable pedigree prior to breeding.

Sales

1. Breeders will be discriminating in the sale of their puppies and concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed. Breeders shall not sell to those who may, either due to character or situation, not be suited to the unique responsibility of owning a Boerboel.
2. All dogs sold (puppy or adult) shall have a signed agreement between the seller and purchaser that the animal shall be examined by a Veterinarian of the purchaser's choice (and paid for by that party) within 72 hours of purchase or delivery. If the dog is deemed unhealthy or possessing an inherited defect which would impair the use for which it was purchased (pet, show or breeding program) the seller will refund the full purchase price upon the return of the dog with a Veterinarian certified documentation of the condition. The dog will be returned at the purchaser's expense.
3. Registering the births of litters within 3 months of birth, and not handing puppies to the new owners before they are at least 8 (eight) weeks old.

4. Breeders shall not knowingly sell to dog wholesalers, retailers or pet stores, known or suspected puppy mills, or commercial breeders. Breeders shall not donate dogs or puppies as prizes nor knowingly allow any dogs of their breeding to fall into public trust. All advertisement of puppies and dogs, written or oral shall be factual and as forthright and honest as possible in both substance and implication.
5. A written sales agreement including both Breeder and Buyers' mutually agreed upon responsibilities is recommended. Breeders who sell a puppy with the express or implied possibility of future breeding must fully explain to the Buyer the responsibilities and risks involved in ethical breeding. Puppies should be protected from breeding activities until they have met health and age requirements.
6. Breeders shall discuss with all prospective buyers their expectations in a puppy or dog, disclosing any faults the dog may have or which are known in its lineage. Breeders shall emphasize the necessity of the buyer's lifetime commitment to their dog first and foremost as a companion animal.
7. Breeders shall not broker Boerboels, foreign or domestic, or purchase Boerboels for resale purposes without communicating such with an intending buyer of the Boerboel. All risk and rewards ensuing from such transactions would be for the parent owner of the dog in brokerage. A set limit of four (4) of such transaction is allowed per breeder in a year. In case of stud puppy resale's by the stud owner , A notification mail of intention to sell stud should be sent to the bitch owner that produced the stud puppy a week before such sales and a mail confirming acceptance of sale of stud to third party should be received by the secretariat before the sale is finalized.
8. To encourage and invite the new owners of any dog sold to attend some type of training class and to join in becoming guardians of the Breed by participating in local dog club activities, educational programs that would help improve their knowledge on the breed and also promote unity between members and fanciers.

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Records

1. Breeders shall keep and pass on to buyers, accurate health, breeding, registration, and pedigree records. Breeders must keep accurate records of all litters produced, all dogs/puppies sold, pedigrees, and stud service contracts as by BDBAN.
2. Breeders' Litter registrations must be signed and submitted to BDBAN and also SABBS before six month of age of puppies; failure to do such would incur a fine determinable by each organization.
3. All puppies will be implanted with a nationally recognized microchip prior to placement. Proof of microchip will be submitted with the litter Database Application.
4. All breeders MUST complete and submit the required annual report of certifications, litters, copies of litter registrations and stud activity to the Breed Committee, within the required time frame.

Conduct

1. Breeders shall resolve to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and standards of the Club, and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be beneficial to the club, the breed and the reputations of both. Breeders shall not defame other club members, breeders, exhibitors or those persons' dogs.
2. When confronted by a situation not covered by this Code of Ethics, the Breeder's conduct shall exemplify the way he/she would like to be treated under the same circumstances, and reflect the highest ethical and professional standards.

Adjustments

This document shall be subjected to subsequent review as and when necessary and subsequent changes shall be effected to address relevant issues that were not captured in this current document. Such changes shall be communicated to all members and this document updated on all our platforms.

Enquiries

All enquiries and clarifications on any part of this document should be directed to BDBAN Secretariat through info@bdban.org

Signed by: BOARD OF TRUSTEES