



## **LDBR Code of Ethics**

The LDBA expects all breeders of LDBA registered dogs to adopt and adhere to the Breeder's Code of Ethics to promote and foster high standards among breeders in their improvement and advancement of the Lacy Dog Breed. The LDBA strives to produce the best possible working Lacy dogs and place them in the best possible working homes, with a focus on uniting breeders and working together to produce a strong future for the breed.

### **BREEDING**

- I shall plan each breeding with the paramount intention of improving the breed.
- I will select the stud dog and brood bitch with an eye to conformation, temperament and working instinct and ability, with a careful study of the breed standard and the principles of genetics.
- I will not breed any male or female until they are both physically and mentally mature, and will breed within the bounds of the minimum and maximum ages permitted in the LDBA Registration Policies.
- I will not breed dogs with serious defects or disqualifications addressed in the breed standards.
- As a responsible breeder, I will refrain from using a dog that, although free from serious or disqualifying defects, consistently produces afflicted puppies.

### **HEALTH**

- I will maintain high standards of health and care for my dogs, and provide puppies to buyers that are free from disease and parasites.

### **SALES**

- I will be discriminating in the sales of my puppies, and concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed with key focus being to a working home. My dogs/puppies will not be sold to dog wholesalers, retailers, or pet shops.

### **ADVERTISING AND RELATIONS**

- Advertising of dogs/puppies will be factual and honest, both in substance and implication.
- I believe breeding working purebred dogs involves certain responsibilities, which I take very seriously.
- I will not advertise my dogs/puppies as LDBA registered if they are not.
- As a breeder, I will encourage dog/puppy purchasers to become involved in LDBA events and to embrace a working lifestyle for their Lacy.