



AUSTRALIAN COBBERDOG SOCIETY

Code of Conduct

Society Members

The Australian Cobberdog Society (ACS) comprises a dedicated community of breeders (full members) and community members (partial membership) committed to the long-term enhancement, sustainability and health of the Australian Cobberdog. ACS members acknowledge that the future of the Cobberdog depends on those who nurture, raise and responsibly breed these dogs. The ACS Code of Conduct serves as a directive for its members, underscoring their collective responsibility toward the welfare of the breed and the individual dogs produced within their breeding programs. This Code of Ethics articulates the values and vision of the ACS, defining the rights and obligations of its members and establishing a clear minimum standard of conduct.

Membership in the ACS inherently includes the understanding and acceptance of this Code of Ethics as a prerequisite. In instances where regional laws conflict with the ACS Rules, Regulations, or Code of Ethics, these regional laws will take precedence.

ACS members are expected to adhere to the principles below.

Respect for Others

- Treat all members with kindness, respect, and courtesy.
- Value diverse perspectives and opinions.

Inclusivity

- Ensure the club is welcoming to everyone, regardless of background, skill level, or experience.
- Avoid any form of discrimination or exclusion.

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Honesty and Integrity

- Engage in Society activities with honesty and transparency.
- Give credit where it is due and respect intellectual property.

Safety and Responsibility

- Take responsibility for your actions and encourage others to do the same.

Commitment to Learning

- Strive for personal growth and help others improve their skills.
- Share knowledge generously and be open to learning from others.

Positive Representation

- Act as a positive representative of the Society at all times.
- Uphold the Society's reputation in the community and beyond.

Confidentiality

- Respect the privacy and confidentiality of members.
- Do not share personal information, including photographs of dogs you do not own, without consent.

Support and Collaboration

- Foster a supportive and collaborative environment.
- Encourage teamwork and help others achieve their goals.

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Enjoyment and Fun

- Remember that the primary purpose of the Society is to raise health and breeding standards of the ACS as part of a global community. Members should feel proud to be associated with the Society as it paves the way for exemplary breeding standards around the world.

Online Etiquette (excerpt from the ACS Social Media Policy)

- Interactions online should mirror the professionalism expected in person. Respect others' opinions and act courteously, avoiding discrimination, defamation, bullying, or harassment.
- Do not make comments that are unlawful, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or hateful to, or about ACS members.
- Do not make comments that are, or could be perceived to be made on behalf of the Society, rather than an expression of a personal view
- Make clear that any views expressed are their own, and not those of the Society.