

## MURRAY RIVER RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION INC

Incorporated 2012

Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) (the Act)

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

To be read in conjunction with MRRA Inc. Rules of Association incorporating the "Statement of Purposes".

## As a member I will

- support the Purposes as set out in the Rules and By-laws of the Murray River Retriever Association
- not knowingly or recklessly misrepresent the Murray River Retriever Association Inc.
- not engage in actions or dialogue which results in any form of harassment either in person or in any online medium including email or social media.
- register as a recognised Breeder with the MRRA prior to joining dogs for purpose of breeding and adhere to the Regulations associated with breeding. I will not permit any Murray River Retriever in my care to be mated with a dog of any other breed.
- always display good sportsmanship and conduct so as to reflect credit upon myself, and the Murray River Retriever Association Incorporated.
- strive to improve my knowledge of the Murray River Retriever, and my knowledge of the requirements for the care, welfare and betterment of dogs.
- ensure that all dogs under my care are properly controlled, housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive veterinary care as required.
- not use cruel or abusive punishment to control or manage my dog(s) and be willing to take council/advice and become educated on more appropriate handling techniques.
- Endeavour to undertake and encourage training activities, puppy socialization classes, obedience training or any other suitable work and socialization appropriate for the development and mindset and wellbeing of the breed.
- ensure that I comply with my relevant state government Acts (as applicable) relating to dog ownership and breeding for the care and well-being of any dogs owned by me.
- positively enhance the reputation of Murray River Retriever breeders and owners by ensuring that dogs owned by me are not a danger or nuisance to the community.
- not participate in nor support any activity that involves cruelty or damage to animals, other than legal hunting activities.
- notify to the Murray River Retriever Association Incorporated of any changes in ownership of my
  dog, should I find myself in need of rehoming it. I understand that the Association has a rescue
  and rehoming service which I can reach out to for advice and/or assistance. Members should
  also consider any written agreements that are in place with the dog's breeder.

## VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Any complaint made under this Code must be received in writing by the Secretary of the Association and may be acted on by the Committee of the Association in accordance with the Rules.