

Rhineland Rabbit Club of America (RRCA) Code of Conduct

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All members of the Rhineland Rabbit Club of America (RRCA) are representatives of the RRCA, the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA), and of the Rhineland rabbit fancy. As such, all members of the RRCA shall agree to act honorably in their pursuit and promotion of the Rhineland breed.

In Rhineland-related ventures, members shall strive to promote the hobby and the breed; they shall embody the virtues of sportsmanship, integrity, and mutual respect. All members shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon the rabbit fancy in general and the RRCA in particular.

This includes respect for and adherence to ARBA and RRCA Constitutions, By-Laws, and Show Rules, as well as respect for fellow Rhineland breeders and exhibitors. Conduct shall be directed toward educating the public, improving one's own knowledge, maintaining the standard of perfection, and demonstrating integrity in all dealings. The actions of all RRCA members are to complement the RRCA's goals of:

- Promoting and preserving the Rhineland breed
- Encouraging responsible breeding practices
- Supporting competitive and ethical sportsmanship
- Advancing fellowship within the rabbit community
- Upholding the reputation of the RRCA

In keeping with these ideals, no member of the RRCA shall, with intent, denigrate another breeder, their rabbitry, breeding program, or personal lifestyle. This standard of conduct applies to every aspect of raising, exhibiting, selling, and promoting Rhinelanders.

Members are expected to be exemplary representatives of the breed at:

- Rabbit shows and sanctioned events
- National conventions
- Club meetings and specialty shows
- Online forums, websites, and social media platforms
- Any public or private setting related to the rabbit fancy

Members shall conduct business transactions ethically and honestly, represent rabbits accurately, and maintain humane standards of care consistent with ARBA guidelines.

Enforcement

Any RRCA member may prefer charges against another RRCA member for alleged misconduct that is prejudicial to the best interests of the RRCA or the Rhineland breed.

Perceived violations must be submitted in writing to the RRCA Board of Directors and handled in accordance with the RRCA By-Laws. The Board shall review all complaints fairly and impartially, ensuring due process and confidentiality where appropriate. Disciplinary action, when warranted, may include warning, suspension, or termination of membership as outlined in the RRCA Constitution and By-Laws.

Please note, application for membership or renewal indicates acceptance and willingness to abide by the Code of Conduct as indicated above.