

NIRO Code of Ethics

Northern Illinois Rat Organization (NIRO) is a club and as such is not a “rat policing” organization. Members should be individuals exhibiting a common interest in the rat fancy and who share certain goals and objectives. These are contained in our Code of Ethics, a document which does not list all required behaviors, etc., as such a listing would be both burdensome and unenforceable.

- I will not sell/place rats that I know to be ill, and will seek veterinary care as appropriate for such animals before any placements are made.
- I will not breed males or females before they are physically mature and can be assessed by me as worthy of being bred, taking into consideration temperament, type, and health.
- I will not cull/kill healthy babies
- I agree to keep accurate records to the best of my ability regarding the health and pedigrees of my animals, and will fully disclose all such relevant information when placing an animal.
- I am responsible for directly qualifying those who would buy/own a pup of my breeding or a rat I am seeking to place. I will not sell to pet stores, at swap meets or auctions, or to individuals who use **live** feeders or breed feeder rats.
- When placing rats, I will create and employ an “Adoption Agreement” that will be signed by both parties (buyer and seller) and kept on record.
- I will work towards the betterment of club to the best of my ability and I will encourage others to do likewise.
- As a member of NIRO I am aware that I represent the club and the fancy. I understand that substantive actions in violation of this Code of Ethics or actions consistently contrary to the support of the club and the fancy may result in suspension or expulsion from the club, according to the NIRO Constitution and Bylaws.

By signing below I agree to abide by the above NIRO Code of Ethics. I understand that a violation of this code of ethics may result in disciplinary action according to NIRO's Constitution and bylaws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rattery: _____