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I. **OVERVIEW.** The United Doberman Club endeavors to maintain open dialogue with national and international clubs whose objectives align with those of the UDC. The United Doberman Club is a dues-paying member of the American Working Dog Federation (AWDF - United States) and the International Dobermann Club (IDC). Other organizations of interest to UDC members include the American Kennel Club, the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI), the Dobermann Verein (DV), and the Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen (VDH).

II. CLUB DESCRIPTIONS.

A.  American Kennel Club: The AKC is a “club of clubs” with breed clubs and performance clubs as members. The AKC is not a member of any other international organization, and it reports only to its own board of directors. The AKC maintains the pedigrees and stud books, issues registrations, and sanctions and licenses events which are conducted using the rules of the organization. The AKC awards breed and performance titles and championships. The AKC does not recognize any titles earned outside of the United States.

B.  Doberman Pinscher Club of America: The DPCA is a breed parent club of the AKC. The DPCA is responsible for approving the Breed Standard for the Doberman Pinscher. Only the DPCA may conduct working dog sport trials sanctioned by the AKC.

C.  American Working Dog Federation: The AWDF is a club of working dog clubs in the United States, joined together to promote the interests of the working dog breeds and their working heritage. The AWDF is a guest member of the FCI (see below), which allows dog-handler teams from the United States to compete in international competitions for working dogs. The benefits of uniting all of the organized working dog breed clubs under one organization are:




1. Improved communication between the working dog breed clubs.
2. Uniform rules and regulations for Schutzhund and IPO title requirements.
3. An acceptable form of recognized scorebooks/recordbooks and working titles.
4. The availability of working dog judges.
5. Provides a mechanism for breed team championships.
6. Provides a mechanism for a U.S. multi-breed team to compete at the FCI Championship.
7. Provides a mechanism for communications between the U.S. and European organizations.
8. For more information about the AWDF and its member clubs, please visit the AWDF website: <http://www.awdf.net>.

D.  International Dobermann Club: The IDC is not a member of any other organization. It is composed of several Doberman clubs from around the world. The UDC appoints an

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IDC delegate each year who may elect to represent the UDC at the IDC meeting held in September of each year. The IDC hosts a large international show each year in rotating locations, usually in Europe. The president of the DV is also the president of the IDC.

- E.  Federation Cynologique Internationale: The FCI is an international organization whose members are kennel clubs from around the world. Most national kennel clubs, with the exception of the United States and Great Britain, are member clubs of the FCI, and follow the conformation standards and competition guidelines adopted by the FCI. The FCI recognizes the conformation standard of the “country of origin” for each breed of dog; therefore, the standard recognized by the FCI for the Dobermann is the German standard adopted by the Dobermann Verein (DV). The FCI also approves judges that may officiate at its member club events. The FCI corporate offices are located in Belgium.
- F.  Dobermann Verein: The DV is the Dobermann Club of Germany. Unlike the United States, where the American Kennel Club records all pedigrees and maintains all studbooks for its recognized breeds, in Germany and other countries, the national breed club maintains the stud books and registrations for the breed. The DV adopts the international standard for the Dobermann.
- G.  Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen: The VDH or German Kennel Club is a club of clubs, similar to the AKC. It is a member of the FCI.