

American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club Breeder Code of Ethics

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to protect the interest of the American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club and to protect and preserve the health and structural integrity of the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier as a breed. Please read through each category, then sign and date this form with your acceptance to adhere to this Code of Ethics. Failure to adhere to this code may lead to your removal from the American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club plus notification of your removal will be sent to the American Kennel Club (AKC).

1. **GENERAL:** I will familiarize myself with the original purpose of the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier and its current American Kennel Club (AKC) standard. I will only breed litters that maintain these standards with the intention of preserving and improving my breed, while reducing physical and genetic faults. I will do my best to learn the genetic challenges associated with breeding Merle patterned or Dilute colored dogs. I agree not to participate in any of the activities in the categories listed below that would reflect poorly on my breed or myself, including dog fighting.
2. **BREEDING:** I will select breeding stock based on conformation, temperament, working instinct and/or ability. I will not breed any dog with serious or disqualifying physical or genetic defects. I will not breed solely for profit and will not breed dogs who are registered in AKC with Limited Registration. I will breed only the dogs that are physically and mentally mature enough to be bred, regardless of age. I will not knowingly cross my Teddy Roosevelt Terrier breeding stock with breeding stock from another breed, except as permitted by the American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club and AKC.
3. **PLACEMENT:** I agree that puppies will not be placed in a permanent home before eight weeks of age. For each placement, I shall provide a record of immunizations and deworming prevention given, as well as provide suggested dates and types of immunizations still needed. I will inform my buyers of the potential danger of adverse reactions to common vaccinations. I will also provide at least basic written instructions on proper care, grooming and feeding. I will select my puppy buyers carefully and advise them of any breed temperament or health concerns. I will exercise my due diligence to match a pup's temperament and potential with the right home, keeping the buyer's goals in mind. I shall encourage puppy buyers to participate in registry or breed club related events, including but not limited to, conformation, companion and performance events that are suited to the breed.
4. **HEALTH:** I recognize that breed health and conformation go together. I will maintain a diverse gene pool for my breeding stock, with a focus on preventing heritable disorders. I will health-test my breeding stock for genetic and skeletal disorders before breeding, as defined by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) recommendation for the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier. I will not pair breeding dogs that carry the same heritable genetic disease markers. I shall obtain a DNA parentage profile for frequently used sires and dams. I will kennel my dogs with adequate room and in sanitary conditions. I agree that all puppies and adults in my care will be protected against common canine diseases and parasites - puppies and adults will be dewormed and

inoculated on a schedule recommended by my Veterinarian or by current Veterinary research. Any dog that has heritable defects of a nature that are detrimental to the breed will be sold or placed as a pet; such dogs will be sold with the condition that it be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age (based on the recommendation of a Veterinarian, or not before 6 months of age), further noting on the American Kennel Club transfer record that the dog must not be bred. I will seek a Veterinarian's counsel and/or services when needed.

5. CONTINUING EDUCATION: I understand that knowledge of canine reproduction and health is constantly evolving. I will continue to educate myself about reproductive issues and health concerns to the best of my ability. If I have any questions about the ethics of breeding my dog, I will refrain from breeding him or her until I am certain that such action is both informed and ethical.

6. REGISTRATION: I agree that all breeding age animals must be properly and permanently identified per AKC guidelines and will be AKC registered if possible. I also agree that all litters produced from AKC-registered breeding stock will be recorded with AKC. Application for registration of each puppy should be provided at placement unless there is a contractual agreement between the breeder and the new owner.

7. ADVERTISING/SALES: I will advertise my puppies honestly and with transparency. I will not sell at wholesale or to retail outlets, brokers, pet shops, mail order houses, or businesses of similar commercial enterprise, or donate a dog to be offered as a prize. I will not participate in Dog Auctions.

8. PROFESSIONALISM: I pledge to help educate the public on the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier breed standard and characteristics/traits of the breed where qualified. I pledge to assist new owners in every reasonable way for the life of any dog I sell or place. I also pledge to be willing to take back any dog I sell or place, on a non-financial basis, in order to provide or find an appropriate home for the animal.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP: I understand that good sportsmanship is expected in and out of the show ring. I will refrain from knowingly making unfair or untrue statements about individuals, their dogs or their practices.

I, _____, agree to adhere to the American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club's Breeder Code of Ethics. I understand that failure to adhere to this code may result in my membership to this club being revoked, after which notification will be made to the American Kennel Club (AKC).

(Signature of Member)

(Date Signed)