

# *JACK RUSSELL TERRIER CLUB OF CANADA*

## **Breeder's Code of Ethics**

### **AGREEMENT & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**The requirements set forth herein document the Breeding Policies established by the JRTCC and detail breeding practices expected of all JRTCC Registered Breeders. Members who are applying for and currently hold, a Registered Kennel Prefix from the JRTCC, and advertisers in the Breeders' and Stud Dog Directory, are expected to adhere to these recommendations as closely as possible.**

*Signatories to the Breeders' Code of Ethics should:*

#### **MEMBER RELATIONS:**

JRTCC Members should demonstrate good sportsmanship, fairness and decorum at all times. Remember, as a member of the JRTCC you are also an ambassador for our club. Please behave accordingly whether at home, traveling, or at Trials.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Register all eligible Terriers with the JRTCC Breed Registry prior to breeding. Maintain accurate records of matings, whelpings, pedigrees (minimum three generations), and Veterinary exams.

#### **BREEDING:**

1. Use for breeding only healthy, adult Terriers of characteristic type, sound structure and temperament that are free of known inheritable defects encountered in the Terrier, and avoid introduction of any detrimental factors. A Breeder's goal should be to produce terriers conforming to the JRTCC Breed Standard.
2. It is recommended that a bitch not be bred before the second heat, and until she has passed 12 months of age, and only then if she is mature and in robust health. Sufficient spacing should be allowed between litters. It is also recommended that bitches over the age of 8 years not be bred without prior examination, consultation, and approval by an attending veterinarian.
3. Protect bitches from unplanned mating.
4. Do not breed a bitch to more than one stud dog during a single heat period. Should an accidental cover by a second stud dog take place, the resulting litter must be sold under a spay/neuter agreement as pet stock only, unless DNA testing to determine the sire is done.
5. Conscientiously plan each litter based on the parents' working ability, conformation, temperament and pedigree as it relates to the purpose of the Terrier and the JRTCC Breed Standard.
6. Exercise discretion and thoughtful consideration to the use of Stud Dogs.

7. It is recommended that a current (within 6 months) Brucellosis Test be required on all bitches prior to mating, and the same be provided for the Stud dog to the owner of the bitch.
8. Disclose to the owner of the bitch any information regarding genetic conditions previously produced by the sire, or known genetic conditions in the terrier's ancestry.
9. A signed and dated JRTCC Stud Certificate must be provided to the owner of the bitch at the time of the mating. An original copy of the Stud Certificate must be provided for each puppy in the litter at the time of whelping. It is strongly recommended that a Stud Service Contract outlining the conditions and guarantees of the stud service be in place.
10. Parent to offspring or full sibling mating is not considered acceptable. Half brother to half sister mating is permitted once in three generations if there is one ancestor that is common to both the sire and the dam. A generation is defined as one step or degree in the descent of a family. For example, parents would represent one generation; grandparents would represent a second generation, etc. If an individual Terrier is not registerable within the foregoing guidelines, the Registrar will determine the Terrier's inbreeding coefficient and if the coefficient is **16% or less** the Terrier could be registered.
11. Please report to the Registrar any terriers presenting with a genetic defect. This information is for registry purposes only and will be held in strict confidence.

#### **HEALTH:**

1. BAER (hearing) and CERF (eyes) testing as well as an annual Brucellosis test is recommended for all Terriers used for breeding.
2. Keep all Terriers in clean and sanitary conditions, with adequate food, water, and housing and provide maximum health protection, through regular inoculations, deworming, and periodic Veterinary examinations.
3. Provide human contact and adequate exercise on a regular basis so as to maintain their mental health and well-being.

#### **SALES:**

1. Make every effort to sell Terriers and/or permit Stud services only to individuals who provide satisfactory evidence that they will give the terrier, and/or the resulting puppies the proper care and attention.
2. Ensure that all Terriers leaving a Breeders' possession are at least seven (7) weeks of age.
3. Accurately represent the qualities of your Terrier(s) to the purchaser.
4. For the protection of the Purchaser and the Seller it is recommended that a Sales Contract or written agreement be used to cover all transactions.
5. A co-ownership agreement must be on file with the JRTCC Registrar for all co-owned terriers; if there is no such agreement, the offspring of the co-owned bitch will carry no prefix. Either owner may sign the pedigree or stud certificate.
6. Co-ownership agreements must reflect a single kennel name to be used on any resulting litter. If changes are made to this agreement a new co-ownership agreement must be filed with the JRTCC Registrar prior to the breeding.

7. Any adult terrier with a known genetic defect should be spayed/neutered before it is sold. A puppy with a known genetic defect should be sold with the provision that it be spayed/neutered at the earliest possible date and not used for breeding purposes. This should be stated on the Sales Contract and the known defect specified in writing.
8. Buyers should be provided with information on feeding and general care, health record, appropriate registration documentation and information on the JRTCC.
9. A Breeder should be responsible for Terriers they have produced for the lifetime of the Terrier. If a purchaser cannot keep a Terrier, for whatever reason, the Breeder should make every effort to assist in finding the dog another home. If the Terrier cannot be placed, or ends up in a shelter or Rescue, the Breeder should be prepared to take the Terrier back and deal with the situation appropriately.
10. Breeders **must** not knowingly consign Terriers to pet shops, puppy mills, or brokers. **Never** supply Terriers for raffles, prizes, or similar endeavours.

**I hereby acknowledge my understanding and acceptance of the foregoing guidelines, as set forth in this JRTCC Breeder's Code of Ethics.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Kennel Name (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Province:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return two (2) \* signed copies to: Lynda Rupay (JRTCC Registrar)**  
**9 Knotty Pine Drive**  
**Whitby, ON**  
**L1R 2J6**  
**registrar@jrtcc.org**

(\*Once approved, one copy will remain on file with the JRTCC. The second copy will be returned for your records.)

**Office Use:**  
**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JRTCC Registrar**

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