

THE RUSSIAN BLACK TERRIER CLUB GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS.

All MEMBERS of the Russian Black Terrier Club', undertake to abide by the Code of Ethics.

It is more than a code, it is a solemn oath by you of ...Love,... Commitment,...Decency.... and good common sense. Which when you become a Member, you commit yourself and your conscience, not only to your R.B.T. but also to the betterment of our beloved breed the Russian Black Terrier, so lovingly known in its homeland as THE BLACK PEARL.

The Code, I/We pledge as Club Members:

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
8. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
12. Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
13. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
14. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.
15. Will agree that 'Health and Welfare', is our Priority and will fully explain to the best of my ability, to all prospective Russian Black Terrier purchasers, not only the many advantages, but the disadvantages of owning and the bringing up of the breed, and will NOT participate in mixed breeding or the breeding of R.B.T's that are K.C. endorsed by the breeder 'not for breeding', and K.C. registered as 'Non-standard'.
16. Will agree the R.B.T. is a large breed which should not be mated before the age of 2 years and only then depending on the bitch's physical and mental health.
17. Will agree to abide to R.B.T Clubs recommendation, that no bitch should whelp on two successive seasons and never without regard to the well being and general health of this bitch and not to whelp from any R.T.B. bitch after the age of 7 and that a bitch produces no more than 4 litters.
18. Will agree not to breed a litter, if I do not have the time and facilities to devote to the proper care and attention to the rearing of the litter and the after care of the mother. If a puppy or adult sold by the breeder requires re-homing at any time it is the responsibility of the breeder to take full charge of the RBT they bred.
19. Will agree and accept my responsibilities to these puppies, and confirm that I will not let any puppy go to its new owner before that puppy is eight weeks old and that each puppy be accompanied with a diet sheet, grooming routine, care routine, and veterinary health check..
20. Will agree not to allow or provide stud service from any of my dogs, unless I am satisfied that the owner of the bitch making the enquires has such time and facilities.
21. Will agree that if I should become aware of any mistreatment of an R.B.T. dog/bitch, I will report this in writing to the secretary of the R.B.T Club for discussion by the committee.
Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

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The Code, I/We pledge,

1. That I will at all times, act not only in the best interest of the breed, but also to the best interest of my own dogs, with the love, well being and commitment they deserve.
2. I further agree that I will fully explain to the best of my ability, to all prospective Russian Black Terrier purchasers, not only the many advantages, but the disadvantages of owning and the bringing up of the breed, and that I will not condone, let alone participate in mixed breeding or the breeding of R.B.T's that are not K.C. registered.
3. I agree and acknowledge that I am, and will be responsible for the welfare of my dogs and any puppies that I help to bring into this world, and that before, and in the planning of a litter, I give equal consideration to type, temperament, soundness and health. I acknowledge and agree whole heartily, that my breeding should be for the improvement of the breed. If coloured puppies (not Black) are born they be registered; Colour- non-standard and KC 'Endorsed' Not for Breeding'. Hip & Elbow scoring and Eye testing is a breeders freedom of choice, but should be given consideration.
4. I also agree and promise to do all in my power to discourage breeding from unsound, and inferior stock, and pledge to do my utmost to ensure that any puppies sold by me, go to a loving caring home, also pledge that if circumstances of life (Heaven forbid) force me to part with my dog (s) that I will do everything in my power to see that they are placed in a good and loving home, but I will inform the breeder first (if applicable).
5. I agree to honour all stud services and breeding agreements that I make and acknowledge the R.B.T. Clubs advice that wherever possible written agreements are to be preferred.
6. We recommend the R.B.T. is a large breed and should not be mated before the age of 2 years and only then depending on that bitch's physical and mental health.
7. I also support and agree to abide to both the K.C and the R.B.T Clubs recommendation, that no bitch should whelp on two successive seasons and never without regard to the well being and general health of this bitch and I agree and confirm my commitment not to whelp from any R.T.B. bitch after the age of 7 and that a bitch produces no more than 4 litters.
8. I fully recognise and agree not to breed a litter, if I do not have the time and facilities to devote to the proper care and attention to the rearing of the litter and the after care of the mother. If a puppy or adult sold by the breeder requires re-homing at any time it is the responsibility of the breeder to take full charge of the RBT they bred.
I further agree not to allow or provide stud service from any of my dogs, unless I am satisfied that the owner of the bitch making the enquires has such time and facilities.
9. I fully realise, agree and accept my responsibilities to these puppies, and confirm that I will not let any puppy go to its new owner before that puppy is eight weeks old and I will not sell a dog to a pet shop or a dog dealer or be sold at auction, or to be used or given as a prize, either directly or indirectly and further agree that each puppy be accompanied by a diet sheet, grooming and care routine, its pedigree and veterinary details.
10. I agree to the RBT Clubs guideline that any of my R.B.T. puppies/adults exported are done so under the Ministry of Agriculture rules regarding Age, Health regulations of the country of import, and if an age is not specified, not to export under the age of 16 weeks (4 months) and I also agree and support that I will not sell a puppy/adult, to any country which are not protected by anti cruelty laws. (If in any doubt, contact the K.C or DEFRA).
11. I readily agree that if I should become aware of any mistreatment of an R.B.T. dog/bitch, I will report this in writing to the secretary of the R.B.T Club for discussion by the committee.
12. I also agree above all to maintain a good standard of physical and mental well being of my dogs and to care for them properly with love and affection, obtaining the very best professional veterinary care and advice where ever necessary.

July 2005 and ratified by members at the AGM on 16th January 2005