

The English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan) Club



Code of Ethics

Membership of The English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan) Club is a privilege. Having been granted that privilege, members agree to abide by the Code of Ethics outlined below and agree to submit to the enforcement of this Code by the Club's duly elected committee.

1. Members of The English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan) Club are requested to observe The Kennel Club's 'Code of Ethics' as well as the Rules of both organisations.
2. Members are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and sportsman-like manner at all times. Members should behave in such a way as to bring only credit to the breed and it's Club.
3. Keep dogs/bitches in good condition, welfare of dogs/bitches being of paramount importance.
4. Ensure that dogs/bitches carry some recognised means of identification when in public places.
5. Members should always ask themselves exactly why they are breeding a litter. Before breeding, equal weight should be given to type, temperament, health, soundness and the points outlined within the breed's Kennel Club Breed Standard.
6. Dogs/bitches should not be bred from that are known to carry genetically transmitted disease or defect.
7. A bitch should not be mated until at least 18 months of age and should not be allowed to whelp more than once every 12 months.
8. Stud dog owners should use their discretion in the number of times a dog is used at stud in the course of a year. Ideally, dogs should not be used until they are at least 12 months of age.
9. If a bitch is to be used for the purposes of breeding, it is recommended that she whelp no more than 4 litters in her lifetime.
10. The removal of puppies' dew claws is recommended, ideally 3-4 days after birth.
11. All puppies must be registered with The Kennel Club. Registration papers and a signed pedigree certificate should be handed over to the buyer at the time of purchase. Puppies sold as pet/companion dogs should have their pedigree certificate marked 'Sold as a Pet/Companion dog only, not sold for breeding purposes'. The Kennel Club registration papers should be endorsed with the letter 'R' "No progeny to be registered" which should be fully explained to prospective owners at the time of purchase.
12. Puppies should not leave for their new home before 8 weeks of age.
13. Members should be responsible for the lives of every English Toy Terrier they breed. In the event of any unforeseen circumstances, members must be prepared to take back, or assist in the re-homing, of any English Toy Terrier they have bred.
14. Written advice should always be given to all new owners regarding breed characteristics, diet, preventative inoculations, worming, exercise, health issues and the care of the dog/bitch.
15. The exportation of puppies/dogs, to countries where animal welfare is not an integral part of the country's culture, should be avoided. Equally, puppies/adult dogs should not be sold to 'agents' or to individuals whose motives for ownership have not been established or whose motives are undoubtedly commercial.