

WATCHUNG MOUNTAINS YORKSHIRE TERRIER CLUB

PREFACE

As a member of the Watchung Mountains Yorkshire Terrier Club, I agree to uphold the principles of the Club's Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct and will protect the interests of the Yorkshire Terrier in a manner reflecting credit to myself, the Breed, and the Club.

While understanding that the circumstances facing each individual member are different, the Codes set forth a standard of canine husbandry all Club members should strive to achieve and are intended to provide each member with the principles for behavior which will serve them, the Club and the Yorkshire Terrier breed well in nearly all situations.

CODE OF ETHICS

- 1) Breeders will strive to conform to the Standard of the Yorkshire Terrier as approved by the American Kennel Club, to improve progeny, and to reduce faults to a minimum.
- 2) Members will comply with the rules of the American Kennel Club concerning record-keeping, registration, identification, sale, and transfer of dogs.
- 3) Members will refer potential puppy purchasers to other reputable breeders and be helpful and courteous to those who request information about the breed.
- 4) Prior to breeding, owners of stud dogs and bitches should adequately screen for both infectious and hereditary diseases, using current techniques as well as those developed in the future.
- 5) Breeders selling puppies or offering stud services from lines in which any serious or disabling hereditary defects occur should disclose such defects to potential clients.
- 6) All contractual terms and conditions relating to Yorkshire Terriers will be reduced to writing and members will honor such obligations.
- 7) Exhibitor members will not alter a dog's natural appearance except as provided in the Yorkshire Terrier Standard.
- 8) Members will not maliciously slander other members nor seek to impair the reputations of other breeders. However, members are obligated to report any known serious situation which is detrimental to the breed or is inconsistent with these principles.
- 9) Members will advertise only in a professional manner. Altered photographs which may mislead will not be published and the use of such terms as "teacup", "tiny specialists", "doll-faced", etc. is not acceptable.
- 10) Members will only sponsor others for membership for whom they have sufficient personal knowledge. At least one of the sponsoring members must have visited the prospective member's premises preceding the date the application is made.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) Assistance and encouragement shall be willingly offered by members to show novices and others needing advice and guidance. The welfare of the breed will be in their hands in the future.

- 2) All dogs will be kept under safe and sanitary conditions, be given maximum health care and protection, including regular inoculations and proper nutrition.
- 3) Healthy spacing between litters will be a priority and unspayed bitches will be protected from unplanned matings. Bitches will in no case be bred before their second heat or before they are at least 18 months of age, whichever comes first, nor be placed at risk by an unreasonable number of cesarean sections and then only with the concurrence of a veterinarian.
- 4) Puppies will not be sold or consigned to pet stores, agents, or other commercial enterprises nor sold to disreputable breeders, and neither puppies nor stud services will be offered as prizes or for raffles.
- 5) Prospective buyers will be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their intent, as well as their ability and interest in providing a safe, adequate, loving environment and a long term relationship with a puppy or adult dog.
- 6) All puppies and dogs offered for sale will be sold with written sales agreements to include clear terms and conditions and be signed by the seller and buyer. The contract will request that the seller be contacted in the event that at any time the owner is unable to keep the dog; it will be obligation of the seller to assist in the placement of the dog in question.
- 7) Purchasers will be required to neuter/spay all puppies sold as pets. If specified in the written sales contract, the seller will promptly release limited registration forms upon receipt of a veterinarian's certification of such spaying or neutering.
- 8) All puppies leaving the breeder's possession will be a minimum of twelve (12) weeks of age to facilitate adequate socialization as well as appropriate emotional and temperament development through interaction with siblings, dam and other dogs.
- 9) Breeders will provide puppy buyers with written details of feeding, general care, dates and types of a minimum of two (2) inoculations, as well as dates of wormings, grooming instructions, etc. and be available to offer future advice as needed.
- 10) Stud service will be offered only by and to AKC Full Registered, healthy, mature dogs and bitches, respectively, and only of sound temperament. The dogs and bitches should be free of serious congenital and hereditary defects. Stud service will be refused for any mating which is considered to not be in the best interest of the breed.
- 11) Animals recently exposed to the risks of infectious diseases and bitches with nursing whelp will not be exhibited.
- 12) Members realize that they represent the dog fancy in general and Yorkshire Terriers specifically to the general public. Members will act in a professional and good sportsman-like manner at all times and will respect the rules of hotels/motels, other show sites and of all show sponsors.

CONFORMANCE

Factually based charges of violations of the principles of the Codes will be reviewed under the provisions of Article VI of the Watchung Mountains Yorkshire Terrier Club Bylaws. Each member is expected to be familiar with these provisions concerning Suspension, Charges, Board Hearings, and Expulsion.