

*Breeders of all litters listed on the KBT Foundation website must agree to the following Code of Ethics. Procedures for enforcing the Code of Ethics are listed below. When breeders agree to this code, they are recognized with a symbol (☘) next to their name in the Breeder Directory and are included in a Special List of Breeders. Breeders need not agree to this Code of Ethics to be listed in the Breeder Directory.*

*This code was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation at its regular Board meeting of December 12, 2002.*

## **Article 1**

Breed only those specimens that conform to the Kerry standard. When contemplating breeding a litter or providing the services of a stud dog, strive toward maintaining breed type and producing dogs of exceptional quality, temperament, and condition.

## **Article 2**

Use for breeding only those Kerries that are healthy and free from serious congenital and hereditary defects. Do not use any bitch or stud dog that has developed such a health problem or produced any serious inherited defects detrimental to the offspring and the overall well-being of the breed.

## **Article 3**

The best interest of the bitch must be considered. Do not use a bitch for breeding prior to reaching 18 months of age or older than 8 years of age. Do not produce litters in more than 2 out of 3 consecutive heat cycles, nor produce more than 5 litters in her lifetime. Breeding beyond the limits set above should be approved by a veterinarian.

## **Article 4**

Do not sell puppies to pet shops either outright or on consignment, or supply puppies for auctions, raffles, or other such activities. Refrain from selling to persons whose intention (either known or suspected) is to resell or use the puppy in a breeding program not complying with this Code of Ethics. Use a written screening instrument (such as a questionnaire or application), and a written contract to prove that you have made an effort to safeguard your dog.

## **Article 5**

Promptly apply for registration of the litter in your country. Include a signed registration or registration application, and a four-generation pedigree with the sale of every dog. Any exceptions to these requirements, or valid restrictions or limitations imposed as conditions to the sale, must be agreed to in writing by both parties at the time of sale. It is strongly recommended that a written agreement accompany all sales, and is imperative when selling puppies out of the area.

Since the optimum time of transfer of a puppy to its new owner is dependent on the health, vaccination status, and stage of development of each individual puppy, a breeder will ensure each puppy is transferred at an age at which it will experience minimum risk to its temperament and physical health. No puppy should be transferred to a new owner if it is less than 8 weeks of age.

## **Article 6**

Provide buyers with assistance and support in the setting of ears and in learning proper grooming. If the buyer is not located in your area, make arrangements with another person who can help the buyer.

## **Article 7**

Provide with each sale a record of dates and types of immunization given, immunizations required, and veterinary health records. No puppy should be sold without either temporary or permanent protection against distemper-hepatitis, and parvo. Puppies should have a veterinary examination, and worming if required, before sale.

## **Article 8**

Maintain accurate and complete records of stock, matings, pedigrees, show records, and transfers as required by the official Kerry Blue Terrier registry in your country (AKC in USA, CKC in Canada, and FCI in Europe). Breeders are responsible for conducting research on their pedigrees to ensure correct ancestry, accurate spelling of names, and correct registration numbers.

## **Article 9**

Do not engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentations with respect to your own breeding. Do not malign others by making false or misleading statements regarding another breeder's dogs, breeding practices, or person. Do not word advertising to attract undesirable buyers nor encourage raising dogs for profit.

## **Article 10**

Assume lifetime responsibility for every litter you produce. Accept full responsibility for the rescue and placement, including expenses, of any dog bred by you, including those sired by your studs.

## Breeder Code of Ethics—continued

### Enforcement

The Foundation will not actively check the breeding activities of a breeder. However, when a complaint is received or when we suspect an ethics violation, the following procedures will be followed.

The Foundation will gather information about the complaint and present this information to the breeder in writing, within two weeks and by registered mail. The breeder is given two weeks to respond in writing. The documentation may include: puppy application, contract, emails, etc.

Both the complaint and the breeder's response are presented to the Board of the KBT Foundation. The decision of the Board is final.


### Penalties

The KBT Foundation Board may impose any or all of the following penalties:

- Remove breeder's litters from the web site.
- Ban the breeder from the KB-L Newslist.
- Remove the breeder from the Breeder Directory on web site.
- Report breeder's activity to the clubs the breeder belongs to.

These penalties may either be permanent or for a specified period of time.

*Your questions or comments about this Code of Ethics are always welcome. If you do not understand your responsibilities, please ask for a clarification before you agree to it.*

*After receipt of your signed agreement, the Foundation will post your litters and studs on the Foundation web site. You will also be listed in the Breeder Directory with a .*

I, the UNDERSIGNED breeder, do hereby acknowledge that I have read the terms of this Code of Ethics, understand the enforcement procedures and penalties, and do hereby agree to abide by each of its articles set forth above.

Signature(s) of Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Address of Breeder(s)

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Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of KBTF Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Address of KBTF Officer

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