

Parson Russell Terrier Association of America, Inc.



PRTAA BREEDER GUIDELINES

These Guidelines are to aid all breeders to take affirmative action with potential clients. Many states are considering, or have passed, Lemon Laws that place a great burden on a breeder should a buyer be dissatisfied. We believe that these guidelines will prove a benefit to help protect our breeders.

- A. Each member should comply with all local, federal and state laws regarding selling dogs.
- B. Each member should be familiar with and abide, by all the AKC rules regarding breeding and registering dogs including any co-owned Parson Russell Terriers.

General Conduct

1. Each member should consider the welfare of the breed first and foremost when engaged in breeding and selling Parson Russell Terriers, which shall include refraining from actions which are contrary to the best interests of the Breed and/or the Club.
2. Each member should be familiar with the Breed Standard and strive to maintain, through their actions, its integrity and intentions.
3. No member should intentionally misrepresent his/her dogs to any prospective buyer or to the general public.
4. Every dog will be provided with humane living quarters, proper nutrition, adequate exercise and veterinarian supervised health care.

Breeding

1. Only Parson Russell Terriers who have correct conformation and temperament should be used for breeding. PRTAA recommends only mature dogs and bitches should be used for breeding.

2. Breeding stock should be in good general health, of sound temperament and as free from hereditary defects as possible. To this end, the PRTAA recommends the following:
 - a) PRTAA recommends BAER testing all breeding stock prior to breeding the first time.
 - b) PRTAA recommends CERF testing all breeding stock prior to breeding with annual CERF exams.
 - c) PRTAA recommends a PATELLA exam prior to breeding.

3. It is the breeder's duty to accept the responsibility for the welfare of every dog bred by him/her and thus should be willing to take back or re-home a dog at any time in its life.

4. Breeders should consider their ability to provide adequate socialization when planning a breeding. Socialization of puppies with people and other dogs is essential to proper development.

5. The stud dog owner is encouraged to offer information, regarding the stud dog to a puppy owner upon request.

Selling of Terriers

1. Attempt to assure the proper placement of each Parson Russell Terrier.
2. Advertising should be honest.
3. PRTAA Breeders are encouraged to provide the following to a new buyer at the time of sale:
 - a. A written sales agreement.
 - b. AKC registrations, IF papers are being withheld, the contract shall specify details.
 - c. A spay/neuter agreement and/or AKC limited registration for those dogs not suitable for breeding and being sold as pets.
 - d. A 3-generation pedigree.
 - e. A complete medical history for pups and/or adults being placed.
 - f. Instructions for feeding, health care, training and grooming.
 - g. Breeders are encouraged to educate puppy buyers about potential health problems in the breed.
 - h. Copies of parents health tests: BAER/ Current CERF/ Patella exams.

4. PRTAA recommends any transfer of ownership be accompanied by a written agreement as a protection for both the breeder and new owner. This agreement shall outline what is expected of each party. This agreement should include a clause that any time the owner cannot keep the dog, the dog is to be returned to breeder. This should include terriers being placed or re-sold with breeder's approval.

5. PRTAA recommends pups should be at least 8 weeks old before being transferred to a new owner, however, in accordance with state laws, the breeder shall make the final decision based upon the stages of development and situation where pup is being placed.

6. PRTAA recommends Puppies should be sold with "Well Puppy" statements from a licensed veterinarian.

7. No member knowingly shall sell to a pet dealer, wholesaler or broker, singly or in litter lots, or offer in a raffle or as any sort of prize a Parson Russell Terrier.

NOTE: The PRTAA does not endorse or recommend any listed breeder.

- 1) Breeders who pledge to follow the PRTAA Guidelines shall have an * beside their name.
- 2) Breeders who pledge to follow the PRTAA Guidelines in addition to submitting to the CHIC database shall have an * * beside their name.