

BREEDER GUIDELINES

The standard, approved by the AKC and the PRTAA, outlines the basic principles by which it feels all responsible members should be willing to abide.

It is primarily directed toward the behavior of breeders, but also deals with standards for pet owners, stud dog owners and exhibitors, etc.

General Conduct

1. Each member shall consider the welfare of the breed first and foremost when engaged in breeding, exhibiting or 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 shall intentionally misrepresent his/her dogs to any judge, prospective buyer or to the general public by the use of any artificial means.
4. Every dog will be provided with humane living quarters, proper nutrition and grooming, adequate exercise and veterinarian supervised health care.
5. Each member must be familiar with and abide, by AKC rules regarding registering dogs, in addition, shall keep accurate records of each breeding, health and exhibition of his /her dogs, including any co-owned.
6. Each member is responsible for the behavior of his/her dogs, keeping them under control at all times and cleaning up after them in any public place.
7. It is member's responsibility to be familiar with and adhere to all AKC rules governing exhibition, trials, tests and including those pertaining to changes in appearance by artificial means. Dogs shall be presented properly & groomed according to the AKC written standard. He/She is also responsible for the presentation and conduct of his/her dog at all times. He/She is also responsible for the conduct of any agent handling his/her dog.
8. Members shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, aware that their behavior reflects not only on themselves but on the Breed and the PRTAA membership as a whole. Members shall perform no action that could jeopardize the sport in the eyes of the general public.

Breeding

1. Only Parson Russell Terriers registered with the AKC or the registry body of any AKC recognized organization will be bred.
2. 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.
3. Socialization of puppies with people and other dogs is essential to proper development. Breeders should consider their ability to provide adequate socialization when planning a breeding.
4. It is the Breeder's responsibility to breed only dogs possessing correct temperament and characteristics as set forth in the standard.

5. Breeding stock should be in good general health, of sound temperament and as free from hereditary defects as possible.
 PRTAA recommends BAER testing all breeding stock, prior to breeding.
 PRTAA recommends CERF testing all breeding stock, prior to breeding and then annually by Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist. This may include having the results registered with the Canine Eye Registry Foundation.
 PRTAA recommends a PATELLA exam and certification, prior to breeding.
 PRTAA recommends PLL testing on all breeding stock.
6. Only mature dogs and bitches are to be used for breeding.
 A bitch will not be bred on her first heat and preferably not before 18 months of age. Bitches should not be bred more than 6 litters in her lifetime.
 A dog will not be bred before his first birthday.
7. Stud dog owners should reserve the right to refuse bitches that do not meet the criteria outlined in the standard, or when they are otherwise uncomfortable with the situation. The stud dog owner's role should include partial responsibility for all litters sired by his/her dog and they too should be prepared to offer advice and/or assistance if the breeder of their litter or a puppy buyer requests it.

Selling of Terriers

1. Assure the proper placement of each Parson Russell Terrier. Because it is essential for the welfare of the dog, the pleasure of the owner and is a large reflection on the breeder.
2. Advertising shall be of an honest nature. There shall be no misinformation in advertising.
3. Breeders shall provide the following to a new buyer at the time of sale:
 - a. A written sales contract.
 - b. AKC registrations, IF papers are being withheld, the contract shall specific 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.
 - f. Written instructions for feeding, health care, training and grooming.
 - g. Breeders should educate puppy buyers about potential health problems in the breed and should inform buyers of any serious, potential in heritable problems in their lines.
 - 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 as a protection for both the breeder and new owner. This agreement shall outline what is expected of each party. This agreement shall include a clause that any time the owner cannot keep the dog, dog is being returned to breeder. This shall included terriers being placed or re-sold with breeder's approval of the new owner.
5. All pups shall be at least 8 weeks old before being transferred to a new owner; however; the breeder shall make the final decision based upon the stages of development and situation where pup is being placed.
6. All dogs shall be in good condition when transferred to new owners, free of

parasites and up to date on inoculations. Puppies should be sold with “Well puppy” statements from a licensed veterinarian. These statements should be no older than 8 weeks.

7. Each member should comply with all local and state laws regarding selling dogs.
8. 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.

NOTE: Breeders who have pledged to follow the PRTAA breeder guidelines and are participating in the CHIC program will have an ** beside their name.

The PRTAA does not endorse or recommend any advertising breeder.

Please refer to the PRTAA - Puppy Buyers Guide.

NOTE: Failure to abide by or misrepresentation, of these Guidelines by a breeder may result in removal from the Breeder's Directory

Disciplinary Action

All complaints against any breeder listed in the directory shall be reviewed and brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. The Breeder will be contacted by the Breeder Directory Committee and asked to resolve the dispute with the buyer. The breeder will supply the Breeder Committee a letter of resolution and the buyer will be asked to supply a letter of satisfaction.

If any breeder receives three complaints and if these are not resolved to the satisfaction of all parties the BOD will have the option to remove the breeder's listing from the directory.

