

Code of Ethics- Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada



The Code of Ethics outlines basic procedures and sets forth principles of general conduct to be followed by all members. Failure to comply with the code will subject a member to disciplinary procedures including termination of membership as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada. Allegations of violations of the Code shall be adjudicated by the Board of Directors of the Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada.

1. General

- 1.1 Abide by the regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).
- 1.2 Promote the best interests and welfare of the breed and the Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada.
- 1.3 Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- 1.4 Provide every dog with humane living quarters, veterinary supervised health care, proper nutrition and grooming.
- 1.5 Promote the cause of responsible dog ownership by personal example and by providing assistance and education geared toward responsible dog ownership.

2. Breeding

- 2.1 Breeding will be in concurrence with the current Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada's Breeder's Guidelines.
- 2.2 Breed Only:
 - 2.2.1 Purebred dogs, CKC registered or eligible for CKC registration.
 - 2.2.2 The Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada recommends and supports the following testing:
 - a. X-rayed free of Hip Dysplasia.
 - b. Routinely examined as free of any significant hereditary disorder.
 - c. Routinely tested (blood, urine, etc.) to assure current excellent health.
 - d. Free of internal and external parasites.
 - e. DNA Testing: CMSD, DM, VWD, Factor XI.
 - f. Heart, Eye and general routine exams.
- 2.3 Dogs characteristic of the breed standard with excellent conformation, free from disqualifying faults, and of sound temperament.
- 2.4 A bitch, ideally, should have only one litter in a twelve-month period and be two years old at minimum and not older than 8 years of age nor produce more than 5 litters in her lifetime.
- 2.5 Dual-Sired litters are permitted if CKC guidelines are followed.
- 2.6 Keep precise breeding records and make sure that registration applications are sent to the CKC as soon as possible.
- 2.7 Make sure to respectfully honor all breeding contracts between Stud and Brood Breeders.

3. Selling

- 3.1 Conscientiously plan the placement of all Kerry Blue Terriers.
 - 3.1.1 No dogs will knowingly be sold to pet dealers, pet wholesalers, pet brokers, or puppy mills, singly or in litter lots.
 - 3.1.2 No dogs will be offered as a raffle or contest prize or for any type of giveaway.
 - 3.1.3 No dogs will knowingly be sold to any person who would act as a third party to the transactions referred to in 3.1.1 or 3.1.2.
- 3.2 All advertising and claims regarding the sale of Kerry Blue Terriers will be of an honest forthright nature.
- 3.3 Sell only healthy dogs:
 - 3.3.1 Well started with adequate nourishment and care.
 - 3.3.2 Tail Docking and Dew Claw removal optional and according to Provincial or National Legislation.
 - 3.3.3 With no known temperament problems.
 - 3.3.4 Free of internal and external parasites.
 - 3.3.5 With protection against those diseases which can be controlled by vaccination according to current veterinary practices.
- 3.4 At the time of sale, supply the buyer with:
 - 3.4.1 A detailed signed contract with:
 - a. Adequate description of the dog.
 - b. Responsibilities of buyer.
 - c. Guarantees of seller.
 - 3.4.2 An accurate pedigree.
 - 3.4.3 Written instructions of feeding, health care, training, grooming, etc.
 - 3.4.4 Medical records indicating date of examination and vaccinations and any medication given.
- 3.5 Use the CKC “Non-Breeding Agreement” for the sale of dogs (not already neutered/spayed) that should not reproduce and encourage the owner to have the dog neutered/spayed.
- 3.6 Register dogs born in Canada in accordance with the CKC Registration Requirements and Animal Pedigree Act.

4. Exhibiting

- 4.1 The Kerry Blue Terrier shall be entered and exhibited in accordance with the CKC rules.
- 4.2 Dogs presented in the show ring will be clean and properly groomed according to the breed standard.
- 4.3 Be responsible for the appearance and conduct of the Kerry Blue Terrier at all times.
- 4.4 Conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner when participating in canine sports and events.
- 4.5 Act professionally at all times in caring for and exhibiting any dog in your charge.
- 4.6 Do not engage in any questionable conduct with judges prior to exhibiting under them.
- 4.7 Comply with CKC Rules and Regulations for Dog Shows, Obedience Trials, Field Trials, and The Guidelines for Dog Show Judges.