

Code of Ethics

IN THE INTEREST of the welfare and promotion of the AUSTRALIAN TERRIER and in the interest of the Copperstate Australian Terrier Club of Greater Phoenix. we the Members, set forth the CODE OF ETHICS.

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB shall put the welfare of the AUSTRALIAN TERRIER above all else in dog related matters. When breeding , an effort shall be made to produce dogs of exceptional quality and soundness, bred as close to the standard as possible.

TEMPERAMENT, HEALTH, SOUNDNESS, AND TYPE shall be prime considerations in a breeding program. No bitch shall be bred on her first season unless this occurs after 12 months of age, and no bitch shall be bred more than two out of three seasons or more than twice in eighteen months.

BREEDING BETWEEN ANY DOG OR BITCH that produces defects that compromise the health and well-being of the offspring should not be repeated. If this dog or bitch produces the same defect when bred to a different partner, the breeder shall refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.

NO MEMBER shall breed a litter unless he/she is prepared to keep the litter until homes that the breeder deems suitable are found for each puppy. Each member must consider the well being of every dog that he/she produces for the dog's entire lifetime.

NO MEMBER SHALL ENGAGE in the wholesale selling or buying of dogs or litters of puppies.

NO MEMBER SHALL SELL TO SUCH PLACES AS catalog houses, pet shops, pet dealers, research labs or any speculative source of distribution. Members shall not participate in the offering of dogs as prizes in raffles, drawings or contests of any sort. No member shall solicit dogs for the above purposes.

ALL DOGS SHALL be kept and sold in a clean and healthy condition. It is suggested that no puppy should be placed before the age of 8 weeks. No dog shall be sold without adequate protection against communicable diseases. Members should urge buyers to have the dog examined by a veterinarian. If, in the veterinarian's opinion, the dog, is unhealthy, the dog may be returned within the time specified for refund or replacement subject to the sales agreement.

ALL DOGS SOLD BY A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB shall be registered or eligible for registration with the American Kennel Club with valid papers and accurate pedigrees. If the dog sold is not of breeding quality, the use of the AKC limited registration and /or spay/neuter contract is strongly recommended. AKC papers may be withheld by mutual consent in writing at the time of the sale. Registration papers shall not be sold independently of the dog.

NO MEMBER SHALL ENGAGE IN FALSE OR MISLEADING ADVERTISING regarding purebred dogs, specifically the AUSTRALIAN TERRIER.

CLUB WELFARE AND REPUTATION should be a prime concern of all members and should be placed above individual prestige or monetary gain. Every effort should be made by the member to reconcile and settle divergent problems within the Club ranks and in accordance to the then existing Constitution and By-Laws.

WHEN PARTICIPATING IN OR ATTENDING AKC POINT SHOWS, OBEDIENCE TRIALS, SANCTIONED MATCHES, FUN MATCHES, or any activity the Club undertakes, members shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, which will be a credit to themselves, their Club and the Australian Terrier, which they represent.

ANY MEMBER who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

EACH MEMBER OF THE COPPERSTATE AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF GREATER PHOENIX, shall adhere to this CODE OF ETHICS and shall conduct himself in a manner befitting a person dedicated to the improvement and protection of the AUSTRALIAN TERRIER. Violation of this Code of Ethics may result in rejection of membership application or disciplinary action as called for an Article VI of the By-Laws of the Copperstate Australian Terrier Club of Greater Phoenix.

Signature

Date

COPPERSTATE AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF GREATER PHOENIX

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: (Home) _____ **(Work)** _____

(Fax) _____ **(Mobile)** _____

E-MAIL _____

I would like to save the club printing and postage cost and will accept receiving future meeting notifications via e-mail and viewing any minutes or newsletter on the club website.

Yes _____ No _____

List my name for breed referral Yes _____ NO _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP Individual (\$15.00) _____

Family (\$25.00) _____

Supporting (\$10.00) _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for my annual CATC dues.

I am interested in serving the club in the following capacity:

Hospitality _____ Show _____ Education _____ Membership _____

Program _____ Match _____ Awards _____ Newsletter _____

Sunshine _____ Auction _____ Raffle _____ Other _____

Please return this form with your dues and your signed Code of Ethics to the CATC membership chairperson.

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