

Chesapeake Irish Terrier Club

CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics is established in accordance with the objectives of the Chesapeake Irish Terrier Club. It is presented as a guideline for the use of Chesapeake Irish Terrier Club members when buying, breeding, selling, exhibiting and owning Irish Terriers. Violators of the CITC Code of Ethics will be subject to prompt action under the CITC discipline and charge procedures.

I will:

1. Abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Chesapeake Irish Terrier Club and the rules of the American Kennel Club.
2. Maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.
3. Breed all bitches with the intention of improving the breed (with that particular breeding).
4. Ensure that my dogs that are offered for stud and the bitches that are accepted for stud service are in good health and free from communicable diseases and disqualifying faults.
5. Refuse to breed my stud dogs to any bitch whose owner is directly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, litter lot sales or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in like activities.
6. Keep accurate breeding records including registration papers and pedigrees.
7. Establish service and sales agreements that are mutually agreed upon, stated in writing and signed by all principles involved.
8. Furnish records to each buyer of all immunizations and worming. Also furnish buyer pedigree and American Kennel Club registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that the papers will be withheld or they are forthcoming.
9. Advertise honestly and do not misrepresent or mislead a buyer of my Irish Terriers or services.
10. Refuse to sell any Irish Terrier to a buyer who cannot or will not provide evidence of ability to properly care for the animal.
11. Sell no Irish Terrier to a commercial facility, puppy broker, pet shop, puppy mill or their agent.
12. Hold myself responsible for the welfare of every dog I breed and/or sell and/or own.
13. Conduct myself at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dog showing and Irish Terriers in particular.