

Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada Code of Ethics

TTCC MEMBERS shall:

1. Abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-laws of the Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada and of the Canadian Kennel Club.
2. Provide proper nutrition, exercise, regular grooming and veterinary care to maintain their Tibetan Terriers in good health.
3. Never abandon or place their Tibetan Terriers in a shelter, pound, SPCA or other Humane Society. If circumstances dictate that they can no longer keep or care for their Tibetan Terriers, members shall make every effort to return them to the breeder or find a suitable new home for them.
4. Never supply a Tibetan Terrier to a pet shop or commercial dealer or offer a dog as a prize for raffles, auctions or similar events.
5. Demonstrate good sportsmanship when competing in or spectating at Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada or other dog related events.
6. Help and offer assistance to newcomers to the breed and the club.

In addition to the above, **TTCC MEMBER BREEDERS** shall:

1. Ensure that they have the necessary time, facilities and resources to properly care for the bitch and expected litter.
2. Make every effort to breed only dogs that conform to the CKC breed standard in order to maintain or improve the desired qualities of the Tibetan Terrier.
3. Breed only healthy, mature Tibetan Terriers of sound temperament.
4. Breed no more than 4 litters from each female, with the first litter bred at no earlier than 2 years of age, skipping a season between most litters.
5. Breed only dogs that have OFA clearance for Hip Dysplasia (or clearance from another recognized certified organization).
6. Breed only dogs that have had eyes cleared by a certified ophthalmologist within 12 to 18 months prior to breeding.
7. Consider the placement of puppies carefully and screen prospective buyers to find the most suitable homes.
8. Only release puppies to new homes after they are at least 8 weeks old and have been properly socialized.
9. Provide the purchaser with a written contract and accurate health, breeding and registration records at the time of the sale.
10. Provide the purchaser with details of proper feeding, grooming, training, general care and advisable veterinary care.
11. Be willing to take back or assist in finding a new home for a Tibetan Terrier they have sold if circumstances dictate that the owner can no longer care for the dog.