

All members of the Boston Terrier Club of Scotland undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Club members:

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
- 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Bred Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act and any corresponding legislation in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- 13) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- 14) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.
- 15) Stud dog owners should have due consideration for the health and welfare of the breed a) the stud dog owner must ensure that there are valid reasons for any bitch being mated and determine, as far as possible, that the owners of the bitch can help and care for the puppies. b) commercial consideration must not be a reason for providing stud services.
- 16) Puppies and older dogs should only be sold/rehoused to homes where there is an expectation of lifelong commitment.
- 17) Advice and guidance should be given to all new owners.

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- 18) No dog with a physical or hereditary defect known to be detrimental to the breed should be used in a breeding programme. Controlled breeding programmes now in existence or to be introduced, should follow British Veterinary Association/Kennel Club guidelines in conjunction with guidelines from individual Boston Terrier Clubs.
- 19) A Bitch should only be bred from in order to advance the Breed, only healthy bitches considered mature enough to raise a litter should be used for breeding
- 20) It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure all puppies eyes are tested under the KC/BVA eye scheme (excepting where the parents have been tested clear as a result of DNA testing by A.H.T.) before they leave for a new home. Owners should be advised to re-test these animals at six months of age. All animals should be tested annually.
- 21) Owners will be expected to adhere to any policies or programmes developed by the Boston Terrier Clubs to control or eradicate hereditary abnormalities and defects. The findings will be published.
- 22) It is concluded that this Code of Ethics offers clear and concise guidance to members and assists in preserving the integrity of the breed.
- 23) This Code of Ethics is complementary to the Kennel Club Code of Ethics (2009)
- 24) Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.