

Cascade Cairn Terrier Club

Code of Ethics

This code is established in accordance with the objectives of the Cascade Cairn Terrier Club (CCTC) as set forth in its constitution. It is presented as a guideline for the use of CCTC members who will consider the welfare of the breed when engaged in any activities involving breeding, exhibiting, and selling Cairn Terriers. Members of the CCTC shall comply with the **Code of Ethics**.

Members of the CCTC shall:

1. Abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the CCTC and rules of the American Kennel Club (AKC).
2. Conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs.
3. Keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.
4. Familiarize themselves with the AKC Standard of the Breed and strive to breed only dogs and bitches of characteristic type, sound structure and temperament, free of genetically transmitted defects directing their efforts to producing dogs in conformity to the AKC Standard.
5. Breed no bitch before her second season, and in no event before sixteen (**16**) months of age, nor more often than two out of three heat seasons, and only then if in robust health.
6. Not continue to breed a Cairn Terrier which has produced one or more offspring in each of two litters, as a result of breedings with two different partners, with a serious defect designated by the Cairn Terrier Club of America as a genetically linked condition detrimental to the animal's health or well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness, or impairment of vital functions, nor shall said animal be sold or otherwise placed for breeding purposes.
7. Not undertake the breeding of a bitch unless they are prepared to keep the resultant puppies until each is suitably placed. Members offering a dog at stud should request similar assurances from the owners of outside bitches.
8. Maintain all puppies and adults in a clean and healthy condition. Puppies shall be at least eight (8) and preferably twelve (**12**) weeks old before going to a new home. No adult or puppy shall be sold without appropriate inoculations.
9. Not engage in wholesaling or distribution of litters of Cairn Terriers or selling of breeding stock to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources of distribution, nor shall Cairn Terriers be supplied for raffles, lotteries or laboratory experimentation.
10. Register as non-breeding stock puppies or adults either with known disqualifying faults, or known to be carriers of designated genetically linked conditions. In the alternative, members shall require and obtain the written consent of the transferee to withhold the AKC registration papers of such an animal until such time as the animal is spayed or neutered, at which time papers may be furnished. All other puppies and adults shall be registered or eligible for registration with the AKC. Purchasers will be supplied with accurate and valid papers to include a three-generation pedigree, registration certificate, and a written statement as to whether a guarantee is provided, and setting forth any terms, conditions or limitations thereto, together with complete medical records and instructions for care and feeding.

The CCTC Officers and Board of Directors will assist members with issues of interpretation and respond to questions regarding compliance with the Code of Ethics.