



## AHTCA Code of Ethics

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The code of ethics set forth outline the ethical breeding practices expected of all AHTCA members. The code has been established to set a standard of acceptable behavioral limits. Designed to protect and promote the interest of the club and to protect, promote and preserve the Hunt Terrier.

The AHTCA expects adherence to the code.

We will not endorse or denounce any other club. We are not allied to destroy anyone, just enjoy our dogs.

Keep all Terriers stock under clean and sanitary conditions.

Provide sufficient indoor space with protection from the elements. Run areas of adequate size with safety features specific to the character and the exercise requirements of the Hunt Terrier.

Provide maximum health protection through regular inoculations, worming and periodic veterinarian examinations.

Spay or Neuter any mature terrier's dogs/bitch with any known genetic defect.

Register all Hunt Terriers in the AHTCA registry prior to use for breeding.

Keep accurate breeding records and registration information.

You may be subject to an inspection (with notice) at any time deemed necessary by the board of directors.

A semi-annual Brucella test is recommended for all breeding dogs.

Breed only healthy, mature bitches over one year of age preferably not before the second heat, allowing proper spacing between litters.

Do not breed any bitch to more than one stud dog during any single heat period. Puppies born from a bitch exposed to or bred to more than one stud dog during a heat cycle must be DNA tested prior to being registered with the AHTCA for proof of the sire.

Plan each litter carefully. Select stud dog and bitch to be mated based on even temperament, pedigrees free of inbreeding, the sire and dam's conformation within the breed standard of the AHTCA. The coefficient must not exceed 16%. This prohibits father/daughter, mother/son or brother/sister siblings. These mating's can lead to serious health issues.

Breed only to or from adults which are free of any inheritable defects, and avoid the introduction of any detrimental factors.

When out servicing your stud:

Only undertake the breeding of a bitch when you are satisfied the owner of the bitch has the time and facilities necessary to keep the resultant puppies until they are properly placed.

We advise you get a current negative Brucella test on all bitches prior to mating.

Breed stud dogs only to those outside adult bitches who appear to meet the AHTCA breed standard, and

