



## AHTCA Code of Ethics

**American Hunt Terrier Club Association, INC.**

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Fill out completely, print and mail to the AHTCA

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. 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, including the merle gene. Breeders found breeding the merle gene will be dismissed from the registry and their dogs' registration will be null and void.

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 are free from genetic defects of any kind.

Provide a signed and dated AHTCA Stud Certificate at time of breeding.

Use sales contracts or written agreements to cover special provisions or service transactions. Owners of the bitches and studs must make sure these documents are in place as soon as the breeding takes place, not after the pups are born.

Accurately represent the qualities of your terriers to the purchaser, do not knowingly use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising. Disclose any known hereditary defects, health or physical conditions.

Puppies should not be released or placed prior to 8 weeks of age.

Puppies and adults should be sold only with age appropriate and current inoculations and dewormings. Do not knowingly sell or consign puppies or adults to pet shops, puppy mills, supply terriers for raffles, prizes or similar projects.

Use sales contracts or written agreements to cover any special provisions of sale or service transactions. Carefully screen all potential buyers, educating them on all aspects of the Hunt Terrier.

Sell only to proper homes; individuals who give adequate evidence that they have a satisfactory environment, and will give the terrier the proper care, attention and exercise required.

Provide purchasers with accurate paperwork necessary for registration, health and general care information at the time of the sale.

Be responsible for terriers sold for their lifetime. If a purchaser cannot keep a terrier you have sold, make every effort to assist the buyer in finding an appropriate home.

Enforcement By signing this Code of Ethics, I/We acknowledge that I/We understand and agree with the purpose of the American Hunt Terrier Club Association and that I/We will do my/our best to promote the best interests of the Club and the Hunt Terrier.

Signed and dated code of ethics will stay active and on file until it is retracted in writing to the secretary of the AHTCA, membership is allowed to lapse more than 3 months, or important addendums are added.

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Mailing Address

**HOME OF THE BLACK AND TAN JACK RUSSELL TERRIER**