



AMERICAN TEDDY ROOSEVELT TERRIER CLUB

ATRTC CODE OF ETHICS

I. Fundamental Code of Ethics for ATRTC Members

ATRTC members believe and accept that the breed and its welfare are of paramount importance and supersede any other commitment to the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier, whether that is personal, competitive, or financial and will adhere to the following:

1. Try to be constructive and instructive at all times in their dealings with other members and with the general public.
2. Strive to educate all interested owners or potential owners about the breed, its temperament and its needs in order to foster responsible dog ownership.
3. Behave in a manner that is conducive to the purposes of the Club, as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws.
4. There will be no tolerance for substance use during club business or AKC-sanctioned events.
5. Maintain an environment of consistently high standards of care for their dogs.
6. Provide high quality veterinary care for their dogs and agree that their dogs are their lifetime responsibility. If a member cannot take care of his/her dogs, they shall do everything in their power to re-home the dogs so they do not end up in a rescue or shelter.
7. Conform to any and all laws pertaining to dogs in their community.

II. Exhibiting Code of Ethics for ATRTC Members

ATRTC members will act in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws by always demonstrating good manners and sportsmanship both inside and outside of the show ring and also adhere to the following:

1. Exercise consideration to all other exhibitors and their dogs, and especially to the judges, stewards, show committee and Club members, remembering at all times that they and their Teddy Roosevelt Terrier(s) are representatives and ambassadors of our breed and the ATRTC.
2. Always leave the show venue and any hotels in the condition they were found. Exhibitors are to take their dogs out in the designated “potty” areas and pick up their dog’s waste from the grounds.
3. The judging and the decision made in the ring is the judge’s opinion that day, and the ATRTC members should accept this gracefully. Rude gestures or comments regarding the judge’s decision are prohibited inside and outside the ring.
4. Members are encouraged to ask the judges questions after the show or class. This should be conducted in a non-confrontational and respectful manner.
5. The appearance of both dog and exhibitor represents the respect for their dogs, the judges, the registry, the ATRTC and the sport. Members’ dogs should be clean, well groomed and well mannered. Exhibitors shall be presentable and in appropriate attire.
6. Experienced ATRTC exhibitors shall offer assistance to new exhibitors to provide guidance and encouragement to foster development of the breed and new members.
7. Being responsible members and contributing to the functioning of the club is important. ATRTC members shall help the Club with any events, shows or fundraising with donations or time put in at these events.

III. Social Media – Code of Conduct for ATRTC Members

ATRTC members shall be respectful at all times on social media. They are expected to show the same respect and regard for people that would be exhibited when at a show, meeting or match and shall adhere to the following:

1. Social media may not be used to be critical of fellow members, the Board of Directors, or their dogs or bloodlines. Negative comments, images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks can be dangerous and harmful to people’s well-being, reputation and of the ATRTC in addition to reflecting poorly on the poster. Whether on ATRTC’s social media or your own social media, it is your responsibility to show respect and regard for any ATRTC member and their dogs.
2. Do not post content that is obscene, defamatory, untruthful, unfounded, or threatening or discriminatory about an individual, breeder, judge, dog, puppy, or kennel. Ensure all comments are factually correct. Your actions

on social media may have serious consequences. If you are found to have acted improperly on social media by breaching any of the social media code of conduct requirements or guidelines above, you will be permanently removed from the ATRTC social media platform in addition to possible suspension or expulsion from the Club. NO EXCEPTIONS!

3. Do not tolerate or condone poor social media behavior or actions. If ATRTC members are aware of or observe poor social media behavior or actions by another member, please inform the Board of Directors immediately so that appropriate action may be taken.
4. Use social media as a positive outlet to promote kennels, members, dogs or bloodlines involved in the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier breed. The ATRTC maintains a social media platform for members' use and information. Posting results and acknowledging individual and kennel performances on social media raises the awareness of individual achievements as well as achievements of the breed as a whole. Social media should be used to develop this positivity and should be used, encouraged and embraced wherever and whenever possible to the betterment of our breed and the ATRTC.