

Central Florida Yorkshire Terrier Club, Inc.

Code of Ethics

- 1. Breed for quality, giving equal weight to type, temperament, health and soundness. Nervous or aggressive dogs, or those with a known genetic defect, should not be used for breeding.**
- 2. No bitch should be bred before eighteen months of age, or until after her second estrus cycle. And no bitch should be bred after the age of six (6) years. A bitch should not be bred more than two out of three seasons, and then only if in the best of health.**
- 3. Prospective buyers of puppies should be screened for suitability and understanding of the care and attention required of the Yorkshire Terrier. Puppies should not be placed where they may be in danger from larger dogs or small children. NO PUPPIES SHOULD BE SOLD TO LABORATORIES, PET SHOPS OR DEALERS, or to persons known to sell to any of the above.**
- 4. No puppy with a physical defect, or one showing departure from the standard according to the American Kennel Club, should be sold unless the buyer is fully aware of such defect, and the puppy is subsequently spayed/neutered. Members should sell puppies that in the best knowledge of the breeder are in good health at the time of sale. All pets should be sold with limited registration.**
- 5. All dogs must be maintained in a clean and healthy environment. Puppies should be twelve (12) weeks old before placing in a new home. No adult or puppy shall be sold without appropriate inoculations and should also be free of parasites.**
- 6. No Yorkshire Terrier breeder shall deliberately inter-breed a Yorkshire Terrier with another breed, i.e., Maltese with a Yorkshire Terrier. If an accidental breeding occurs, the resulting puppies should be spayed/neutered and placed in pet homes. No dogs or bitches should be bred to pet store stock.**
- 7. Members will be familiar with, and abide by, the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club regarding registering and exhibiting the Yorkshire Terrier, and keep accurate records of breeding and exhibiting.**
- 8. A member shall not defame another member nor seek to impair a member's reputation, provided however, a member shall report any serious situation created by another member that is detrimental to the breed or is inconsistent with these principles. The report should be made in writing and sent to the Club Secretary.**
- 9. Breeders should clearly identify their stock, preferably by microchip or tattoo for individual identification. DNA testing will be urged by AKC to be used extensively in the future. Imported dogs should be micro chipped.**
- 10. The Stud Dog should be used selectively. Do not breed to unregistered bitches. Do not use as a stud before twelve (12) months of age, nor after ten (10) years of age unless with AKC approval. It is recommended that written contracts clearly state all arrangements agreed to by the breeder/client and signed by both with a copy of each individual, and also include any necessary testing.**