

## **Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club Guidelines for Responsible Breeders**

These guidelines are established in accordance with the objectives of the Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club and are set forth to protect and advance the interest of our breed by maintaining high breeding standards. The RMTTC endorses and encourages all breeders to follow them.

### **A RESPONSIBLE BREEDER:**

1. Abides by the rules of the RMTTC and American Kennel Club.
2. Maintains the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and veterinary care, and provides facilities for excellent pre-natal and post-natal care of the dam and puppies.
3. Maintains accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees, furnishing each purchaser with proper registration or transfer papers, unless written agreement is made at the time of sale that papers be withheld.
4. Makes sure all services and sales arrangements are mutually agreed upon, stated in writing, and signed by all parties involved.
5. Keeps all advertising honest and in no way intentionally misleading, fraudulent or misrepresentative.
6. Learns and understands the AKC Standard of the breed, and breeds with the intention of conforming to it.
7. Breeds only with the intention of improving the breed, and finding suitable, carefully screened, safe and loving homes for the puppies.
8. Chooses only healthy, registered parents of excellent temperament and qualities, performs all highly recommended screenings including x-rays, eye examinations and genetic testing resulting in eligibility for OFA and CERF certification, doing everything possible to prevent passing on devastating genetic defects.
9. Breeds only mature bitches, preferably over two years of age, skipping a season between most litters.
10. Refuses to breed a stud dog or brood bitch to any animal which is not registered or is markedly inferior physically or temperamentally.
11. Does not sell or consign Tibetan Terriers to pet shops or other commercial dealers, nor does he breed his animals to their animals.
12. Is as selective in breeding his stud dog as he is in breeding his brood bitch.
13. Does not donate Tibetan Terriers for raffles or auctions.
14. Honestly evaluates the quality of the Tibetan Terrier to be sold, and fairly represents that evaluation.
15. Requires puppy purchasers to spay or neuter all pets which for any reason may not be qualified to be used for breeding.
16. Acknowledges he is responsible for any dog he has bred or sold for its entire lifetime and makes written arrangements for its return to him at any time the purchaser no longer wishes to keep it.
17. Does not release puppies to new homes before they are at least eight weeks of age and have been properly socialized.
18. Furnishes complete details on feeding, general care, medical inoculations, grooming, pedigree, etc.
19. Insists in writing that the purchaser have the puppy checked by a veterinarian within 72 hours of sale, making clear that if the puppy is found to be unfit, it must be returned for either replacement or refund of purchase price.
20. Tries to assist the serious novice in his understanding of the breed.
21. Follows up on all puppies and adults after the sale to insure their continued care and to encourage the owners to become involved in purebred dog activities.
22. Conducts himself at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit upon himself, the sport of pure-bred dogs, and his Tibetan Terrier in particular.

**The Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club makes no guarantee with respect to any Tibetan Terrier acquired from or through any of its members.**

**I hereby acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the Guidelines for Responsible Breeders.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_