

## **RAT TERRIER CLUB OF CANADA (RTCC) CODE OF ETHICS**

Further to the bylaws of the Rat Terrier Club of Canada (RTCC), members are expected to function within the framework provided by its guidelines for ethical conduct. All members shall operate according to the Code of Ethics presented below:

### **I agree as an owner of a Rat Terrier I will:**

1. Promote and practice responsible canine ownership as required in the jurisdiction where I reside.
2. Foster and promote good sportsmanship.
3. Support, promote and encourage the efforts of the Rat Terrier Club of Canada.
4. Consider the welfare of my Rat Terrier above personal gain or profit.
5. Be honest in my representation of the Rat Terrier breed, including issues of appearance, temperament and health.

### **I agree as a breeder of the Rat Terrier I adhere by the above conditions and I will:**

1. Produce litters that do not promote merle coloring.
2. Be honest with respect to the registration, health, conformation, and temperament of all my Rat Terriers.
3. Provide stud dog services only to approved and properly registered bitches. Breed a bitch only to approved and properly registered stud dogs.
4. Offer a written contract of sale to all buyers stating all guarantees and purchase agreements.
5. Re-home any puppies or dogs of my breeding to the best of my ability.
6. Not knowingly sell puppies or provide stud services to wholesalers, brokers or commercial distributors of any description including research laboratories.
7. Use permanent identification, such as tattoo, microchip or positive identification through DNA typing for all puppies sold.