

RTCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWAL	RAT TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA	NEW MEMBER
Name:		Occupation:
Address:		City:
Zip:	Phone (10 digits):	Email:
Kennel Name:		Web site:

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED

We offer different types of membership please select below what category you would like to be listed as.

Individual: \$25 per calendar year (one vote)	<u>**ADD \$2.00 if using PayPal</u>	
Household: \$35 per calendar year (Two votes)	Senior: \$12.50 per calendar year Must be age 70 or more (one vote)	RTCA Breeder Web Ad: \$25 per calendar year
Junior: Ages: 9-17 (No vote) \$10 per calendar year <small>Free with Household Membership. Juniors that Title a Rat Terrier are also eligible for a Free Membership</small>	Associate: outside of the United States or Puerto Rico \$20 per calendar year (No voting or BOD privileges)	

REFERENCES (must be members in good standing) *(DISREGARD THIS SECTION IF THIS IS A RENEWAL)

1 st Reference:	Contact information (mailing address or Email):	Phone (optional):
2 nd Reference:	Contact information (mailing address or Email):	Phone (optional):
Please List the Rat Terriers you Currently Own:		

SPOUSE INFORMATION IF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP

Name:	Email:
City:	Zip: Phone:

WHY DO YOU WISH TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RTCA, WHAT CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR & WHAT EVENTS ARE YOU INVOLVED IN?

MEMBER AGREEMENT

As a condition of membership in the Rat Terrier Club of America I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have read, understand and agree to abide by the Rat Terrier Club of America Code of Ethics and the AKC Code of Sportsmanship. I/we further agree to abide by the bylaws of the RTCA and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

I give permission for the RTCA to send me communications and ballots via electronic means. This is revocable by written request to the secretary.

Payment may be sent via PayPal to RTCA4All@msn.com ****Please add \$2.00 for PayPal fees**

Applicant Signature:	DATE:
Spouse Signature (MUST sign for household membership):	DATE:
If the application does not print properly, you may need to update your Adobe Reader software.	
Completed application may be emailed to RTCA4ALL@msn.com Or mailed to: RTCA MEMBERSHIP, Linda Lee, P. O. Box 12, Loma, Colorado 81524	
"Save as" under your name for emailing to the RTCA4ALL@msn.com How to do the Electronic signature s/your name	

**RAT TERRIER CLUB
OF AMERICA**



**Code of Ethics
for the Rat Terrier Club of America**

The RTCA's constitution requires its members to read, sign and abide by the provisions herein which may apply to each member's particular circumstances, either as an owner or as a breeder, and to support the Rat Terrier Club of America in the improvement and AKC advancement of the Rat Terrier breed.

I agree that as an owner of a Rat Terrier I will:

- Promote and practice responsible canine ownership and proper canine husbandry. I will endeavor to act in a responsible and courteous manner while in public, which includes keeping my dogs under control at all times as prescribed by the AKC "Canine Good Citizens" standard and to promptly clean up after them.
- Foster and promote good sportsmanship in the exhibition, showing or training of dogs.
- Familiarize myself with and abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club as applicable. And thus support, promote and encourage in a cooperative effort to establish the American Rat Terrier as a nationally accepted and duly recognized AKC breed.
- Consider the welfare of my Rat Terrier above personal gain or profit.
- Be honest in my representations of the Rat Terrier breed, including issues of appearance, temperament and health.

I agree that as a breeder of Rat Terriers I will:

- Learn, understand and follow the RTCA and AKC Standard of the Breed and what constitutes the proper conduct of a reputable breeder before I undertake the responsibilities of breeding my Rat Terrier.
- Agree to produce litters that promote the improvement of the breed and exemplify type, as described in the AKC and RTCA standard and that are free of any disqualifying genetic trait such as short legs, albinism, hairlessness, brindle or merle colorations and will remove any such disqualified individual, and their get, from my AKC/RTCA registrations or sterilize them. I agree to not knowingly use individuals whose parents display these disqualifications in my breeding program.
- Always consider age, health and the well-being of an individual dog or bitch when making breeding decisions, including individual breed faults and frequency and number of breedings. I will provide routine veterinarian examinations before breeding, especially maidens and any individual over 8 years of age. I will never breed a bitch before she is one year of age and will make sure she is physically sound as well as mentally and physically mature before her first breeding. I will breed ONLY when adequate care in the raising and placement of the pups is reasonably assured.
- Breed only healthy stock that has been tested and examined and is known to be free of genetic defects, transmittable diseases, disqualifying faults or unsound behaviors; such as unwarranted aggression or shyness towards humans.
- Provide stud dog services only to approved and properly registered AKC bitches, and require proof of such registration, before attempting any mating, contractual or not.
- Keep accurate breeding records, contracts and pedigrees and aid in the prompt and proper registration of all puppies I breed in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations set by the AKC.
- Advertise honestly.
- Be honest with respect to the health, conformation and temperament of all my Rat Terrier dams, sires and offspring.
- Offer a written agreement of sale to all buyers, stating all guarantees and reserving the right to provide a "Limited Registration" for any individual deemed to be of pet quality and deny registration to individuals with unwanted or disqualifying traits.
- Place puppies with new owners only after I am convinced that the buyer will provide responsible and humane care for that dog.
- Act in a responsible and helpful manner to all of my puppy owners and help re-home any puppies or dogs of my breeding to the best of my ability should any occasion arise indicating that this assistance is needed.
- Not knowingly sell to wholesalers, brokers or commercial distributors of any description, including research lab facilities.
- Use and encourage permanent identification, such as a tattoo, microchip or positive identification through DNA typing.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.



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