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APBT breeders code of ethics.

Manjaro kennel as proud register breeder endorses the APBT network and matrix Canine Research Institute's Code of Ethics.

It is then also my (Manjaro's) purpose as SADBA registered breeder to encourage any new APBT owners, breeders & exhibitors of the APBT as a working, sporting & performance breed of dog to protect & advance the interests of the "real" American Pit Bull Terrier in their every endeavor and in every aspect of life.

Looking at your responsibilities as breeder and or dog owner. Owners of the APBT must ensure that their dogs are kept "safe and under control at all times."

Safe escape proof perimeter fencing and safe hygienic accommodation should be a first.

Owners of the APBT should properly socialize, exercise, train and manage their dogs so that these dogs are an asset to their community and not a nuisance or danger to other animals or humans.

Never to forget these dogs are born fighting dogs with high prey and other drives and "naturally" dog to dog and other animal aggression comes as part of being an APBT.

Dogs must be maintained and managed with their safety and good health in mind at all times, including adequate and appropriate given attention, including continuously body and mind conditioning and exercise, general socialization, grooming, balanced nutritious feeding, veterinary attention when needed, always with safe warm and comfortable housing, with a daily programmed routine and care, with daily exercise and specific training (of choice).

Owners of the APBT as working dog's responsibilities include educating the public about this breed (in an orderly fashion, keeping in mind that you and your dog's represent the APBT breed) - and the APBT community - the Pit bull network worldwide and the sport of pure bred working dogs - sporting dogs in general. Owners of the APBT are urged to accept and comply with the written APBT Breed set of breed standard as approved by the American dog breeders Association - United Kennel Club or other affiliated registrations you might belonging to - as for the standard description of physical and temperamental qualities by which the American Pit Bull Terrier is to be judged.

Owners of the APBT are required to maintain good sportsmanship at all events & competitions, abiding by the applicable rules and regulations set forth by the governing bodies for such events and competitions.

The conduct of owners of APBT's should always be in accord with the purposes and intent of the American Pit Bull Terrier Constitution and By-Laws.

American Pit Bull Terrier owners are encouraged to maintain the purpose of the breed and are expected to demonstrate honesty and fairness in dealing with other owners and breeders, purchasers or with the sale of dogs - with breeding and placing agreements and with the general public.

Owners of breeding purebred registered APBT shall provide appropriate documentation to all concerned regarding the health of dogs involved in a breeding or sale.

This including any reports of examinations such as those required applying to hips, ears and eyes (when applicable for their age) and supply an up to date medical register regarding worming and applicable vaccinations and or blood or other tests for their age and for the area the dog will be kept.

If any such examinations or treatments have not been performed on a dog, this should be stated upfront.

Microchipping only inclusive for dogs or pups exported out of the country of birth (for crossing the South African borders). The choice for microchipping dogs for South African buyers and then new owners rest on the shoulders of each new owner and might be applicable for re registration, choice for recovery if lost or stolen or required for joining an APBT club or as competitor in whatever show activities their intention will be.

Breeders should understand and acknowledge that they may need to assist in finding a new home or to place any dog they produce at any time in its life, if requested to do so.

Note! Then any transportation costs will be on behalf of the first's owner purchaser.

Owners of APBT's that breed should only sell puppies to individuals who acknowledge that they know APBT's are not pack animals and that the APBT is a purposely bred animal, genetically and purposely bred as working and catch dogs and as competitive athletes – never to forget and known to be fighting dogs.

APBT owners then to give proper care, safe keeping, in these dogs be kept in proper enclosed yard (escape proof) and given daily exercise and attention then to act within the intent of the statements of this Code of Ethics.

Permitted stud service (only with healthy studs) only with selected proven registered healthy APBT dogs.

(See specific articles about breeding and the health of breeding dogs on this website).

Registered breeders and home breeders of the APBT are encouraged to use clear, concise written contracts and guarantees to document the sale of these animals and or the use of selected high quality stud dogs.

{See Manjaro kennels related puppy sale agreement and guarantees documents on this website}.

Owners of the APBT and especially registered breeders should not sell dogs at auction, or to brokers or commercial dealers.

Advisory guidelines.

Breeding stock should be pure genetically sound and healthy sought after local dogs and or Imported from proven performing dogs and bloodlines and carefully selected with the object of the pure bred "real" American Pit Bull Terrier and traits in mind, **that is:**

Recognizing that the American Pit Bull Terrier breed was developed as a game working catch, fighting & sporting e bred dog breed, then to encourage the perfection by careful and selective breeding of pure registered bred American Pit Bull Terriers that possess the appearance, structure, soundness, temperament, natural abilities, gameness and a no fear personality that are characterized in the breed standard of the breed, and then to do all possible to advance and promote the perfection of these qualities.

American Pit Bull Terrier breeders and owners are expected to follow ADBA/ UKC/ or affiliated registry requirements for record-keeping, for identification of animals and registration procedures.

Be aware of "some self-owned" registering bodies that are only in the business of making money and that will register "anything" for money.

Be proud of you APBT referring affiliation.

Dogs selected for breeding should:

(1) Be of temperament typical of the American Pit Bull Terrier breed;

Stable,

Friendly,

Trainable,

Willing to work with high prey and other drives,

But with a no fear attitude and game disposition.

Temperament is of utmost importance to the breed and must never be overlooked in any way - a no fear attitude of utmost importance.

2) At point of sale be in absolute good health not too thin or too fat, including and certified free from communicable disease – an open option to verify health by the new owner at their own costs within a 3 days, of date of sale.

(3) Free of any obvious visible conformation and genetic faults – head, neck, teeth, ears, eyes, feet, tail and front and back angulation at the date of sale that might prevent the working performance of the APBT in any way.

(4) Adult dogs possess the following examination reports (when applicable at testing age) in order to verify status concerning possible hip dysplasia, hereditary eye or cardiovascular disease (this for dogs 12 – 24 months of age).

For puppies 6-8 weeks old- a written health certified report (vet or kennel card) relating worming and vaccination status of the puppy and if needed a copy of the Dams Rabies status as for the puppies immunity at that age.

For pups older than 12 weeks old – a health certified document relating to recorded worming and core vaccination status as well as rabies (given at 12 weeks of age) from a board-certified veterinary practice then with specific consideration also given also any visual disorders that might have a genetic component– head, neck, teeth, ears, eyes, feet, tail, front and back angulation that might prevent the working performance of the APBT in any way, including, but not limited to epilepsy, hypothyroidism, skin disorders (allergies), and possible noticeable orthopedic disorders such as elbow dysplasia and osteochondritis.

(5) Assuming all health and examination reports for the puppy are favorable, the age of the breeding pair will also be of consideration. Generally, an American Pit Bull Terrier is not physically and mentally mature until the age of 18 months (or at least the female dog at the time of the female's 3rd heat cycle whatever age this happen); An individual dog's (especially a male dog's) suitability as a breeding animal is difficult to assess until that time (normally 18 months or older of age). This not to say that breeding and individual well developed male dog earlier could not be done.