

Participate in the New BTCD Program “Know Your Breeder” - Share your stories ... be a Breeder and an Owner who Cares!

Over the recent months Club Members and Rescue Program Volunteers have been discussing the various issues confronting the problem of unwanted Bull Terriers. The discussion has led to a program that we are titling “Know Your Breeder,” with a mission of helping unify the entire Bull Terrier community behind a set of shared goals and objectives.

Taking its cue from The Bull Terrier Club of Dallas mission, which is stated to “support the responsible



breeding and placement of temperamentally and structurally sound Bull Terriers,” this initiative will attempt to institutionalize a set of expectations that owners should have from breeders and breeders from owners. Although the main purpose of the program is to foster lifelong relationships between dogs and owners and owners and breeders, more specific goals will be to educate potential owners on how to plan for the purchase of a dog and how to



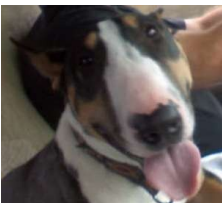
know what’s the right path for purchase, whether it be a puppy from a show quality breeder or a mature dog through Rescue.



The vehicles for this campaign will be *Bully Times* and the BTCD Website. All content will reside at the BTCD website and we will be looking for points of progress along the way. By this time next year we hope to have accomplished a couple of things. One, we hope to have articulated a set of messages consistent to promoting the betterment of the Bull Terrier breed. Another will be to have instilled the widespread use of contracts between all owners and all breeders.



The first installment of the program is aimed at formalizing the relationship between existing owners and



their breeders. We believe most readers of *Bully Times* and our website are pet owners who probably don’t have much in the way of ongoing communications with the breeder of our dogs. And since many of us have healthy and trouble free dogs, we probably don’t feel the need to be in regular contact with our breeder. However, nurturing these relationships during the good times paves the way for excellent cooperation



during the bad times. When your dog is suffering from severe allergies, or some other mysterious ailment, the last thing you want is to have to waste time trying to find contact information and establishing a relationship with someone you haven’t spoken to in years.



So here is your first task on this journey, work through the questions on the next page to the best of your ability. Don’t hesitate to get in touch with *Bully Times* if you lack contact information on your breeder. We are expanding our database of owners and breeders and the Bull Terrier curious. We can help you fill in the blanks where information is missing. In the coming months we will hear personal



accounts from owners and breeders on how good communications lead to more healthy dogs and a better Bull Terrier Breed for the future.

Know Your Breeder — Profile Page

Use this Page to Document Breeder Information

Current Dog Breeder/Kennel Name_____

Physical and Web Address_____

Phone/Email address_____

How did you locate your current Breeder?

Do you have contact information for other owners of this Breeder's dogs? Photos of dogs?

Do you have contact information for Breeders you encountered, but did not contract with?

Do you have a contract with your Breeder? Let's compare documents as we move toward understanding the need for and developing a universal contract for Bull Terrier ownership.

What involvement in the Pure Breed sport would you like to see from your Breeder?
