



Border Terrier Club of the Redwoods

Dear Prospective BTCR Member,

The club was formed in the late 1980s by a small group of border terrier owners, who like you, loved their dogs and desired to spend time with other people of similar ilk. The club began as a “fun” group dedicated to the health and well-being of border terriers and to educating their owners. As our breed’s popularity grew, so did our membership. It was decided that the club would proceed to obtain status as an AKC affiliate in order to allow the group to hold AKC events such as earthdog tests and conformation shows.

Per our bylaws the membership eligibility and types are as follows:

SECTION 1. Eligibility. Membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age and over who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the objects and purposes of the Corporation. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the club’s primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Types of membership available for application are as follows:

- a) **Regular membership:** Regular members will enjoy all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.
- b) **Household membership:** Open to two adults living at the same address, both of whom will enjoy all club privileges and each will be entitled to one vote on any matter placed before the membership. Each person is eligible to vote and hold office.
- c) **New Members:** *Open to individuals and households that are new to the breed or area, but are not well known to the existing membership.* New membership shall carry the same privileges as regular or household membership, except that New Members shall not be permitted to vote or hold office and are not figured in counting the total membership towards a quorum. After holding new membership status for one year, new members may not renew at that level, but must apply for regular or household membership.

A prospective member may apply for the “New Member”, “Regular”, or “Household” membership categories.

In order to become a “**Regular**” or “**Household**” member of the club you need to do the following:

1. Attend one BTCR event --specialty, play day, Earthdog test, agility trial or any other club sponsored event- you don’t have to be entered, just attend and talk with us.
2. Complete the BTCR application, which must be signed by 2 current BTCR members in good standing (sponsors) not from the same household. Both of these sponsors must know you for a minimum of 1 year.
3. Sign and return a copy of the BTCR Ethical Guidelines
4. Send your completed application, signed BTCR Ethical Guidelines, along with a check to the membership chairman.

In order to become a “**New Member**” of the club you need to do the following:

(Note: This category of membership is ideal for individuals and households that are new to the breed or area, but are not well known to the existing membership, this category of membership is for 1 year. Upon completing the 1 year period, “Regular or Household” membership may be applied for.)

1. Attend one BTCR event --specialty, play day, Earthdog test, agility trial or any other club sponsored event- you don’t have to be entered, just attend and talk with us.
2. Complete the BTCR application, which must be signed by 1 current BTCR member (sponsor) in good standing.
3. Sign and return a copy of the BTCR Ethical Guidelines
4. Send your completed application, along with a check to the membership chairman.

Your application will then be presented at the next general club meeting to be voted upon. If you are voted in you will receive the following:

- A welcome letter to the club
- Copy of the current Membership list,
- Copy of the current By-Laws
- Your name will be added to the appropriate lists and you will start to receive a copy of our club newsletter “The Border Home Journal” (which is delivered either by email or USPS, depending upon the option you selected on your membership application)

We hope you will join us and participate in various club activities.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Moreland
BTCR membership Chairman

BORDER TERRIER CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

ETHICAL GUIDELINES

In keeping with the purposes of the Border Terrier Club of the Redwoods, I, as a responsible owner or breeder of Border Terriers, will endeavor to adhere to the following practices:

1. I will ensure that all dogs in my care are properly fed, are kept under sanitary conditions, and are given appropriate medical care, including recommended inoculations.
2. I will become educated in the fundamentals of owning, training, breeding and exhibiting dogs.
3. If I am involved in breeding Border Terriers, I will:
 - a) understand the basic laws of genetics, the standard of the breed, and the difference between correct and incorrect characteristics before attempting to breed
 - b) register breeding stock with the American Kennel Club and keep accurate records of mating and pedigrees
 - c) conscientiously plan each litter based on the parents' appropriate temperament and qualities in relation to the breed's AKC-approved official standard, and, before deciding to produce a litter, will consider the possibilities of placing puppies I cannot keep myself
 - d) be alert for any work to control and/or eradicate inherited problems, and I will select breeding stock free of disqualifying or disabling defects
 - e) not place any puppy before the age of 7 weeks
 - f) establish prices which realistically uphold the value of the breed, commensurate with the quality of each puppy, based on the puppy's background and individual characteristics, and taking into account the approximate price ranges of other responsible Border Terrier breeders in my geographic area
 - g) include all conditions of sale in a written contract to be signed by both buyer and seller
 - h) note any visible disqualifying fault(s) on sales contract
 - i) provide AKC registration form and 5-generation pedigree with each puppy (except that puppies being placed without AKC papers/pedigree will be sold with a written agreement to that effect)
 - j) ensure that my Border Terriers are never knowingly sold or consigned to pet stores, wholesalers, or other commercial dealers, nor supplied for raffles, giveaways, prizes or other such projects
4. I will sell Border Terriers, permit stud service, and lease bitches ONLY to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give the dogs proper care and attention and who are in accord with these Ethical Guidelines. I will make available to the novice the benefit of my advice and experience.
5. I will adhere to the rules of the AKC while exhibiting and will practice the principles of good sportsmanship.
6. I will always ensure that my actions are directed toward the best interests of the by the Club Constitution and Bylaws, the Code of Ethics of the Club, the Code of Ethics of the Border Terrier Club of America and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Signature: _____ (print name)

Signature: _____ (print name)

Date Signed: _____



Border Terrier Club of the Redwoods APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please type or print)

Application Date: _____

Membership Type:		Regular- Individual: <input type="checkbox"/>	Regular- Household: <input type="checkbox"/>
		New Membership -Individual: <input type="checkbox"/>	New Membership Household: <input type="checkbox"/>
Name(s):			
Address:			
STREET)		(CITY)	(STATE) (ZIPCODE)
Telephone:			
E-mail address			
Occupation(s):			
Name(s) of your Border Terrier(s)			
Reasons why you wish to join the BTCR:			
Please indicate areas of interest in which you are currently involved or intend to be involved in the next 6 months: <input type="checkbox"/> Showing <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience <input type="checkbox"/> Agility <input type="checkbox"/> Earthdog <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)			
How do you want to receive club information? Select one , if none are specified and an email address is provided we will use that method, until notified otherwise.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I authorize the BTCR to provide me with club info via email: (upcoming club functions, Club news letter & , etc) <input type="checkbox"/> Please send the BTCR newsletter by U.S. Mail to the address listed above			
BTCR events you have attended, including dates attended:			
For Regular Membership: Signatures of sponsors (two members in good standing not of the same household who have known the Applicant for at least one year):			
Sponsor Signature:		(print name)	
Sponsor Signature:		(print name)	
For New Membership: Signatures of sponsor (one member in good standing)			
Sponsor Signature:		(print name)	
I, the undersigned, apply for membership in the Border Terrier Club of the Redwoods. I have read and understood the objectives of the club. I agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws and by the rules and regulations of the BTCR and the American Kennel Club now and hereafter made. I have read the BTCR Ethical Guidelines, and agree to abide by them as a condition of my membership. I have answered all questions fully and truthfully (For household membership, all adult members must sign)			
(Applicant signature)		(Applicant signature)	

Send this completed application, signed BTCR Ethical Guidelines, along with your check payable to BTCR to:

Lee Ann Moreland, Membership - BTCR, 4257 Goldenhill Dr, Pittsburg CA 94565

Regular dues are \$20 individual and \$25 household, **plus a \$5 initial processing fee only for REGULAR memberships.**

New Membership Dues are \$15 individual and \$20 household (no process fee required)

Date Received:	Check #	Amount Pd:	Date Voted in:
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