



Skye Terrier International Association Code of Conduct 2020

All members of the Skye Terrier International Association (STIA) agree to endorse the following Code of Conduct and its subsequent changes agreed by the committee

1. The well-being of the Skye Terrier and duty of care to the breed shall be paramount to all STIA members and are a condition of membership.
2. The STIA requires all those involved with the association to adhere to its Code of Conduct
3. Welfare of the dogs must never be subordinate to any personal or commercial influences.
4. Owners must abide by all aspects of their national Animal Welfare Legislation
5. At all times STIA encourages the sharing of helpful information in accordance with this code of conduct
6. Breeders must agree not to breed from a dog or bitch if this could in any way harm the dog or be detrimental to the breed. Choice of type, temperament, health, soundness, inbreeding coefficient and age must be addressed before breeding a litter of Skye Terriers.
7. STIA members should encourage responsible breeding by responsible breeders.
 - a. A minimum age of 18 months is recommended before a bitch is used for breeding.
 - b. Relevant health checks for the Dam and Sire must be undertaken before breeding.
 - c. A period of a minimum of 12 months must have elapsed before the Dame has another litter.
 - d. A Bitch should not be mated over the age of 7 years.
 - e. Accidental mating to be avoided
 - f. The inbreeding coefficient must be considered before allowing a mating to take place.
 - g. An isolated breeder is encouraged to seek advice and support from their breeding program
8. Breeders must provide all relevant information to the new owners to assist them in caring for their new puppies/dogs
9. Breeders must not intentionally misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs or breed

10. Breeders must recommend early and diverse socialising of their puppies as well as early introduction to grooming
11. Breeders must recommend and promote a wide range of activities to keep the dogs happy
12. Breeders must help with the re-homing of a puppy/dog when required
13. Breeders must stand as the first point of call to the dog's owner in case of temperamental problems. STIA will also be available to offer assistance and advice
14. Breeders must not sell puppies/dogs to countries who don't have robust animal welfare legislation. They must also consider a contractual commitment to protect onwards sales
15. Breeders must not sell any puppies/dogs to any commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, laboratories or directly or indirectly allow puppies/dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Puppies/dogs must never be sold by sale or auction
16. New owners must be screened for their suitability to own a Skye Terrier.
17. All new puppy owners should register with an approved Vet to ensure that the puppy's health needs are met
18. Misrepresentation of the Breed should be avoided. Members should refrain from making unfair or untrue statements about the dogs or practices of others.
19. Members will always promote the breed in a positive light
20. Members will always act respectfully towards each other and other dog owners.
21. Social Media must never be used for personal attacks or for political statements, events. Offensive and intimidating comments will never be tolerated.

Committee members of the STIA will always endeavour to be available to assist with any queries of its members or any Skye interested party.

The Committee would like to remind you that the aim of the STIA is to promote the free exchange of information for the benefit of the Skye Terriers and their owners. All enthusiasts of the breed and clubs are welcome since the STIA is facilitator for the benefit of the Skye Terriers.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to provide information, comments, photographs and to take part in keeping the STIA active and interesting. To do so simply contact any member of the Committee.

Breach of the above mentioned points may result in rescinding of the membership from the STIA, and may result in being reported to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.