



Working for the Betterment
and Preservation of the Breed

UKC NATIONAL PARENT BREED CLUB

American Rat Terrier Association/ARTA Membership Application

ARTA is the UKC National Parent Breed Club with members, owners and fanciers in mind. This is YOUR Club. We continue to grow through your support and contributions. ARTA's goals are to support UKC as our registry of preference according to our official UKC Breed Standard; preserve this American bred working Terrier; avoid breeding stock with known health/genetic problems; to encourage and promote our members who exhibit, train, and trial their dogs; to support and encourage formation of regional UKC Rat Terrier Breed Clubs; and to nationally educate the public about the Rat Terrier breed.

Upon approval, you will receive a welcome packet and our newsletter via e-mail. You are also invited to join our online ARTA-LIST where members communicate and discuss matters that affect and pertain to our breed and club.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out and return the attached application along with the following:

- A signed Code of Ethics form
- One referral. If the referral is a non-ARTA member, please include a written recommendation
- Your annual Membership Dues

Once your application is received, you should receive an e-mail within 14 days indicating receipt of your application. Membership is not valid until approved by the ARTA Board of Directors. Once approved, your application will be processed. If you do not receive a welcome packet by the 2nd week of the following month, please contact Kelley A. Smith at rapturerats@cruzers.com to confirm receipt of your application.

Thank you for your continued support!

From your ARTA Board of Directors

ARTA APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1st Member: _____

2nd Member: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Kennel Name (if any): _____

Number of dogs owned: Rat Terrier _____ (Other Breed): _____

Are you a Breeder? Yes ____ No ____ Dog Owner? Yes ____ No ____

Do you belong or have belonged to any other kennel or specialty club(s)? Yes ____ No ____

If so, please list clubs, offices and dates held: _____

Are you presently in good standing with UKC? Yes ____ No ____

If No, Please Explain: _____

Please list at least one referral. If the referral is a non-ARTA Member, please include a written recommendation with contact information.

I have read, signed, and agreed to abide by the American Rat Terrier Association's Code of Ethics which will be placed on file with ARTA. I have also enclosed my annual membership dues of \$ _____ along with this membership form and a signed copy of the ARTA Code of Ethics.

Please accept my name for consideration in the American Rat Terrier Association.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please check one: I give permission to share my contact information with other ARTA members Yes ____ No ____

ARTA Membership's are as follows:

Family/Dual Membership - \$ 25.00 - run per calendar year (Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st.)

(2 persons - 2 votes - per household - aged 18+)

Single Membership - \$20.00 - run per calendar year (Jan.1st - Dec.31st).

(1 person - 1 vote - aged 18+)

Junior Membership - \$10.00 and run per calendar year (Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st).

(Persons under 18 – no rights to vote or hold office)

Associate/Member Club - \$20.00 – run per calendar year (Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st).

(Associated UKC - ARTA affiliated clubs - entitled to privileges of a single member.)

(All Club Newsletters are emailed unless otherwise requested.)

ARTA is now offering a promotional discount for first time members **(for one year only)** at \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a Family/Dual Membership (2 persons - 2 votes age 18+)

SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

Kelley A. Smith · ARTA Membership Secretary · 720 26th Avenue, #28 · Santa Cruz, CA 95062



Member Code of Ethics

The American Rat Terrier Association requests that all breeders subscribe to the following Code of Ethics to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders, owners, and fanciers, and to encourage sportsmanship and cooperation in the improvement and advancement of UKC registered breeds.

RECORDS: I am familiar with, and follow, the "UKC Kennel Requirements". I will keep accurate records and retain those records for a minimum of five years. These records will include: stud service contracts, pedigrees, all litters produced, and all dogs/puppies sold. I will use the "Breeder's Record" that the UKC provides to me to maintain these records. I will report to the Registration Office of the United Kennel Club, Inc. any person who falsifies a registration or knowingly misrepresents a pedigree.

BREEDING: I shall plan each breeding with the paramount intention of improving the breed. I will select the stud dog and brood bitch with an eye to conformation, temperament, and working instinct and ability, with a careful study of the breed standard, and the principles of genetics. I will not breed any male or female until they are both physically and mentally mature. Before entering into any breeding arrangement, I will scrutinize the pedigree, conformation, and working potential of both the sire and dam, keeping in mind the ideal of the breed. I have an obligation to refuse the breeding if, in my opinion, it is not in the best interest of the breed. As a responsible stud dog owner, I understand that should I refuse a breeding, I will fully explain my reasons to the owner of the bitch. I believe that only those dogs known to be free of serious or disqualifying defects should be used for breeding. I will not breed monorchids, cryptorchids, dogs with vicious or shy temperaments, or dogs with serious defects or disqualifications addressed in their breed standards. As a responsible breeder, I will refrain from using a dog that, although free from serious or disqualifying defects, consistently produces afflicted puppies. I will encourage/require the buyers of pet quality puppies to spay or neuter them.

HEALTH: I will maintain high standards of health and care for my dogs and guarantee the health of my puppies at the time of sale. **SALES** I will be discriminating in the sales of my puppies and concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed. My dogs/puppies will not be sold to dog wholesalers/brokers or retailers. I will transfer all applicable registration papers at the time the purchase agreement is completed and is agreeable to both parties. Upon the sale of a dog/puppy, I will provide the buyer with a properly executed UKC Registration Certificate, diet record, an inoculation and parasite control record, and a health guarantee. I will refrain from releasing any puppy until it is at least seven (7) weeks old, or eight (8) weeks old if the puppy is to be shipped.

ADVERTISING: My advertising of dogs/puppies will be factual and honest, both in substance and implication. I will avoid encouraging buyers regarding the breeding potential of a dog/puppy. I believe breeding purebred dogs involves certain responsibilities and I will not take it lightly.

EXHIBITOR/BREEDER RELATIONS: I understand that exhibiting dogs is a sport and that I am expected to express good sportsmanship in all activities. As an exhibitor I will refrain from unnecessary criticism of other people's dogs. As a matter of ethics, I pledge to help educate the general public as well as to assist the novice breeder.

IMPLEMENTATION: This Code of Ethics is intended as an expression of goals for breeders, exhibitors, and fanciers. It is not to be construed as a rule or regulation to be enforced by punishment. Breeders are expected to police themselves in a civil and responsible manner.

Signature (1st Member): _____ Date: _____

Signature (2nd Member): _____ Date: _____