

# **Border Terrier Club of America Policies and Procedures Manual**

## **Statement from the Board of Directors on Cross Breeding**

The Constitution of the BTCA states in Article I:

The objects of the Club shall be:

- a. to do all possible to bring the natural qualities of the Boarder Terrier to perfection...
- d. to do all in it's power to protect and advance the interests of the breed...

It has come to our attention that certain individuals have been cross breeding Border Terrier with Border Collies to produce the "ultimate flyball competitive dog". This particular cross has been seen by BTCA members. Such cross breeding is not in the best interest of the breed, and does nothing for the natural and innate qualities of the Border Terrier.

As with any first generation cross, there may be similarities in appearance in the puppies but there will also be obvious difference and inconsistencies in type. This also applies to temperament. Border Collie herding instinct is a modified prey drive. In a pet, the mix of the Border Collie hyper-prey drive and the Border Terrier tenacity towards its prey would be a disaster. Out of any such a cross there may be one super flyball dog competitor-that dog will probably get a super loving home. But what becomes of the rest of the litter who may not be as athletically desirable and may not be very attractive either? Who is going to want them?

The Board of the BTCA does not condone such cross breeding and sincerely hopes no member of the BTCA would be party to such behavior. We wish to alert all breeders and members to screen all buyers carefully. REQUIRE neutering on all pets. Contracts that state a monetary penalty for failure to neuter by a specified time or for producing any puppies may deter such people from buying a puppy from you. The dangers of what happens to the ones that don't "make it" as competitive dogs are great.

BTCA Board of Directors  
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