

Biewer Terrier Club of Canada (BTCC) Preferred Breeder Program



Mission

To promote the breeding of high-quality purebred Biewer Terriers through reputable preservation breeding and ethical breeding practices.

Qualifications

Breeders accepted into the Preferred Breeder Program must demonstrate dedication to the breed and the BTCC community. To qualify, these breeders must:

- Maintain a BTCC membership in good standing for a minimum of three (3) months.
- Abide by the *Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) Breeder Members* and the *BTCC Code of Ethics*.
- Accept the *CKC Biewer Terrier Breed Standard* as the only standard of excellence by which the Biewer Terrier shall be judged in Canada.
- Breed American Kennel Club (AKC)* registered Biewer Terriers only.
- Select breeding stock with special attention to excellent health, temperament, and conformation in accordance with the breed standard.
- Conduct health testing on breeding prospects to inform breeding decisions. Carriers of health conditions could potentially be bred to a clear mate. This prevents narrowing of the gene pool.
- Consider additional health testing certification with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).
- Refrain from intentional breeding of faults, disqualifying faults, and/or non-standard colours (NSC) in relation to the breed standard.
- Carefully care for and handle dams prior to and during pregnancy, in particular limiting stress and providing optimal nutrition, careful physical conditioning, and enrichment.
- Provide neonatal care that sets a foundation for lifetime health and sound temperament.
- Raise puppies with the utmost care, focusing on making each puppy the best it can be no matter its eventual home.
- Create an enriching environment to develop pups' brains and bodies.
- Socialize pups so they trust people, the world around them, and themselves.
- Create developmental opportunities that set pups up for lifetime positive engagement with people.
- Register dogs and litters with the AKC*.
- Record dogs and litters with the CKC until full CKC acceptance (Canadian residents).
- Carefully select new owners and match pups to the homes where they will thrive.
- Send pups to their new homes when they are a minimum of 11-12 weeks of age.
- Provide buyers with written and signed contracts that include clear terms and conditions.
- Maintain ethical and transparent practices with puppy buyers.
- Provide BTCC with sample Pet Contracts and Show/Breeding Contracts.
- Mentor other breeders regarding genetic health testing, reputable registry registration, breeding and whelping practices, etc.
- Act as a positive ambassador for our breed by providing education to the general public and fellow dog fanciers.

Application – Please go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefcH5sW4FvkhyuABi5ldo7O9AQbi5Pmbv6AclDvi7njesgQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

*This will be amended to "Canadian Kennel Club and/or CKC" upon full CKC recognition of the Biewer Terrier without approval of the BTCC membership.