

Committee and Role Descriptions & Responsibilities

Committees and Roles which have *** are pending final updates

General & Public Education Committee

General Education Person is to provide prospective buyers and current owners with educational and informative resources on the Border Terrier.

Main responsibility:

1. Keep the AKC.org contact info and email address "borderterrieredu@aol.com" active.
2. Respond in a timely manner to all inquiries directed to the email address with a form letter approved of by the BTCA BOD. It will contain:
 - a. BTCA website address and direct address of the Research page.
 - b. List of suggested reading, BTCA Ethical Standard, Border Terrier in Brief, BTCA Grooming Guide.
 - c. Recommendation that buyer screen breeders well; the more people the buyer talks with the more he/she will learn about the breed and breeders.

Integrity policy:

Part of the GEC's job is to guide prospective owners to appropriate resources. People should be informed immediately that the GEC is not allowed to recommend breeders. If the GEC is a breeder, he/she should not breed more than one litter per year. It is preferable that the GEC not be an active breeder.

Recommendations as to training, behavior modification, diet, grooming, classes, reproduction, general health issues may be asked of the GEC. In this case, the GEC should again strive to direct the owners to the appropriate resources.

If contacted by individuals regarding a problem they may have with a breeder, then the GEC should encourage open communication between the parties but should not attempt to mediate or become involved in any way. Often times the GEC may know who the breeder is from the conversation or the area in which the individual resides, but complete diplomacy, objectivity and confidentiality must be maintained. In the case of written correspondence or email communication regarding a problem, the GEC must forward the communication and proposed response to the President for review.