



The United States Of America Coton de Tulear Club

Are you looking for a quality Coton that is pre-spoiled, parents health tested, and your next family member? Please begin your search by checking our [Breeders Directory](#). It is important that you feel confident with the breeder and the pup you choose BEFORE you buy. As puppy buyers, you need to make good choices by having the knowledge of who is a conscientious breeder and those that are less ideal. It is our desire to assist you with Information that will help guide you to choose your next family member.

Please ask breeders questions about their dogs:

1. What is the health and temperament of the dam/sire.
2. What guarantee does this puppy have.
3. What is your sales policies.
4. What is your experience in the breed, and how long have you been breeding ,
5. What is your veterinary practices.
6. How do you socialize your pups.

Please note there is a difference in breeders that claim to be Code of Ethics Breeders and those that actually practice ethical breeding. Breeders listed on our Breeders Directory are defined by a standard of excellence. Our Breeders Directory are breeders that adhere to a set of ethical principles and are distinguished from those who exploit the breed solely for profit. This listing is comprised of USACTC members who have met the requirements and been awarded the title of Code of Ethics Breeder. Breeders of our Directory Listing must fill out an application each year listing their Cotons of Breeding. All must be health tested and obtain normal result on OFA Congenital Cardiac exams, Hip Certification, Patellar Luxation and Cerf number before breeding. These are mandatory testing, but most of our Breeders will do *MORE* health test to ensure breeding only the best. These breeders have the welfare of each individual Coton de Tulear, as well as the welfare of the entire breed, governs the behavior in all aspects of breeding. Puppy buyers can go to www.offa.org to find results of health testing performed on each of their Cotons. *Please note OFFA search will not produce results unless the name of the Coton is spelled correctly and exactly as listed by the breeder.*



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***Disclaimer:** The inclusion of a breeder on this listing does not constitute endorsement or recommendation by the USACTC. The USACTC, Inc. does not endorse any breeder specifically, but we do endorse our breeder's directory. We cannot "guarantee" you that a puppy you purchase will be satisfactory in regards to health, temperament or conformation. We can only assure you these breeders have signed their agreement to follow the USACTC, Inc. Code of Ethics for breeding. The USACTC, Inc. takes no responsibility for the promises, guarantees or warranties to which a buyer and seller may agree. It is the responsibility of potential buyers to ask questions and decide for themselves if they wish to do business with any particular breeder.*

Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics is established in accordance with the objectives of the United States Of American Coton de Tulear Club (USACTC) to protect and advance the interests of the Coton de Tulear. It is written to provide guidelines for the responsible ownership and ethical breeding practices, and it is dedicated to the preservation and welfare of the Coton de Tulear.

USACTC, as AKC Parent Club for the Coton de Tulear feel we must set strong guidelines to ensure any future breeding is for the betterment of the breed. Agree that the prime objective for breeding the Coton de Tulear is to produce animals of exceptional quality. To that end, only breed dogs and bitches of sound temperament and structure, good health, and characteristic type as described in the American Kennel Club's (AKC) approved Official Standard for the Coton de Tulear.

Required testing by an accredited/certified veterinarian for structure is as follow.

1. Patellar evaluation; no sooner than 12 months of age.
2. Dilated eye exams (CERF); no sooner than 6 months.
3. Cardiac Evaluation; no sooner than 12 months of age
4. Radiographs on hips; Preliminary test may be done before two years of age. Certified test must still be done after two years of age.



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Although the following tests are not mandatory, we strongly recommend the following:

1. Radiographs of elbows- Preliminary test may be done before two years of age.
Certified test must still be done after two years of age.
2. Thyroid screening.
3. Also strongly recommended are any and all available genetic test available to the Coton de Tulear. COE breeders will not breed known carriers of any known genetic disease
 - BNA (Banders's Neonatal Cerebellar Ataxia)
 - DM (Degenerative Myelopathy)
 - CMR2 (Canine Multifunctional Retinopathy)
 - vWD (Von Willebrands Disease)
 - PH (Primary Hyperoxyluria)
 - HU (Hyperuricosuria)

CHIC Information

The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

Mission Statement

To provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists, that will assist in breeding healthy dogs.

CHIC Goals

- To work with parent clubs in the identification of health issues for which a central information system should be established.
- To establish and maintain a central health information system in a manner that will support research into canine disease and provide health information to owners and breeders.
- To establish scientifically valid diagnostic criteria for the acceptance of information into the database.
- To base the availability of information on individually identified dogs at the consent of the owner.

CHIC Benefits

The CHIC program offers benefits to breeders, buyers, parent clubs, and researchers.

[Read more](#)



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USACTC CHIC Requirements

1. Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist

- Results registered with OFA - OR
- Results registered with CERF

2. Patellar Luxation

- OFA Evaluation

3. Hip Dysplasia

- OFA Evaluation

4. Health Elective (TWO tests from the following list of tests)

- Congenital Cardiac Exam - OR
- OFA Thyroid evaluation from an approved laboratory - OR
- vWD DNA Test from an Approved Laboratory - OR
- OFA Elbow Evaluation - OR
- NEONATAL CEREBELLAR ATAXIA (BANDERA'S SYNDROME) DNA TEST - OR
- DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY DNA TEST FROM AN APPROVED LABORATORY - OR
- CANINE MULTIFOCAL RETINOPATHY 2 DNA TEST FROM AN APPROVED LABORATORY - OR
- PRIMARY HYPEROXALURIA DNA TEST FROM AN APPROVED LABORATORY - OR
- HYPERURICOSURIA DNA TEST FROM AN APPROVED LABORATORY
- Advanced Cardiac Exam

As AKC Parent Club, The United States of America Coton de Tulear Club wishes to thank you for reviewing our information. Our fondest desire is help you make the right choice. Health requirements are approved by the Board of Directors. Contact Justine Romano at usactcpresident@gmail.com if you have questions.