Although the Glen of Imaal Terrier is a relatively a healthy breed, The Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America takes the health of our breed quite seriously.

As part of our Constitution and By-Laws it states that we will “Encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Glen of Imaal Terriers” and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection, and to also safeguard and promote the improvement of the health of the Glen of Imaal Terrier.

To help with these goals all members are required to sign and abide by the Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America’s Code of Ethics. Health testing requirements in our Code of Ethics are as follows. Before breeding both sire and dam must have hips and elbows tested for dysplasia. An eye exam done by an AVCO ophthalmologist beginning at 2 years of age, and then every 2 years until the age of 8. Also testing for the crd3 gene must be done. Once status is determined of both parents for this gene no breeding can take place that will produce a dog that is affected by this form of PRA, progressive retinal atrophy.

All of the above testing results are to be reported to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. The Glen of Imaal Terrier Club suggest potential puppy buyers use the Orthopedic Foundation Of America’s website www.offa.org or the Canine Health Information Center caninehealthinfo.org to review testing results.

This Health Statement approved by the Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America Board of Directors

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