



## Parent Club Health Statement

### **BREEDING should only be considered:**

- A. With the intention of producing Staffords who are physically and mentally sound, of the proper temperament, and within the desired type and characteristics inherent to the breed as described in the official Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed standard.
- B. When the breeding stock has been selected based upon the breed standard, merit of the individuals, genetics, pedigrees, and when every reasonable attempt has been made to determine that the dogs selected are in the best health, temperamentally sound and free of any serious inheritable genetic disease or defect including but not limited to: L-2-Hydroxyglutaric Aciduria ("L-2-HGA"), Hereditary Juvenile Cataracts ("HC"), Persistent Hyperplastic Primary Vitreous ("PHPV"), and Posterior Polar Subcapsular Cataracts ("PPSC")  
The SBTCA encourages breeders to screen litters for PHPV before placement as it can be detected as early as 6 weeks of age.
- C. When the breeder is in the position to offer proper care to the dam and the litter. Suitable homes are not always readily available, therefore the breeder must be committed to long term care and be able to provide the additional facilities needed for the physical and emotional development of the puppies.
- D. Breeder must be prepared to ensure to the best of their ability that no stud dog or brood bitch owned by them is bred to any dog or bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any dog broker, puppy mill, pet shop that retails dogs, auctions, litter lot sales, or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in these activities.

### **The SBTCA Strongly Recommends**

- E. That all puppies are micro-chipped before they leave the breeder's house, with the breeder on the paperwork as an alternate contact.
- F. That all breeding stock is DNA tested for L-2-Hydroxyglutaric Aciduria (L2-HGA) and Hereditary Juvenile Cataracts (HC) as well as having a current CERF clearance (within a year) before being bred.

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