

The United States of America Coton de Tulear Club

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Are you looking for a quality Coton that is pre-spoiled and whose parents are health tested, to be your next family member?

The United States of America Coton de Tulear Club, the AKC Parent Breed Club, is happy to assist you. It is important that you feel confident with the breeder and the puppy you choose BEFORE you buy. As puppy buyers, it is always wise 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 provide you with information that will help guide you to choose your next family member.

Please begin your search by checking our [Breeders Directory](#).

Ask breeders questions about their dogs such as suggested in the following:

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

Members of the United States of America Coton de Tulear agree to follow the AKC Code of Ethics Policy and the USACTC Code of Ethics Policy.

(Note: The USACTC, Inc. assumes 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 acquire a Coton de Tulear from any particular breeder.)

USACTC Members agree to comply with the following rules, regulations, policies & ethical conduct outlined in the USACTC Code of Ethics document as follows:

The American Kennel Club Rules & Regulations
AKC Code of Sportsmanship
AKC Breeders Rules & Regulations
Club's Policies and Procedures
Constitution and Bylaws of the USACTC, Inc,
AKC Breed Standard
Breed Welfare Policy

We Welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the Coton de Tulear breed and our breed club, the USACTC, Inc. At any time, a Club member makes a personal decision to become a USACTC Breeder, the Member agrees to adhere to the AKC Breeders Rules and Regulations, follow Breeder Directory Application Policies, and always consider the welfare of the Coton de Tulear breed as paramount.

Full content of the policy can be found on the following link.

[USACTC Code of Ethics – United States of America Coton de Tulear Club](#)

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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 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 offers guidelines to assist in assuring that breeding is done for the betterment of the breed. 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.

USACTC partners with the Orthopedic Foundation of America and their Canine Health Information Center. The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). <https://www.ofa.org/>

Their Mission Statement is to provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists, that will assist in breeding healthy dogs.

As Parent Breed Club we recommend the following health tests: The first three tests are required to receive the CHIC number. Note that some tests are optional for each breeder to decide what is most beneficial to their individual programs.

- **Eye Examination**
Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist
- **Patellar Luxation**
OFA Evaluation
- **Cardiac Exam** (One of the following)
Congenital Evaluation
- Advanced Cardiac Exam
Basic Evaluation
- **Health Elective** (3 of the following)
OFA Hip Evaluation OFA Elbow Evaluation OFA Thyroid evaluation from approved laboratory
DNA-based vWD (von Willebrand's) test from an approved lab.
DNA-based NCA (Bandara's Syndrome) test from an approved lab.
DNA-based DM (Degenerative Myelopathy) test from an approved lab.
DNA-based CMR (Canine Multifocal Retinopathy) test from an approved lab.
DNA-based PH (Primary Hyperoxaluria) test from an approved lab.
DNA-based HU (Hyperuricosuria) test from an approved lab.
DNA-based CDPA (Chondrodysplasia) test from an approved lab.
DNA-based CDDY (Chondrodystrophy) test from an approved lab.
OFA Legg-Calves-Perthes evaluation

As AKC Parent Club, The United States of America Coton de Tulear Club wishes to thank you for reviewing our information. We sincerely hope to help you make the right choice. Health requirements are approved by the Board of Directors.

For additional information: Please contact: Gregory Beach, USACTC President. Email: gregoryb01@aol.com
To learn more about the Coton de Tulear, we invite you to visit our web site

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