

The Registration Policy of the Griffith Land & Cattle Co. and the Nemesis Patterdale Terriers is as follows.

We do not normally register Patterdale Terriers. If we ever do, they'll be registered with the American Dog Breeders Association (A.D.B.A.) of Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

We will NOT register with the Patterdale Terrier Club of America, (PTCA) or the United Kennel Club (UKC) nor can we recommend either as a legitimate registry for these dogs. When we got started we considered registering with the PTCA on the recommendation of others. However, a cursory examination of their web site makes it clear that their integrity as a registry service is seriously in doubt.

Cause for this harsh accusation can be found right on the web site of the PTCA.

The PTCA proudly devotes a whole web page to Patterdale Terrier number 001, a common stray found wandering at a highway rest stop, a dog of no known ancestry that never produced any progeny to help establish a link to any particular breed.

The dog's only qualification for being registered was that someone *thought* she looked like a Patterdale Terrier.

This is how working breeds lose their identity.

When kennel clubs take interest in any particular breed it isn't long before people are breeding for a certain color or a special "look" with little or no regard for the characteristic performance that made the breed desirable in the first place.

Once a working breed begins to be bred for a specific appearance it is doomed. Breeding for looks wrecks any breed. There is no history that indicates otherwise.

The primary offending characteristic of kennel clubs is the Conformation Show. The PTCA and UKC both hold Conformation Shows, awarding prizes for appearances. Their web sites make it clear that they'll actually deny registration based on supposed "faults" seen in the physical appearance of the dog. Performance does not count.

Though the A.D.B.A. does hold conformation shows for some breeds they also acknowledge that Patterdale Terriers have a varied appearance because dedicated breeders hold performance as the primary standard above any other characteristic. In the breeding of working dogs appearance is subordinate to performance and we refuse to promote those who seek to enrich themselves by opposing that rule.

'The ADBA maintains stud books on many different working breeds.

They try not to let the show control the appearance of the dogs.

We'll register our dogs with The ADBA because their integrity is not in doubt.