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The American Dog Breeders Association Inc. (ADBA) has been built by breeders of integrity who are dedicated to the APBT breed and to its historic breed type. The applications and pedigrees submitted are signed by the breeder verifying they are true as reported and those signatures are verified in our office as to their authenticity. This is the vast majority of dogs that have been registered with the ADBA since 1909.

We are now at a different time in society when the general public's viewpoint of a purebred dog is being devalued and to have a designer dog is becoming more popular. Because the popularity of the APBT went through a period of breed bans and bad press, dogs were bred to diminish the APBT breed type and at the same time appeal to a new market of dog owners.

ADBA has, in good faith, accepted these dogs into our studbook, as studbook registration has historically been based solely on pedigrees. By signing the application the breeder was verifying the information was true and correct.

As an example, 'PR' Edgar's Wannabe AWhopper was accepted into the ADBA 3/5/1992 from a single registration application signed by Edgar Eddington and the breeding was verified by a UKC 'PR' pedigree dated 9/28/1991. Because of the dog's physical appearance, Whoppers purebred status was questioned by many, and in turn Edgar was questioned by the ADBA. However, back in those days in the bulldog world, a man's word was his bond. Edgar reaffirmed that the dog was purebred, and along with the UKC's Purple Ribbon Pedigree status and as other well known breeders stood with him in this matter, the dog's pedigree was accepted as a purebred APBT and he was registered with the ADBA as such.

As a registration office, the ADBA keeps records of pedigree information. Once a dog's pedigree is verified to be true and a dog is registered through our office, we do not dictate how that dog is to be bred. We trust and respect the integrity of the breeders and owners who register with us.

At this time, ADBA has started the process to investigate and identify the issues in our APBT stud book. There are current high profile problems that need to be addressed immediately; ADBA will take action. We are also currently contacting individuals that may have direct knowledge regarding Eddington's A/A Wanna Be a Whopper.

These problems did not occur overnight and it will take time to rectify the situation. We are committed to the preservation of the APBT breed.

We thank the breeders and owners that support the ADBA and we will continue to provide the best registration service, support, and athletic canine activities for the breeds they choose to own and enjoy.

Respectfully,  
The American Dog Breeders Association, Inc. Board of Directors