

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WELLOW & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB

1 The Club shall be called **WELLOW & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB** and its objects shall be:

- a) To promote all aspects of dog training in an area 15 miles around Wellow, Hampshire.
- b) to encourage responsible dog ownership through training and education.
- c) To encourage the responsible dog and owner in taking part in competition.
- d) To raise money for worthwhile causes.

2 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The Club shall consist of a Chairman, a Committee of five and an unlimited number of members.

3 COMMITTEE

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and a Committee consisting of five members, of whom two shall retire annually.

The members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election every year.

The following Officers shall have full voting rights, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary, but at least every six months.

A quorum for Committee meetings shall be three members.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings.

Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.

4 ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Candidates for membership shall be proposed by one existing fully paid up member and seconded by another.

Acceptance will be on payment of subscription.

Membership can only be accepted from individuals and/or couples.

Junior membership is allowed, over age seven years.

Persons residing outside the Club's area of operation are eligible to become members, providing membership is proposed by one existing fully paid up member and seconded by two other existing members.

5 VOTING RIGHTS

Each member shall be entitled to one vote after six months of membership.

Postal or proxy votes are not allowed.

Voting shall be by show of hands at meetings.

Junior members do not attain voting rights until 18 years of age.

6 CLUB PROPERTY

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets, and the outcome of the meeting shall be notified to the Kennel Club.

7 CLUB ACCOUNTS

A banking account shall be held in the name of the society at Lloyds TSB, Shirley, into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of a two of the following Officers: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting. Certification of the accounts must be carried out by either one qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.

8 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership shall be £7.50 for individuals and £10 for couples.

No member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if the member shall fail to pay the outstanding subscription within one month of advice then his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back onto the register will be dependent on new application and payment of arrears.

9 DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR

If a member or dog is a disruptive influence in class, the member will be given a verbal warning, which may be accelerated to a written warning, that if the behaviour does not improve the member and/or dog will no longer be permitted to remain in that class.

10 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who shall be suspended by the kennel Club shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society be injurious or be likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society may, serve a notice convening a meeting which includes an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a Special General meeting of the Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date, and hour of the Meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation.

If at the Meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members, and he/she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the society except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such a Meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

11 FINANCIAL YEAR/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The financial year of the Society shall be from 1 January to 31 December.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31 March every year.

12 GENERAL MEETINGS

a) Nature of business to be conducted: To receive the report of the committee and Balance Sheet to elect Officers, and to discuss any resolutions duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Secretary.

No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting are urgent.

b) Notice of the annual General Meeting will be given to the members in writing.

c) One calendar month's notice of the meeting shall be given to the members.

d) Items for the Agenda are required by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting date.

e) The Agenda will be circulated at the Meeting.

12a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Secretary if five members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so.

The method for convening a Special General Meeting shall be the same as for an Annual General Meeting.

13 AMENDMENTS TO RULES

The rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General meeting, the agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules.

Any proposed alterations to the rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration.

14 ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for the continuance of registration and that, by 31 July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of titles of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities to be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

15 KENNEL CLUB FINAL COURT OF APPEAL

The Kennel Club will be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.

16 OTHER SOCIETIES

The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

17 MEMBERS LISTS

The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.