



Newmarket & District Canine Society

Rules & Regulations

1. Names and Objects

The Society shall be known as the "Newmarket and District Canine Society" and its object shall be to a) promote the breeding, exhibiting and the general standard of dogs and to further the interest of all breeds of dog and b) provide training for dog owners to enable them to teach their dogs to be obedient and to promote a better understanding between dogs and their owners.

2. Officers and Committee

The Society shall consist of a President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Head Trainer, up to Sixteen Committee members and an unlimited number of members. The Committee may appoint one of their members who have served on the Committee for one full year, to be Show Manager and this position shall have Officer Status.

3. The Affairs of the Society

shall be conducted by an elected Committee consisting of five Officers and up to sixteen Committee members, who shall retire annually on a three year rotation and be eligible for re- election. The Committee shall have the powers to co- opt Members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings and have the power to Co-opt up to two additional Members. Those Co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Society at which the election of Officers and Committee takes place. If there are more than three vacancies for Committee members then those gaining the most votes shall serve the three year term. A QUORAM for Committee meetings shall be seven, including at least two Officers and not less than three other Members. Any Committee member not attending three consecutive meetings without reasonable notification or excuse may be called on to resign. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as deemed necessary but at least every four months. No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

4. Nomination

No individual who has been a member for less than one year may be Nominated for Committee. All nominations shall be proposed and seconded by two paid up Members of the Society and shall contain the Signature of theNiminee indicating acceptance of Nomination. Any nominance for the position of Officer, excluding President, must have served as a Committee member during the year immediately preceding nomination. A new President shall be elected at a General Meeting when the position has fallen vacant

5. Membership

Candidates for Membership shall be accepted on payment of the subscription subject to the approval of the Committee at their next meeting. The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership. The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as agreed by Members at the Annual General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. There shall be single and joint Memberships. Subscriptions fall due on 1st January each year. Membership shall be deemed to have lapsed if not renewed on or before 1st March. Any Person joining after the 1st November shall be deemed a paid up Member for the ensuing year.

6. List of Members

The Society must send a list of Committee Members and their addresses to the Kennel Club with their Annual Returns, and if so requested in writing make an up to date list of Members available for inspection b y a Member of the Kennel Club.

7. Voting Rights

The President shall not have the right to vote except when taking the Chair at a General Meeting. The Chairman of a meeting shall have the casting vote. All other Members shall have a vote excepting new Members joining after a General Meeting has been called. Each Member of a joint Membership shall have a vote.

8. Club Accounts

A banking account shall be held in the name of the Society at Barclays Bank, Newmarket into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall be made on the Signature of the Treasurer and one of two other Officers of the Society, designated by the Committee.

9. Auditor

The Society shall appoint a qualified Auditor at the Annual General Meeting.

10. The Financial Year of the Society

shall be from the 1st January to 31st December each year. The Hon. Treasurer shall produce an audited statement of account for the previous year at the Annual General Meeting, and a copy of the accounts will be available for inspection by Members at the AGM and at Training Evenings during April. Copies of the accounts will only be forwarded on the written request of a Member.

11. Club Property

The property of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. Cups donated to the Society are deemed to be given outright to the Society and to be the absolute property of the Society, unless any direction to the contrary is made in writing at the time of the gift. In the event of the Society ceasing to exist a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Society's assets. The Persons named as Officers and Committee in the last Returns made to the Kennel Club will be responsible for the proper winding up of the Society and for forwarding to the Kennel Club within Six months a final statement of audited accounts and a record of disposal of property.

12. General Meetings.

A QUORAM at the commencement of any General Meeting shall be sixteen.

a) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The AGM shall be held in March to receive the report of the Committee and the Balance Sheet, to elect for Committee and to discuss any item placed on the Agenda. Notice of the AGM will be given by publication in "Dog World" and "Our Dogs" not less than twenty one clear days before the date of the meeting. Nominations for the Committee and items for inclusion on the Agenda, duly proposed and seconded by paid up Members must reach the Hon. Secretary fourteen days prior to the AGM. The Agenda will be circulated at the Meeting but shall be available by request from the Hon. Secretary not more than seven days prior to the AGM. No business shall be transacted at the AGM 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) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - A SGM shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if fifteen Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting an SGM to do so. No business other than that detailed on the Agenda can be discussed at an SGM. The Committee may at any time call an SGM. No less than fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing, by the Agenda, to Members of an SGM. The SGM shall be held within one month of receipt of a requisition.

13. Amendment to the Rules.

The Rules of the Society must not be altered except at a General Meeting, the Agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules. Any proposed alteration may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alterations. New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Society's Constitution with effect from the Society's Annual Meeting.

14. Expulsion of Members

Any Member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(4) and/ or whose dog/ s is/ are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(4) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/ or disqualification. If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the tile Committee of the Society, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society, at a Meeting the notice convening which includes as 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 for all purposes to be a Member of the Society, except that he/ she may within two calendar months from the date of such Meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose. If the Society expels a Member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, Trials or Competitions, the Society must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within Seven days and supply any particulars required.

15. No member shall attend a training class with a bitch in season.

16. No Member shall attend a Training Class or any function promoted by the Society with a dog that is unwell or suffering from any disease. If in the opinion of Committee Members in charge a dog is unwell they may, in the interest of other dogs present either refuse admission or request the Member remove the dog. In the event of any dog contracting or having contact with any infectious or contagious disease the dog shall be kept away from the Society until cleared by a Veterinary Surgeon.
17. The Committee shall have the power to legislate upon any point not provided by these Rules and their decisions shall be final subject to the approval of the Kennel Club.
18. The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting Rules and Regulations of the Society and in all cases relevant to Canine Society matters.
19. The Society shall not form any Federation of Societies or Clubs.
20. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title Fees will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and by 31st July annually other returns, as stipulated by the Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

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