



# DALMATIAN CLUB OF SCOTLAND

## Dalmatian Club of Scotland Club Rules

### 1. NAME

The Club shall be called the Dalmatian Club of Scotland

### 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be:-

- (a) To protect and promote the interests of the Dalmatian Breed especially in Scotland.
- (b) To render all assistance possible to owners, breeders and exhibitors of Dalmatians.
- (c) To publish the Kennel Club Ltd. Standard of the Breed and to urge upon all breeders, owners and judges the adoption of this as the only recognised standard by which Dalmatians shall be judged and awarded prizes for excellence.
- (d) To hold shows under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and to encourage Kennel Club registered Canine Societies to provide Dalmatian classes at their shows; offer prizes where appropriate and give support to those shows whose Committee provide a suitable classification and approved Judge for Dalmatians
- (e) To maintain and abide by the highest standards in all activities (whether licensed or otherwise) in accordance with Kennel Club Limited rules and regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice.
- (f) To adopt the Kennel Club Limited and Club Code of Ethics (as amended from time to time) in addition to the rules set out below.
- (g) To provide social, educational and breed functions for the benefit of the Members

### 3. CONSTITUTION

The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members. An up to date list of Members and their addresses and must be maintained and if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club Limited and Members of the Club. A declaration of the number of Members of the Club must be made with Annual Returns. Members must notify the Secretary of any change of address.

### 4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Every candidate for election to membership shall be proposed and seconded in writing to the Secretary by two members of the Club, such proposers to be responsible for the fitness of the candidate. Election of members shall be by simple majority vote of the Committee present and voting. Membership shall run from the time of election.

The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership.

Proposers or seconders shall not be joint or partnership members or the husband, wife, son or daughter of a proposer or seconder.

### 5. MEMBERSHIP, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FINANCE

- (a) Subscriptions shall be payable on election. The membership year shall be from the 1st January to the 31st December, except that in the case of a member elected between 1st October and 31st December (both inclusive) in any year, the payment of the first subscription shall cover membership to the 31st December of the next ensuing year. Subscriptions may be paid by Bankers Order, Cheque, Postal Order or Cash.
- (b) The Annual Subscription and terms of entry to membership shall be determined annually at the AGM. The Committee shall recommend to the AGM an appropriate scale.
- (c) Joint membership shall be open to husband or wife, sons or daughters, or members of a registered partnership. Such additional members shall pay 50% of the full membership fee.

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- (d) Overseas members having a permanent residence outside the British Isles shall pay an annual subscription at such rate as the AGM shall from time to time decide.
- (e) Those who have rendered services to the Club or to the Dalmatian Breed, may be invited to become Honorary Life Members at a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting from nominees put forward by the Committee. Any such Honorary Life Members shall retain their voting rights.
- (f) By renewing their membership, Members agree to abide by the Club's Rules and the Club's Code of Ethics. Subscriptions are payable annually to the Treasurer, and fall due on 1st January. Members who have not paid their subscriptions by the 31st January will be notified by the Treasurer and if by the last day of February subscriptions have not been paid then the persons' names will be struck off the Register and they cease to be entitled to any benefits or privileges of membership.
- (g) The Treasurer shall inform the Committee at their next meeting of the names of the lapsed Members. Lapsed Members wishing to re-join will be treated as an initial application for membership
- (h) The financial year of the Club shall be from the 1st January to 31st December. The Treasurer shall maintain a proper book of accounts showing receipts and payments and prepare a balance sheet made up to the 31st December each year for submission to the elected auditors.
- (i) Accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.
- (j) The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club Ltd. by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, be forwarded to the Kennel Club Ltd. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club Ltd. of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.
- (k) Home Members who have paid all subscriptions have the power to vote at any Annual General or Special General Meeting, and elections conducted through the post.
- (l) Overseas Members and those under 14 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year may attend such meetings, but have no voting powers whatsoever.

## 6. RESIGNATION

Any Officer or Committee Member wishing to resign from Office shall so notify the Secretary in writing. Such resignation shall be effective from the date of receipt by the Secretary, who shall report the resignation to the next meeting of the Committee.

Any person wishing to resign from membership shall advise the Secretary in writing, and such resignation shall be effective from the date of receipt by the Secretary.

## 7. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The management of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee of no more than six members (where sufficient nominations are received) plus the following officers:-

- (a) Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot in accordance with Rule 8.
- (b) In addition to the foregoing there shall be offices of:
  - i. President, who shall be nominated by the Committee, at a Committee Meeting, and elected by a simple majority at the AGM and shall serve for a full term of three years, then being eligible for re-election. Presidents may attend Committee Meetings, but shall not have voting power. The President shall not hold any other Office of the Club.

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- ii. Vice-Presidents, shall be nominated only by Committee at a Committee Meeting and shall be elected for life, they may be past Presidents or members whom the Club wish to honour, and shall not exceed three in number. Their election will be ratified at the AGM by a simple majority.
- iii. Vice-Presidents may attend Committee Meetings but shall not have voting power.
- (c) The Officers and Committee with the exception of the President and Vice- Presidents, shall retire every year at the AGM, but shall automatically be nominated for election in accordance with Rule 8. no one member shall hold two offices.
- (d) Not less than eight clear weeks before the AGM, the Secretary shall issue to each paid-up member, a circular inviting nominations for posts of officers and committee. No member may propose himself.
- (e) Any Officer or Committee member who resigns from Office shall not be eligible for nomination for re-election to that office for a period of twelve calendar months from the date of such resignation.
- (f) Nominations bearing the assent of the nominee in writing shall be proposed and seconded by two members and submitted to the Secretary six clear weeks prior to the date of the AGM. Proposers or seconders shall not be joint or partnership members, or the husband, wife, son or daughter of a proposer or seconder.
- (g) No person, whilst an undischarged bankrupt, may serve on the Committee of, or hold any other Office or appointment within, a Kennel Club Ltd. Registered Society within the Dalmatian Club of Scotland.

## 8. ELECTIONS

- (a) The Committee and officers shall be elected by secret postal ballot from those members eligible for election and duly nominated in accordance with these Rules. A numbered ballot paper shall be sent by post by the Secretary to members five clear weeks before the AGM. The ballot paper shall be returned by the member, to reach the Scrutineer named on the ballot paper, two clear weeks before the AGM. Voting shall be by a simple "X" vote and, those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected at the AGM.

Where the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, then the successful candidate or candidates will be those securing the highest number of votes. In the event of a tie, the Committee shall elect from these, the number required to complete the Committee.

The Scrutineer shall provide the information for the declaration at the AGM, containing the results of the votes cast and certification of the number of papers sent out, returned and spoilt.

- (b) No person shall be nominated for any Office or for Committee unless he has been a member for two consecutive years at the date of nomination. Any break in Membership will necessitate a further two years membership for eligibility.

## 9. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) The Committee, in its conduct of affairs, shall have power to deal with all matters not expressly provided for in the Rules of the Club.
- (b) The Committee shall have powers to co-opt members to the Committee for a specific purpose or appoint members to perform a specific function. Co-opted members shall have the right to have their views and findings made known at Committee meetings but shall not have the right to vote. Such appointments and the reasons therefore shall be reported at the next AGM.
- (c) Each Member present at a Committee or Sub-Committee meeting shall be entitled to one vote on each motion except in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

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## 10. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall meet within two calendar months from the date of their election and thereafter as often as may be deemed necessary by its Chairman. At least two weeks' notice convening a meeting and stating the business on the agenda shall be issued to all members of the Committee.

In the event of emergency the Secretary shall have power in conjunction with the Treasurer and Chairman or Vice-Chairman, to transact such urgent business as might be transacted at a meeting of the Committee but any such action shall be reported by the Secretary at the next meeting of the Committee. Five, one of whom shall be an Officer, shall form a quorum at a Committee Meeting.

## 11. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) There shall be a General Meeting of the members once per year. The timetable for calling AGMs will be as follows:
- i. Not less than eight clear weeks before the date of the AGM the Secretary will send by post to all members a Notice of Meeting containing a request for proposals and nominations for Officers and Committee places.
  - ii. Not less than six clear weeks before the AGM proposals and nominations are to be received by post by the Secretary. Proposals must be proposed and seconded by a Member No proposal may be discussed at an A.G.M. unless proposed and seconded in accordance with this Rule 11(a)(ii)
  - iii. Two clear weeks before the AGM the Secretary will send by post to all members an agenda showing proposals received accompanied by the balance sheet along with the Minutes of the previous AGM. Copies of standing orders will be available at the AGM.
- (b) Where two or more members are recorded as living at one address, it shall be sufficient to send one notice only to the address and in the case of a partnership to a first named partner.
- (c) The business of the AGM shall be conducted in the following order:-
- i. The President's Address.
  - ii. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM.
  - iii. Receive the Chairman's Annual Report.
  - iv. Consideration of the balance sheet and statement of accounts duly audited and the Auditor's report.
  - v. To receive the results of all postal ballots for election of Officers and Committee in accordance with Rule 8(a)
  - vi. To elect Auditors who shall not be members of the Committee.
  - vii. To conduct business of which notice has been given to the Secretary in accordance with these Rules
  - viii. Any other business relevant to the Club or wellbeing of the Breed at the Chairman's discretion.
- (d) No business shall be transacted at the AGM unless notice thereof appears on the final Agenda.
- (e) No Annual or Special General Meeting of members shall proceed to business unless there be present within one hour of the stated time a quorum of 15 members. The subsequent lack of a quorum shall not invalidate the proceedings. In the event of no meeting taking place because of the lack of a quorum, the Committee shall have power to determine another date, time and place for the meeting.

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## 12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) These may be convened at any time either by the Committee by vote of not less than one half of the number of its members, or by a written requisition to the Secretary signed by not less than 25 members having voting power at that time.
- (b) Business shall be confined to the matter specified in the notice convening the meeting.
- (c) The notice convening the meeting shall be issued to all members at least 14 days prior to the date thereof and the majority shall be 2 to 1 of members having voting power present and voting at the meeting.

## 13. VOTING POWERS

All members, provided they have paid all subscriptions and monies due to the Club, shall have power to attend and vote at any General or Special General Meeting, or to vote in an election.

## 14. JUDGES

The Committee shall cause to be maintained lists of judges as follows:

### "A1" List

For persons who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club Ltd. to award Challenge Certificates in the breed, have completed their first appointment and who have the support of this club.

### "A2" List

For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 List and who have been assessed in accordance with the Kennel Club Ltd. requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club Ltd. for inclusion on an A2 List and who have the support of this club.

### "A3" List (Breed Specialists)

For persons who have judged a minimum of 40 Dalmatian classes at Open Shows or Championship Shows where there are no Challenge Certificates on offer for Dalmatians, with at least 140 Dalmatians present in those classes, over a minimum period of seven years and who have the support of this club. In addition, such persons must have bred and/or owned a minimum of three dogs when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club Ltd. Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances) and must have stewarded at twelve shows.

Furthermore, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2001, such persons must have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Ltd. accredited trainer and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures, must have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Ltd. accredited trainer on Conformation & Movement, and have attended at least one seminar, specific to the Dalmatian, run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Ltd. Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment. Furthermore with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005, must have attended a Conformation & Movement "Hands On" Assessment, conducted by a Kennel Club Ltd. Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment.

### "A3" List (Non-Breed Specialists)

For persons who must have awarded CCs in at least one other breed and who have judged a minimum of 40 Dalmatian classes at Open Shows or Championship Shows where CCs were not on offer for Dalmatians, with at least 140 Dalmatians present in those classes, over a minimum period of five years, and have judged dogs of any breed for a minimum period of seven years and who have the support of this Club. In addition, such persons must have bred and/or owned a minimum of three dogs of any breed when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club Ltd. Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances)

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## "B" List (Breed Specialists and Non-Breed Specialists)

For persons who have judged a minimum of 15 Dalmatian classes with at least 60 Dalmatians present in those classes at Open Show level or below, over a minimum period of three years and who have the support of this club; or

For persons who have judged a minimum of 8 Dalmatian Classes with at least 30 dogs present in those classes at Open Show level or below, over a minimum period of three years, and who have attended at least one seminar, specific to the Dalmatian, run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Ltd. Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment and who have the support of this club

## "C" List

For persons aspiring to become judges in the breed and have the support of the Club

The Club shall maintain Judge's Roll of Honour comprising those Judges previously included on the Club's A1 List and who have indicated their wish to retire from active judging.

The method of election shall be as follows:

Applications for election to the Club's lists may be submitted to the Secretary at any time. All applications for the "A1", "A2", "A3" and "B" lists of judges will be scrutinised by the Judges Sub-Committee on a continual basis. The decisions of this Sub-Committee shall be final. Election to the "C" List shall be by a majority vote of the Committee. The Judges' Sub-Committee shall consist of those of the existing Officers and Committee members who have already awarded CCs in Dalmatians, together with a group of other Officer/Committee members (totalling no more than 25% of the whole Sub-Committee) who have not yet awarded CCs in Dalmatians.

The Club shall not incur any financial liability for Dalmatian Classes at any show, excepting Club Shows.

Nominations for all judging appointments within the purview of the Club must be chosen from The Club's judging lists. Judging lists shall be reviewed at each Committee Meeting.

## 15. CLUB FUNDS, CUPS, ETC.

- (a) The funds shall be lodged in a bank approved by the Committee and shall be in the name of The Dalmatian Club of Scotland

All accounts must be passed by the Committee and all cheques drawn must be signed by two

Officers, one of whom must be the Treasurer. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, who shall have power to dispose of the same should the Club be wound up.

Upon written application to the Committee, a member (as defined in Rule 13) may examine, within reasonable time and location, the accounting records of the Dalmatian Club of Scotland (paying-in books, cheque books, bank statements, building society pass books) for each account held by the Dalmatian Club of Scotland.

- (b) All cups and trophies shall be vested in the Committee who shall be Trustees for the said Cups and Trophies and any other property of the Club.

## 16. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

The Club shall not be dissolved except at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Four weeks' notice shall be sent by post to all members of such a meeting.

If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a Registered Society under Kennel Club Limited regulations, a final statements of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club Limited within 6 months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club Limited for the proper winding up of the Club.

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## 17. NOTICES

All notices shall be sent by post to the last recorded address of the respective members as recorded in the Register of Members and shall be considered as duly delivered when such notices are posted. Members shall advise the Secretary in writing of any change of address.

## 18. THE KENNEL CLUB LIMITED.

The Kennel Club Ltd. shall be the final authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the Club. Its rules shall apply to the Club and it shall be the final Court of Appeal in all cases relative to Canine or Club matters.

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Ltd. Rule A42j(5) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule Ltd. A42j(9) 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 Committee of the Society, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society, may, 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 Ltd. upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club Ltd. may impose.

If the Club expels any Member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, trials or competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club Limited within seven days and supply any particulars required.

Subject to the foregoing no Member so expelled shall have any claim against the Club, nor be entitled to any repayment or any part of his or her subscription, and shall forthwith return to the Club any Cups or Trophies that, being the property of the Club, are in his or her possession at the time of the expulsion.

## 19. RULES OF THE CLUB

No new rules or alterations of existing rules shall be made except by a 2 to 1 majority of members present and voting at General or Special General Meetings of members and shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club Ltd. has been advised and given its approval of the alteration. Notice of proposed alterations to rules shall be submitted in accordance with Rule 11(a)(ii). A copy of the rules and of any additions or alterations thereto shall be supplied to and be binding upon all members of the Club.

New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club Limited requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included within the Club's constitution with effect from the Annual General Meeting.

## 20. FEDERATIONS, ETC.

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

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