

## **Rules of the Northern Pug Dog Club**

### **1. Name and Objects**

The Club shall be called 'The Northern Pug Dog Club' and its objects shall be to promote the breeding of pure bred Pugs and endeavour to protect the interest of the breed. Members who are engaged in the breeding of Pugs are encouraged to be responsible breeders and should ensure to the best of their ability that puppies are only sold or given to responsible people in order to minimise the likelihood of such puppies being ill treated or ending up in the care of one of the rescue organisations.

### **2. Officers, Committee and Members**

- a. The Club shall consist of President, Honorary Life-Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a committee of 16 (sixteen) and an unlimited number of members.
- b. The term of office of President shall be limited to a period of 1 (one) year, after which the retiring President shall be eligible for re-election.
- c. The committee shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election.
- d. The office of President, Secretary, Officers and Committee shall be proposed and seconded and subject to a members ballot by post.
- e. Full Single membership and Full Joint shall be granted to members of eighteen years and over on the date of acceptance. Full Joint membership shall be limited to a partnership of two only. Members of under eighteen years of age on the date of acceptance shall be Junior members. On attaining the age of eighteen years a Junior member shall be eligible for Full membership on payment of Full membership subscription for the current year, subject to rule 10a.
- f. Application for membership shall be made on the appropriate form obtainable from the Secretary proposed and seconded by paid-up full members. The Committee reserve the right to refuse membership.
- g. Each Full member shall be supplied with a copy of the Club Rules.
- h. The Honorary Secretary shall make a list of members and their addresses to be made available for inspection, if so required, by the members of the Club or the Kennel Club.
- i. It shall be the duty of the Officers of the Club to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Honorary Secretary during the course of the year.
- j. There should be an 'Associate Membership' primary, but not exclusively designed for internet users who cannot provide the support of two full members needed for full membership. This would entitle such members to details of Club Shows and merchandise but would not offer full voting rights.

### **3. Management of The Club**

- a. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the committee of 16 (sixteens).
- b. The President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Committee by virtue of their office and not committee members.
- c. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary and a minimum of 50% of members of the Committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
- d. The first Committee meeting held after the Annual General Meeting in each year shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from amongst the members of the Committee of sixteen. They shall be Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Club. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings at which he or she is present, and in the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman shall preside. In the event of both being absent the Committee shall elect a Chairman for that meeting from amongst the

Committee members present. All elected members of the Committee and the ex-officio members of the Committee shall have voting right. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

e. In the event of a Committee member resigning during his/her term of office, such members will be replaced at the next Committee meeting by the nominee who had received the next highest number of votes in the annual election, and this member shall serve for the remainder of the twelve month period. In the event of no nominee being available the committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the committee to fill such vacancies. These co-opted shall serve until the next election of Officers and Committee.

f. No individual who has been a full member for less than one full calendar years may be co-opted onto the Committee.

g. A report of the business transacted at all meetings shall be entered in a minute book kept for that purpose by the Honorary Secretary. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts showing all receipts and expenditure.

h. No member of The Northern Pug Dog Club committee may, at the same time, serve on any other Pug Breed Committee.

i. Voting for judges for the Club shows shall be by postal ballot of the members.

#### **4. Subscriptions**

a. The Annual Subscriptions for Full Single membership, Full Joint membership and Junior membership shall be such amounts decided by the members and notified to the Kennel Club.

b. The Annual Subscription shall be due on the 1st January each year. Subscriptions paid on or after 1st January shall be in respect of the current calendar year only.

c. No member who's subscription is unpaid by 31st January shall be entitled to any privileges of membership and if the member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by 31st March his/her membership shall be considered lapsed and his/her name automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register shall require a new application and be subject to the same conditions of privilege as for newly joined members.

#### **5. Club Accounts**

a. The Financial year of the Club shall be from the 1st January to 31st December.

b. A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Club in which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of the Honorary Treasurer together with signature of either the Chairman or Honorary Secretary. The accounts shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer.

c. Auditors, either one qualified or two unqualified, shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting to audit the Club accounts for the ensuing year. **Those certifying the accounts must be independent of the committee.**

#### **6. Annual General Meeting**

a. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on such flexible date decided by the Committee for the following purposes-

1. To receive the report of the Committee and Balance Sheet. The certified accounts be made available on request to members 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

2. To approve and confirm the election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

3. To discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

- b. No business shall be transacted at the 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.
- c. Preliminary Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to each Full Member and each Full Joint Membership or by notice in the canine press i.e. 'Our Dogs'.
- d. All nominations for President, Officers and Committee together with items for inclusion on the agenda shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary by the date notified in the Preliminary Notice, such date not being earlier than one month prior to Annual General Meeting.
- e. Not less than 14 (fourteen) clear days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given together with all relevant information concerning the Meeting and Business to be conducted. Such notice shall be sent to each Full member and to each Full Joint Membership or by notification in the canine press- i.e. 'Our Dogs'.

## **7. Special General Meetings**

- a. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 25 (twenty five) members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so.
- b. No business other than that detailed on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.
- c. The Committee is empowered to call a Special General Meeting at its discretion.
- d. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be notified to members in writing or by notice in the Canine Press i.e. 'Our Dogs'.
- e. Not less than 14 (fourteen) clear days notice of the Meeting shall be given.

## **8. Amendments to the Rules**

- a. The Rules of the Club shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting, the Agenda of which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules.
- b. Any proposed alteration to the Rules shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval to the alterations.

## **9. Expulsion of Members**

- a. Any Member who shall be disqualified under the Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(5) and/or any Kennel Club rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club.
- b. Any member who shall be suspended by the Kennel Club shall ipso facto cease to be a member of The Northern Pug Dog Club. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be injurious, or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee 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 Club 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 in order that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at that meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall be forthwith erased from the list of members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purpose to be a member of the Club, 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.

c. In the event of a member being expelled for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows or trials, the matter shall be reported in writing to the Kennel Club within 7 (seven) days together with all particulars required.

#### **10. Voting Rights**

- a. No individual shall hold Office or nominate or second any nomination for Office or have a vote in any Club business ballot until he/she has completed one full calendar year continuous Full membership after which time a Full single member and each member of Full Joint membership shall have full voting rights.
- b. The President, Honorary Life-President, Honorary Life Members, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall have Full voting rights.
- c. A Junior member shall have no voting rights.
- d. At all General Meetings voting shall be by a show of hands or as decided by a majority of the meeting and in the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- e. Proxy votes shall not be allowed at a General Meeting.
- f. At least 14 (fourteen) days shall be allowed for the return of the ballot papers in any election.
- g. All judges must go out to a ballot of the members. In the event of a tied vote in a members ballot the matter shall be decided by the committee by placing the judges names in a draw and the name drawn out will have the choice of sex to judge.

#### **11. Club Property**

- a. The Property of the Club shall be entrusted in the Committee who shall have the power to make all decisions relating thereto other than those not provided for in the Rules.
- b. All donations of Cups and Trophies shall be accepted by the Committee on the condition that such items are given as outright gifts to the Club and as such become sole property of the Club.
- c. Cups and Trophies of the Club can only be won by fully paid up Full members.
- d. In the event of the Club being wound up or cease to be a registered Society, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club. A final statement of audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the person named as officer and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club.

#### **12. Annual returns to the Kennel Club**

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

#### **13. Responsibilities of Members**

Members of the Club should make every effort to ensure that dogs under their control do not foul the footways and grass verges of any street, and wherever possible should encourage other dog owners to do the same.

14. Interpretation of the Rules (Regulations) and Court of AppealThe Kennel Club shall be the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club in all cases relative to Canine or Club matters.

15. **Federation of Societies**

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