

MIDLAND LHASA APSO ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS (01. 01. 98)

1. NAME AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

1.1 The Club shall be known as THE MIDLAND LHASA APSO ASSOCIATION

1.2 The aims and objectives of the club shall be:

a) To promote the breeding and exhibiting of pure Lhasa Apso's and uphold the recognised standard of the Breed as laid down by the Parent Club and agreed by the Kennel Club.

(b) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed by offering prizes, supporting certain shows and taking other steps that may be deemed advisable, including the running of Open and Championship Shows, especially in the Midlands Area

(c) To work in close union with the Parent Breed Club and all other properly constituted breed clubs.

2. CONSTITUTION

2.1 The club shall consist of a Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and an unlimited number of members. None of the aforementioned offices may be combined nor may the Patron, President or Vice-Presidents serve on the Committee while holding office.

2.2 The names, addresses and dates of joining of all Members are to be kept by the Honorary Secretary.

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

3. MANAGEMENT

3.1 The Patron, President and Vice-Presidents shall have no executive powers ex officio. The President shall be elected every three years by postal ballot and may offer himself/ herself for re-election subject to formal proposing and seconding.

3.2 The management of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and 12 elected members, all of whom are to be elected by a postal ballot.

3.3 A nominee for the office of Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer or for membership of the Committee must have been a member of the Association for a minimum of three years.

3.4 The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall each serve for three years from the A.G.M. of their election. These officers may then offer their selves for re-election for a further term of three years, subject to formal proposing and seconding in writing. Other members of the Committee shall each serve for a period of three years from the A.G.M. of their election. Three absences, either from duly convened Committee Meetings or Association Shows shall be deemed as a resignation from office or Committee membership.

3.5 At the A.G.M. each year auditors shall be appointed for the Club accounts of the current financial year.

3.6 Nominations for office or for vacancies on the Committee shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than the date set for receipt of motions for consideration at the A.G.M., must be proposed and seconded in writing by existing members and must include a declaration in writing of eligibility and willingness to serve by the nominee; but a current Committee Member offering himself/herself for re-election need not be so nominated, but must indicate his/ her willingness in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

3.7 Completed voting papers for the annual elections shall be returned to an independent teller not later than 7 days prior to the date fixed for the A.G.M.

3.8 A quorum at meetings of the Committee shall be 7.

3.9 The chairman elected by the Committee shall officiate at all general and Committee Meetings.

3.10 The Chairman elected shall have a deliberative and casting vote at all meetings under his/her charge.

3.11 Except in emergencies, Committee Meetings shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary by notice delivered by post or by telephone not later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

3.12 No member or officer of the Committee shall serve as a member or officer of any other Lhasa Apso Club committee or proposed Breed Club committee.

3.13 No person while an undischarged bankrupt may serve as an Officer or member of the Committee.

4. ANNUAL AND OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS.

4.1 The A.G.M. of the Club shall be held in January or February of each year. At least 28 days notice shall be given to the membership. The Agenda will be circulated at least 14 days prior to the A.G.M.

- 4.2 The AG.M. shall receive a report from the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and an Audited statement of account for the preceding financial year.
- 4.3 After adoption of the statement of account it shall, if possible, be printed as part of the News Letter and, failing this, sent separately as soon as possible to all members with a report of the proceedings of the A.G.M.
- 4.4 The AG.M. shall receive the results of the annual election ballots for Committee vacancies and Judges for future Club Shows.
- 4.5 The Committee shall have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time it is deemed necessary in the interests of the Club.
- 4.6 The Honorary Secretary shall call a Special/Extraordinary General Meeting on receipt of a requisition stating the subject to be discussed, signed by ten members of the Club and endorsed by the President.
- 4.7 The Membership shall be given at least 14 days notice of any Special/Extraordinary General Meeting a the notice shall state the business to be transacted of which business alone discussion shall be confined.

5. NEW MEMBERS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 Any person aged sixteen years or more wishing to become a member must be proposed and seconded by existing members, approved and elected by a majority at a Committee meeting. If accepted the applicant shall be admitted as an ordinary member.
- 5.2 A person less than sixteen years of age wishing to join the Club must be proposed and seconded by ordinary members and approved and elected by a majority at a Committee meeting.
If accepted, the applicant shall be admitted as a Junior Member.
- 5.3 A Junior Member shall have no vote in elections or at General Meetings.
- 5.4 A Junior Member may become an ordinary member subject to rule 7.3.
- 5.5 No one shall be deemed a member or entitled to the privileges of membership (Including a vote at the AG.M. in the case of an ordinary member) until their Club subscriptions for the current year have been paid.
- 5.6 The financial liability of a member shall cease with the payment of his/her annual subscription.
- 5.7 Any person elected a member of the Club and taking up his/her membership shall be deemed to have read the Rules and Code of Ethics of the Club and be prepared to abide by them

6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

- 6.1 A member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall notify the Honorary Secretary in writing.
- 6.2 A Member who has not paid his/her subscription by 31st March in any year shall, unless the Committee decides otherwise, be deemed to have resigned and his/her name shall be deleted from the roll of members by the Honorary Secretary.
- 6.3 On resigning or being struck off the roll of members all claims upon or entitlement to participate in any of the effects or property of the Club shall cease.
- 6.4 Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(4) and/or disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(8) 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 interest 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 the he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such a meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

7. FINANCIAL YEAR AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

- 7.1 The financial year shall commence on 1st January and close on 31st December.
- 7.2 The annual subscription for an ordinary member or joint membership/partnership and junior member shall be decided by the Committee prior to 1st January subject to ratification at the AG.M.
- 7.3 A Junior member may become an ordinary member provided that in the year following that of his/her sixteenth birthday he/she pays the subscription of an ordinary member.
- 7.4 All annual subscriptions shall be due on 1st January and paid before 31st March.

8. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

- 8.1 The Committee shall manage the property of the Club.
- 8.2 The Committee may appoint from the membership a member or members to manage particular items of property, e.g. trophies belonging to the Club.

- 8.3 The Committee may arbitrate on disputed matters formally brought to its attention by letter to the Honorary Secretary.
- 8.4 The capital assets of the Club shall be invested in the names of trustees appointed by the Committee.
- 8.5 The Committee may in the event of a vacancy in the offices of President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer, or in its own ranks, fill the vacancy until the next A.G.M.
- 8.6 No expense shall be incurred by any member of the Committee beyond the funds of the Club.
- 8.7 All expenditure is to be sanctioned by the Committee. Any amount of £5 or more shall be paid by cheque bearing the signatures of any two of the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary)
- 8.8 Without prejudice to Rule 5.6, the Committee may request and accept special donations from the membership for specified projects it may approve.
- 8.9 The Committee may appoint assistants to any of its officers at its discretion.
- 8.10 The Committee shall have the power to recommend the appointment of Patron and Vice-Presidents for such periods as they see fit for approval by the membership at the A.G.M.

9. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES.

- 9.1 The Rules of the Club may not be altered except at an A.G.M. or Special General Meeting and such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given approval to the alterations.
- 9.2 Notice of a motion to alter the Rules of the Club must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary with names of the proposer and seconder and a date to be specified by the Honorary Secretary on the Notice of A.G.M.
- 9.3 Any motion to alter the Rules must, to the satisfaction of the Honorary Secretary, clearly define the alteration or addition intended.

10. PRIZES AWARDED BY THE CLUB AND OTHERS.

In the event that trophies, the property of the Club, are offered for competition to be held by the winner for limited period only, the Committee may demand from the winner before delivery of the trophy, a monetary deposit and a written undertaking to return the trophy at his/her risk to the Honorary Secretary of the Club or his/her nominee by the stated date.

11. JUDGES FOR SHOWS.

- 11.1 Judges for association Shows shall be nominated by the members and selected by postal ballot of the membership.
- 11.2 For Club Open Shows one show to be judged by a Breed Specialist and the other by a non Breed Specialist, proposed judges must meet the criteria for inclusion on the Club's 'B' Judging List.

The nominations must be proposed and seconded by fully paid up members of the Club and must include the nominees full address so that the Honorary Secretary may obtain a current Lhasa Apso judging CV.

12. INDEPENDENCE OF THE CLUB.

The Club shall not join any federation of societies or clubs.

13. CLUB PROPERTY.

- 13.1 The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of any assets.
- 13.2 All cups and trophies donated by members to the Club shall be accepted on the understanding that they be donated outright to the Club.

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 Honorary Secretary for continuance of Registration and by the 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.

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. The final authority for the interpreting of these Rules shall be the Kennel Club.