



Dukeries (Notts.) Gundog Club

Hon Patron : Mrs B Jayne Mawer

2020 Club Rules

NAME

1. The Club shall be called ‘The Dukeries (Notts.) Gundog Club ‘

OBJECTIVE

2. The objective of the Club shall be to promote the breeding of good gundogs and to hold training sessions, working tests, field trials and dog shows.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

3.0 The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the following Officers of the Club: Club Chairman, Hon Club Treasurer and Hon Club Secretary and the following Committees : a Field Trial Committee, a Show Committee and a General Committee. Each Committee shall have the power to decide upon any matter not provided for in these rules and take action and decisions as may seem to them calculated to protect the interests of the Club.

3.1 Meetings of the Committees shall be held as often as deemed necessary.

3.2 A quorum for the purposes of the Committees will comprise seven members, one of which must be an Officer of the relevant Committee.

3.3 The Club President, Club Chairman, Hon Club Treasurer and Hon Club Secretary, together with five members each of the Show and Field Trial Committees shall constitute the General Committee.

3.4 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 or by direct debit for the 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, will be forwarded to The Kennel Club.

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

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

4.0 At the Annual General Meeting each year the members present shall elect no more than twenty five members to constitute the Field Trial Committee for that year.

4.1 This Committee shall at its first meeting elect its own Chairman, Vice-Chairman , Field Trial Secretary and Treasurer.

Five members shall be elected to represent the Field Trial Committee on the General Committee. These five may include the Field Trial Committee Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

4.2 The President, Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer of the Club shall ex-officio be members of the Field Trial Committee.

4.3 The Field Trial Committee shall have powers to co-opt to their own Committee.

4.4 The Chairman or Acting Chairman shall have the casting vote

4.5 This Committee shall be responsible for all matters connected with Field Trials, Working Tests and training organised by the Club.

SHOW COMMITTEE

5.0 At the Annual General Meeting each year the members present shall elect not more than twenty five members to constitute the Show Committee for that year.

5.1 This Committee shall at its first meeting elect its own Chairman, Show Secretary, Treasurer and may elect its own Vice-Chairman and Assistant Secretary. Five members shall be elected to represent the Show Committee on the General Committee. These five may include the Show Committee Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

5.2 The President, Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer of the Club shall ex-officio be members of the Show Committees

5.2 The Show Committee shall have powers to co-opt to their own Committee.

5.3 The Chairman or acting Chairman shall have the casting vote

5.4 The Show Committee shall be responsible for all matters connected with Dog Shows organised by the Club.

5.5 Dogs belonging to Officers and members of the Show Committee may be exhibited at the Club's Shows. They will not handle any dog in the ring.

RETIREMENT OF CLUB OFFICERS, CLUB PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6.0 One Officer of the Club (Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer) shall retire annually in rotation but shall be eligible for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

6.1 In the event of a vacancy occurring among the Officers of the Club prior to the Annual General meeting, the General Committee shall have the powers to co-opt an eligible member (see Rule 7.2) to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

6.2 One third of members of the Field Trial and Show Committees shall retire annually in rotation but shall be eligible for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting

6.3 The Officers of the Field Trial and Show Committees and those members with delegated powers shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election at the first meeting of their Committees after the Annual General Meeting

6.4 The Club President shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7.0 Any person seeking election as President , Club Officer or a Committee Member must be a fully paid up member of the Club at time of nomination. The member must be proposed and seconded by a fully paid up member of the Club. The nomination must be made in writing and be with the Hon Club Secretary twenty one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

7.1 Any Club member shall be entitled to propose and second any other Club member for election as a Member of the Field Trial or Show Committees. The member must be willing to stand for election.

7.2_Only currently elected or co-opted or ex-officio members of the Show or Field Trial Committees at the time of nomination shall be eligible to stand for the posts of Club Chairman, Hon Club Secretary or Hon Club Treasurer. Except in exceptional circumstances, such members will only become eligible after serving as a Committee member for a period of twelve months.

7.3 Election of The Club President, Officers of the Club and members standing for election to the Field Trial and Show Committees shall be by vote or ballot of those members present at the Annual General Meeting. Postal or proxy votes are not allowable for any Officer or Committee position. Votes will only be accepted from Club Members actually attending the AGM.

7.4 Each Member including joint Members shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership.

7.5 No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

7.6 Any Committee Member failing to attend three consecutive meetings without apologies for absence or reasonable explanations being received by the Committee Secretary shall automatically be deemed no longer a Member of the respective Committee. Any Member may be co-opted in his / her place.

HONORARY CLUB PATRON

8.0 The Club may appoint a distinguished past Member or other distinguished individual as Honorary Club Patron. The appointment would be discussed by members at an Annual General Meeting. Such an individual would remain as Patron of the Club at their pleasure.

MEMBERSHIP

9.0 There shall be no limit to the number of members

9.1 Any member who shall be disqualified under the Kennel Club rule A11.j.(5) and / or Kennel Club rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club.

9.2 If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of either the Show Committee or Field Trial Committee of the Club, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the elected representatives from both Committees 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 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 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 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.

9.3 If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Club will report the matter in writing to the Kennel club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

9.4 Anyone ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all right to any money he / she may have paid to the Club, whether as a subscription or otherwise, and shall have no claims in respect of his / her membership on the funds of the Club.

9.5 No member of the Club shall make use of the title of the Club for the purposes of private advertisement or in personal letters to the Press without the consent of the appropriate Committee. No member, except the Hon Secretary, acting in accordance with the authority of appropriate Committee, shall give publicity to the Press on matters relating to the management or affairs of the Club, or on proceedings of the Club meetings.

9.6 The Club shall maintain an up to date list of member's names and their addresses and if so requested will make the list of names available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Club. A declaration of the number of members of the Club will be made by the Club Secretary as part of the Annual returns of the Club.

HON LIFE MEMBERSHIP

10.0 Club members may elect a member as Honorary Life Member of the Club at an Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Show or Field Trial Committees. Notice of a proposal to elect an Honorary Life Member must appear on the Agenda of an Annual General Meeting. Honorary Life Members shall have all rights and privileges of show and field trial membership but shall not be liable to pay subscriptions.

SUBSCRIPTION

11.0 Members' Annual Subscription covers the period 1st January to 31st December following.

11.1 The amount of the Annual Subscription for the Field Trial and Show sections shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

11.2 The subscription is due on 1st January each year. No person whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to compete for special prizes or cups offered for competition by members of the Club, or to any privileges of membership.

11.3. Membership subscriptions can be paid by Standing Order.

11.4 Membership of the Show section does not qualify a member for the privileges of Field Trial membership but Field Trial members may enter Show events with the same privileges as Show members.

11.5 Applications for Field Trial membership must be proposed and seconded by a fully paid up member of the Club

FUNDS

12.0 Banking accounts shall be opened by the Field Trial Committee and Show Committee in the name of the Club. All monies received from each section shall be paid into these accounts. Withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of any two or more officials of the appropriate committee. The choice of Bank will be decided by each Committee.

12.1 The Hon Treasurers of the Field and Show Committees shall prepare each year a report which will contain a statement of each Committee's financial position. These reports shall be submitted for approval by members at the Annual General meeting next following. Each Committee's accounts will be certified annually. Certification will be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience. A copy of the audited / certified accounts of each section, as approved at the Annual General Meeting, will be sent to the Kennel Club by the Hon Club Secretary as part of the Club's Annual returns.

13.0 If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a Registered Society under the Kennel Club regulations, a final statement of the audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months. The persons named as Officers and Committee members of the Club on the

last Annual Return furnished to the Kennel Club will be responsible to the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club.

CLUB PROPERTY

14.0 If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a Registered Society, all Cups and Trophies that have not been won outright shall be returned to the donors. If that is not possible, the officers and Committee members responsible to the Kennel Club for winding up the Club will deal with them at their discretion.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15.0 The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st January to 31st December following.

15.1 An Annual General Meeting of all members shall be held as early as is practicable after 1st January each year. The date and venue of the meeting will be arranged by the Hon Club Secretary after consultation with members of the Field Trial and Show Committees.

15.2 The purpose of this meeting shall be to receive the Officers' and Committees' reports and Certified Accounts, to elect Officers, committee members and others, determine annual subscription and to discuss any resolutions duly placed on the agenda, prior notice having been given to the Hon. Secretary.

15.2 Notice of the Annual General Meeting will be given to members through advertisement in the Canine Press (Our Dogs) six weeks before the meeting. The Notice shall contain all the relevant information about the meeting and businesses to be discussed.

15.3 A member wishing to place any business on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting must give notice in writing and it to be in the hands of the Hon Club Secretary twenty one days before the date of the meeting. Items not on the Agenda can only be discussed with the permission of the Chairman of the meeting. 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.

15.4 The Agenda, Minutes of last AGM and copies of the certified accounts will be available to members at the meeting and on application to the Club Secretary 14 days before the meeting. They will be sent to Officers of the Club and members of the Field Trial and Show Committees.

15.5 A quorum for the AGM shall be ten members present.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

16.0 Members of the Club may request that the General Committee arrange a Special General Meeting of the Club.

16.1 The request from members must be made in writing to the Hon Club Secretary.

16.2 For such a meeting to be arranged, thirty members must request the meeting.

16.3 The request must specify the subject to be discussed.

16.4 Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be given to members through advertisement in the Canine Press (Our Dogs) not less than fourteen days before the meeting. The Notice shall contain all the relevant information about the meeting and business to be discussed.

16.5 No business other than that named in the Notice shall be brought before a Special General Meeting.

16.6 A quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be thirty members present.

GENERAL MEETING

17.0 Elected Members of the General Committee may request that the Hon Club Secretary arrange a General Meeting of the Club.

17.1 Notice of the General Meeting shall be given to members through advertisement in the Canine Press (Our Dogs) not less than fourteen days before the meeting. The Notice shall contain all the relevant information about the meeting and business to be discussed.

17.2 No business other than that named in the Notice shall be brought before a General Meeting.

17.3 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten members present.

FIELD TRIAL AND SHOW COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

18.0 The respective Secretary shall call a meeting of his/her Committee whenever requested to do so by the number of members that constitutes a quorum of that Committee.

18.1 Such a meeting shall be arranged within one calendar month of such a request being made.

18.2 In the event of this meeting not being arranged, a quorum of members of that Committee may depute and authorise one of their members to call a Special Meeting of that Committee.

18.3 Such a Special Meeting shall be competent to act and decide as though the meeting had been summoned in the normal way by the respective Secretary.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

19.1 The Rules of The Club may not be altered except at a General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the Rules. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until The Kennel Club have been advised and has given its approval of alterations.

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

KENNEL CLUB

20.1 The Kennel Club is the final authority in interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club in all cases relative to Canine or Club matters.

20.2 The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs unless agreed with the Kennel Club.

CLUB WEBSITE

21.0 The Field Trial and Show Committees shall be responsible for maintaining the Club's website dukeriesnottsgundogclub.co.uk.

21.1 Information on the website will only be added or removed by and with permission of the Club's webmaster following instructions from relevant committees or secretaries