

Constitution and Rules for

THE AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Membership

The Club shall consist of Honorary Life Members and ordinary Members.

2. A candidate for election must be proposed and seconded by a member of the Club of at least two years membership. Name of newly elected members will be published in Newsletter following their approval.

3. The Club will make available a List of Members and addresses for inspection if so requested by the Members of the Club or the Kennel Club. A copy of the List of Members will be submitted annually to the Kennel Club (as per K.C. requirement)

4. The Annual Subscription shall be determined at the AGM each year, subscription being due on the 1st January each year. A Member who after the 31st March is in arrears shall, after receiving a reminder from the Secretary, cease to be entitled to any benefits or privileges of membership.

5. Honorary Members The Committee may propose Honorary Life Members which will be elected at the AGM. They will be entitled to all privileges of full membership, except the right of voting.

6. Liability of Members The liability of Members shall not exceed their Annual Subscription.

7. Expulsion of Members Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42 j (4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42 j (8) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification (as per K C requirement). 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 a Meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

8. Officers and Committee The Officers of the Club shall be President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and eight members of Committee. The Patron, the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected every three years by postal ballot, all may offer themselves for re-election subject to formal proposing and seconding. The Committee also to be elected by postal ballot shall consist of eight members who shall each serve for a period of two years from the AGM of their election. Annually four members, being those elected two years before, to retire but any retiring member may offer themselves for re-election. Nominations for office and for vacancies on Committee shall be made in writing to the Secretary not later than date set for receipt of items for consideration at the AGM and must be proposed and seconded in writing by existing members and must include a declaration of eligibility and willingness to serve from the nominee, but a current Committee member offering themselves for re-election need not be nominated but must indicate willingness in writing to the Secretary. All voting papers listing the names of the nominees should be returned in envelope provided to the Auditor who will send the results of the ballot in a sealed envelope to the AGM All Officers and Committee must have been members of this Club at least two years before becoming eligible to serve. **No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society** (Kennel Club Requirement) Annually after appointment the new Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from their number by paper vote. A quorum shall consist of four members.

9. Annual and other General Meetings The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st December each year and the AGM shall be held before 31st May. The Hon. Secretary shall give 14 days written notice of the AGM to every member of the Club. The Chairman, at the request of at least 12 Club Members, shall have power to call a Special General Meeting at any time. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given in writing to members of a Special General Meeting. No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before a Special General Meeting. Any item for the Agenda of the AGM to be sent to the Secretary by 1st March each year. The Rules of the Club may not be altered except at an AGM or Special General Meeting which includes details of proposals to alter rules in the notice of the meeting. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the K C has been advised and given its approval of the alterations. No business shall be transacted at an AGM unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda with the exception of routine matters or those which, in the opinion of the President of the meeting, are urgent.

10. Powers of Committee The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee who shall have the power to vote all money defraying ordinary expenses of the Club. The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy in the Offices of the Club or Committee which occur during the year and co-opt not more than two members to serve on the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to appoint a substitute Auditor in the event that the Auditor becomes unable to fulfil his obligations to the Club at any time.

11. Duties of the Secretary The Secretary shall convene all meetings, keep minutes of all business transacted, receive all money due and presented and pay them over to the Treasurer. The Secretary shall have custody of all properties belonging to the Club.

12. Duties of the Treasurer The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Secretary, make payments authorised by the committee and shall render a statement of accounts, duly audited by one qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience, and sent to all members with the notice of the AGM

13. Banking Account A Banking Account shall be opened in the name of the Club, into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two or more Officers, one of which shall be the Treasurer.

14. Judges

To meet with the recommendations of the Judges Working Party key elements of Best Practise for Compilation of Judges' Lists.

Judge's Sub-Committee.

Criteria for inclusion on lists require to be set and formation of a Sub-Committee (Recommendation by J.W.P. a significant majority [at least 75% is suggested] of those compiling the lists) should themselves be active in the Breed and have previously awarded CCs to the Breed. This Sub-Committee to compile lists for submission to full Committee for inclusion to the Club's judges lists. The full Committee will place before the following AGM the Judges' Lists for information of the members present.

- 1) The responsibilities of the Judge's Sub-Committee shall be to review all applications for inclusion on the Club's Judging Lists and to approve inclusion thereon.
- 2) The Sub-Committee shall comprise a minimum of 5 persons, or such greater number as the Committee shall determine.
- 3) The composition of the Sub-Committee shall be determined by the Committee annually at the first Committee Meeting after the Annual General Meeting.
- 4) At least 75% of the members of the Sub-Committee must be approved to and shall have awarded Challenge Certificates in the breed.
- 5) All Committee members who are approved to award and have awarded Challenge Certificates in the breed shall sit on the Sub-Committee. In the event that the number of members of the Committee eligible to award Challenge Certificates in the breed is insufficient to satisfy the requirements of Paragraphs 2 and 4 above then the Committee shall have the right to co-opt onto the Sub-Committee such number of members of the Club who are so eligible so as to maintain compliance.

a. CRITERIA

All first time applicants or nominations for the Club's Judging List must complete the Club's Judges' Questionnaire which will be used by the Sub-Committee when compiling their list for inclusion to the Judges' Lists.

"C" List Specialist - To have been in the Breed for 3 years and submitted a completed questionnaire.

"C" List Non Specialist - To have shown a genuine interest in the Breed and submitted a completed questionnaire.

"B" List Specialist - To have been continuously in the Breed for 5 years and to have judged 8 classes with 20 dogs present in said classes.

"B" List Non Specialist - To have judged 10 classes of this breed with 25 dogs present in said classes.

"A3" List Specialist -Minimum of 7 years judging experience in the breed and have the support of the Club. (KC Policy) To have been continuously in the Breed for 8 years and judged 15 classes with 50 dogs present in said classes. To have attended a seminar given by a K C Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on K C Regulations and Judging Procedures (Show) [(K C policy wef 1 July 2001). To have attended a seminar given by a K C Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement (Show). [K C policy wef 1July 2001]. To have attended a Conformation and Movement "Hands-On Assessment" conducted by a K C Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment (K C policy wef 1/7/2000). To have attended at least one breed specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant K C Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable (K C policy wef 1 July 2001) To have bred and/or owned 3 dogs when they obtained their 1st entry in the K C Stud Book (Save in exceptional circumstances) [K C policy].To have stewarded over a minimum of 12 days at shows (K C policy)

"A3" List Non Specialist - Minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one breed (to include 5 years in this breed) and have the support of the Club. (KC Policy) To have awarded CCs in at least one other breed .(K C Policy) To have judged 20 classes of this breed, with 55 dogs present in said classes. To have attended at least one breed specific

seminar run in accordance with the relevant K C Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable (K C policy wef 1 July 2001). To have stewarded over a minimum of 12 days at shows (K C policy). To have bred and / or owned a minimum of 3 dogs of any breed when they obtained their 1st entry in the K C Stud Book. (Save in exceptional circumstances).

“A2” List - For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 list and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list and have the support of the Club. *(K C policy)*

“A1” List - For persons who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in the breed and have completed their first appointment and have the support of the Club. *(K C policy)*

Meeting these criteria does not automatically guarantee inclusion to the Judges' Lists

(i) Members may, throughout a calendar year, nominate persons who, in their opinion, are fit to judge the breed and who have signified their willingness to do so. Nominations may be submitted for the “B/C List”(persons whom the Society supports to judge the breed without CCs) and the “A3 List”(persons whom the Society would support to award CCs). In addition nominations may be submitted for persons listed on the “B List” to be included on the “A3 List”

(ii) Nominations must be proposed and seconded by a member who has been a member of the Club for at least two consecutive years and both proposer and seconder must be satisfied regarding the fitness of the nominee to judge. Members of a family or partnership may not propose and second the same person.

(iii) The nomination (duly proposed and seconded) must be submitted to the Secretary who will present the nomination to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

(iv) The member submitting the name shall also enclose a précis of the nominated persons experience either in relation to Australian Terriers or in relation to pedigree dogs generally. The nominee will be required to complete the Club's questionnaire.

(v) All names submitted in accordance with (iii) shall be considered by the Sub-Committee.

(vi) Nominations and Applications duly considered by the Sub-Committee and passed for inclusion to the Judges' Lists will be advised to the Committee at first convenient meeting and advised to members attending AGM following the inclusion to the lists. The additions to Judges' Lists will be advised to members through the means of the Newsletter following AGM.

(vii) If a member or members feel that a nominee should not have been included on the Judges' Lists then objection to that nominee in writing should be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary for referral back to the Sub-Committee for reconsideration along with any further **relevant additional information** regarding the nominee

(viii) Judges for the Club Championship Show may be nominated by members for consideration at the AGM. The person must be nominated in accordance with rules 14 (ii) and (iii) above and the nomination must be submitted to the Secretary prior to the posting of the notice of the AGM. At the AGM there shall be a paper ballot in which members present in person are eligible to participate. The nominee who receives most votes shall then be invited by the Society to judge the relevant show. In the event of a tie between two or more nominees the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(ix) In the event that no nominations for judges for the Club Championship Show are submitted to the Committee then the Committee shall have absolute discretion to select a judge for the relevant show.

15. Disposal of property of the Club Should the Club for any reason cease to exist as a Registered Society all Challenge Cups shall go to the last winner and any other property and monies of the Club shall go to such charities as the Committee in office at the time shall determine.

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

17. Disputes The Committee shall have power to settle all disputes or differences which arise as to the interpretation of the rules or the validity of any election, subject in all cases to the Kennel Club as final Court of Appeal.

18. The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees for any purpose and may delegate to these Sub-Committees any of the powers of the Committee.

19. 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 K C by the Secretary for the continuance of Registration and that by the 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in K C 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 K C. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the K C of any change of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.