

# THE EAST MIDLANDS STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB



## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE EAST MIDLANDS STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB INCORPORATING THE GENERAL RULES AND STANDING ORDERS

1 NAME AND OBJECT OF THE CLUB - The Club shall be called THE EAST MIDLANDS STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB and the object of the Club is for the benefit of its members and it will not be classed as a trading business so that all from any source of any functions and or activities of the Club shall be maintained for the benefit of and for the further education of its members in the management, training, showing, breeding and every aspect pertaining to the progress of The Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

2 OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS - The Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Committee of Twelve and an unlimited number of members.

3 COMMITTEE - The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee of Twelve Members and its Officials. Four of the Committee of Twelve and its Officials shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. No Member shall be elected to serve on any Committee unless he or she has been a current Member for the past twelve months. The President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ex-officio Members of the Committee. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary and four shall form a quorum for the transaction of urgent business. 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.

4 ELECTION OF MEMBERS - Candidates for Membership of the Club shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another and elected by or balloted for by the Committee at one of their Meetings; Two negatives to exclude. Membership is by Application.

5 SUBSCRIPTIONS - The Annual Subscription being effective from the 1st of January shall be £4.00 for a Single Membership and £5.00 for a Joint Membership. Joint Membership to cover two persons, any additional members of the partnership to pay 50% of the joint rate. Subscriptions for the ensuing years shall be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting. No Member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any privileges of Membership and if any Member fails to pay the Annual Subscription by the 1st of March, then the Committee is empowered to erase his or her name from the List of Members and if the Committee subsequently receives a satisfactory explanation then the Member may at the discretion of the Committee and on payment of arrears be re-admitted to Membership. Subscriptions received and accepted from any New Members after the 1st of October in the current financial year will afford full Membership for the ensuing year.

6 CLUB PROPERTY - The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee and should the Club cease to exist, any assets, Cups and Trophies shall be handed to The Kennel Club to be dealt with by that body.

7 **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS** - Any Member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j (4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j (8) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Club for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club 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 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 Club 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 **FINANCIAL YEAR, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS and SPECIAL MEETINGS** - The Financial Year of the Club shall be from the First day of December to the following last day of November.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on or before the Thirtieth day of March in the ensuing year for the following purposes:-

(1) to receive the Report and Balance Sheet of the Committee.

(2) to elect Officers and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which twenty one days prior notice has been given in writing to The Secretary.

The Election of Officers and Committee at the Annual General Meeting shall be by ballot of those members present. A Special Meeting shall be summoned by The Secretary if ten members or more submit a signed requisition stating on that requisition the subject to be discussed. No other business can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. Not less than twenty eight days notice shall be given to all members of a General Meeting.

9 **CLUB ACCOUNTS** - 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 whom shall be The Treasurer; an Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting whom shall audit the Club's Accounts for the ensuing year before the next Annual General Meeting.

10 **REGISTRATION and MAINTENANCE of REGISTERED SOCIETIES** - It has been decided that the Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs (K.C. decision 2nd November 1950)

11 **PREPARATION FOR SHOW** - Members must abide by The Kennel Club Rules and Show Regulations.

12 **KENNEL CLUB FINAL COURT OF APPEAL** - The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.

13 **CODE OF ETHICS** - All Members shall adopt The Kennel Club's 'Code of Ethics' - should any Member knowingly contravene any section within The Kennel Club's Code of Ethics then he or she may be dealt with under Rule 7 of these General Rules and Standing Orders.

14 **ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER** - Any Committee Member who fails to attend three consecutive Meetings without tendering apologies offering reasonable explanations will be removed from the Committee.

15 **SELECTION OF JUDGES** - Selection of Judges to be confined to those names listed on the Club's panel of Judges, secondary to this, selection may also be made from the current A1, A2 and A3 Lists of Judges circulated by The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Breed Council.

15 (a) 'A1' LIST OF JUDGES - for those persons whom the E.M.S.B.T. Club would support as having the ability and experience to judge the breed and so award Kennel Club Challenge Certificates, such persons must have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in the Breed and must have carried out the appointment.

'A2' LIST OF JUDGES - for those persons whom the E.M.S.B.T. Club would support, having fulfilled 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.

'A3' LISTS OF JUDGES - for those persons whom the E.M.S.B.T. Club would support, having been recommended by a Breed Council or Breed Club as being suitable to award CCs in the breed, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 List.

'B' LIST OF JUDGES - for those persons whom the E.M.S.B.T. Club would support to judge the breed at shows without CCs, or Open shows.

'C' LIST OF JUDGES - for aspirant judges who have shown an interest in the breed and have the support of the E.M.S.B.T. Club.

16 NO PERSON SHALL BE ALLOWED TO JUDGE ANY ONE OF OUR SHOWS if he or she has a similar classified appointment less than six months 'fore or aft' the date offered if the distance between the suggested venues is considered to be less than One Hundred Miles apart.

16(a) NO PERSON HAVING JUDGED AN EAST MIDLANDS STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB SHOW - shall be allowed to judge another E M S B T Club Show until a period of five years has lapsed.

17 LIFE MEMBERSHIP - All Members with Twenty Five years continuous service with the Club be made Life Members.

18 VOTING MAJORITIES - All proposals and or items subject to scrutiny by The Kennel Club must receive not less than 51% support of those members present; as and when any person is the subject of any such proposal by nomination which is duly seconded, then voting shall be by way of a ballot, preferably by handing a voting paper to an Adjudicator or by placing the 'ballot paper' into a ballot box.

19 MEMBERSHIP - The List of Members and their known addresses for the past three years shall be made available for scrutiny and or inspection by any Member of the Club and or The Kennel Club.

20 ANNUAL RETURNS - The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year the Maintenance of Title Fee will be forwarded to The Kennel Club by The Secretary for the continuance of registration and that by the 31st of July each year, other returns, as stipulated in The Kennel Club's Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to The Kennel Club. The Officers of the Club also 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.

21 THE RULES OF THE CLUB - The Constitution incorporating the General Rules and Standing Orders of the Club may not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting and such alterations shall not be brought into force until The Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations.