



THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF WALES

CONSTITUTION/RULES

RULE 1 : NAME

The Club shall be called THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF WALES and all meetings, shows, matches and other activities organised by the Club shall be held in Wales whenever possible.

RULE 2 : OBJECTS

- a) To hold shows and guarantee classes for the Breed within Wales whenever possible.
- b) To assist owners and breeders of Great Danes in broadening the understanding of breeding and management of the breed and to keep the membership informed of general matters and events associated with the Breed.
- c) To encourage improvement in the breeding of the Great Dane, such that the qualities laid down by the Breed Standard approved by the Kennel Club, are maintained.
- d) To encourage good fellowship and so advance the interests of the Breed.

RULE 3 : MEMBERS

a) The club shall consist of an unlimited number of members, irrespective of place of residence. The Club must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection, if so requested, by the members of the Club or by the Kennel Club.

RULE 4 : ADMISSION

The election of members shall be vested in the Committee. Each candidate for admission shall have a Proposer and Seconder, both members of the Club and one of which shall be a Committee member. Applications must be made in writing to the Hon. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY and shall be included in the Agenda of the next Committee meeting. Membership shall be effective from the date of application except and unless the Committee at their next meeting decide against acceptance of any application, in which case all properties of the Club held by the unsuccessful applicant shall be returned to the Hon. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. The Proposer and the Seconder shall be responsible for the eligibility of the prospective member. No reason will be given by the Committee for the refusal of an application. A two thirds majority of the Committee present at the meeting shall be sufficient for the election to the membership of the Club. Upon admission the new member will be issued with a copy of the Club Rule Book, the KC General Code of Ethical Guidelines.

RULE 5 : SUBSCRIPTIONS

The financial Year of the Club shall be from 1st.January to 31st.December.

a) The terms of membership shall be as follows :-

1. Single membership.
2. Husband & Wife or 2 members of same family or partners residing at the same address.
3. Additional members of same family residing at that address.

The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as agreed by Members in a General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club.

b) Subscriptions are payable to the Hon. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY and are to be paid in advance of 1st.January each year. New members joining after 31st.October shall pay the full subscription but be entitled to membership for the following year for no further payment

c) Life Membership may be obtained at the discretion of the Committee at the current rates. These amounts to be reviewed every 5 years.



- d) If the subscription of any member shall remain unpaid for one calendar month after the same shall have become due he or she shall receive written notice from the Hon. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY requiring him or her to pay the same before the expiration of the second calendar month. If at the expiration of the second calendar month his or her subscription still remains unpaid his or her name shall be removed from the List of Members and there upon he or she ceases to be a member of the Club.
- e) The payment of the Subscription shall be clear acknowledgement of and acquiescence to, the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

RULE 6 : OFFICERS

The Club shall consist of a PATRON and/or PRESIDENT and the following officers, Hon. SECRETARY, Hon. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY and Hon. TREASURER, the last 3 to be ex-officio members of the Committee with full voting rights.

RULE 7 : COMMITTEE

- a) The Management of the Club shall be vested in the hands of the Committee which shall have power to deal with matters relating to the management of the Club, not provided for in these Rules.
- b) The Committee shall consist of the Officers listed in the Rule 6 plus not more than 6 members. The Committee shall be elected for a period of 3 years and 2 members plus one officer shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election, at the relevant Annual General Meeting.
- c) Any person who has been a member of the Club for at least 2 consecutive years immediately prior to the election at the A.G.M. is eligible to serve on the Committee and must notify the Secretary in writing of his/her willingness to serve on the Committee not later than 31st. December having been proposed and seconded by two members.
- d) In the event of an unexpected resignation the position may be filled by co-option until the date of the next Annual General Meeting when the remaining term of office vacated by the resigning member will be filled by election.
- e) The Chairperson will be nominated and elected from the Committee annually, at the first committee meeting after the A.G.M. If more than one nomination for the position a ballot will be held.
- f) The Chairperson shall preside at all Committee and General Meetings during his/her term of office. The Chairperson may have subject to the committee's discretion two votes, one as a member and a casting vote in the event of a tied ballot on any proposal providing he/she is not a nominee. The Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights.
- g) The Committee shall have the power to delegate any part of its authority, for specific purposes to Sub-Committees, which will include one member of the General Committee to act as Chairperson of that Sub- Committee, plus not less than 2 members. The Chairperson of the Sub-Committee will be responsible to the General Committee for the Sub-Committee's conduct.
- h) Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary with a minimum of one meeting per quarter. Five members shall form a Quorum for a meeting.
- i) If any member of the Committee fails to attend three quarters of the meetings held annually, without providing acceptable reasons for absence he or she will be deemed to have resigned and the Committee may fill the vacancy by Co-option in accordance with sub-section "d" above.
- j) No member accepting nomination for any position on the Committee of the Club shall serve as a member of, hold any office in, or allow their name to be nominated for election to any office or Committee of any other Great Dane Club. They may however hold office on The Great Dane Breed Council of which the Great Dane Club of Wales is a participating member.
- k) 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.

RULE 8 : ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

- a) The Officers of the Committee shall serve for a term of three years in office and the remaining Committee members shall retire in accordance with Rule 7(b).



b) The procedure for electing members to the Committee is as follows: If the combined number of Committee members seeking re-election and the ordinary members seeking election exceeds the total number permitted, a secret ballot of members shall take place. If this is not the case voting need not take place.

The Hon. Secretary shall send to each paid up member:

- 1) A voting paper.
- 2) An envelope in which to send the Voting paper.
- 3) A separate form to be signed by the Voter as follows: "I have recorded my vote on the Voting paper supplied which has been sealed and sent to the Custodian ". Signed: - .

The Envelope containing the Voting Paper and the separate signed form to be sent by the Voter direct to a non-member Custodian who shall retain the voting paper until the A.G.M., when the envelopes containing the votes shall be opened and counted by three scrutineers, two of whom should be non-members, who shall have been appointed by the Committee. Such counting shall take place immediately prior to the A.G.M. at which the result shall be reported and the papers laid upon the table for inspection. The nominees with the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. In the event of there being insufficient nominations to fill the places on the Committee, those nominated shall be declared elected. Paid up joint membership shall be entitled to two votes.

RULE 9 : PROPERTY

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. All trophies donated to the Club shall be acknowledged as the sole property of the Club if accepted and shall be deemed assets. The outcome of the General Meeting shall be notified to the Kennel Club.

RULE 10 : MANAGEMENT

- a) The Management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee whose decision shall be final. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any question relating to the management of the Club not provided for in these rules.
- b) The Committee shall have the power to arbitrate in cases of dispute between Members when asked to do so by both parties and their decision in such cases shall be final.

RULE 11 : GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 30th June for the following purposes:
To receive the report of the Committee and the Balance Sheet, to elect the Committee and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice of 28 days has been given to the Hon. Secretary. The agenda will be sent to the membership 14 days prior to the A.G.M. The certified accounts will be made available on request to members fourteen days prior to the AGM.
- b) 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 Chairperson of the Meeting, are urgent.
- c) Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be advised in writing to each member at least 2 months prior to this meeting.
- d) Only fully paid up members at the time of the meeting may attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. 11 members shall be required to form a quorum.
- e) Proxy votes will not be allowed.
- f) Any item put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands. The Chairperson of the meeting shall declare the result of the vote and a record of that declaration shall be made in the minutes of the meeting. Only proposals appearing on the agenda for the meeting may be voted on

RULE 12 : SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if 10 members consent and sign a requisition stating the subject(s) to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. No business other than that



detailed on the agenda can be discussed at this meeting. The quorum at such a General Meeting shall not be less than 20. Members shall receive 14 days' notice of such a meeting, if not, then the said members shall be empowered to call such a meeting having given 14 days' notice to every paid up member of the Club, by post. A Solicitor (appointed by the Committee) may be specially entitled to attend. The Committee of the Club is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

Any member calling such a meeting for a trifling matter shall be subject to disciplinary action under Rule 13. Such meetings shall not clash with any canine matter of importance which may prevent attendance.

RULE 13 : EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

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. 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 or 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 or 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 or her name shall be erased from the List of Members, and he or she shall there upon cease, for all purposes to be a member of the Club, except that he or she may, within two calendar months, from the date of such meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club, upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club may impose. Confirmation of such expulsion shall be advised to the Kennel Club within 7 days, together with any particulars required.

RULE 14 : REPORTS ON MEETINGS

No member shall take upon himself or herself to publish or cause to be published, either in part or in whole, an account of the proceedings of either a General meeting or a Committee meeting, reports of the proceeding shall only be furnished to the press by the Chairperson or Hon. Secretary following authorisation from the Committee.

RULE 15 : OFFICERS HONORARIUM

All Officers of the Great Dane Club of Wales shall be Honorary and no members shall be allowed to make the Club a means of private speculation or trade or directly derive a monetary benefit there from.

RULE 16 : NEW RULES

All new rules or alterations of existing rules, or the reversal of any former act or decision, shall be made at a General Meeting and shall appear on a notice convening the meeting. Such new rules or alterations of existing rules or the reversal of any former act or decision shall not be adopted unless they receive the sanction of at least two thirds of the members voting. Such new rules or the alteration of existing rules or the reversal of any former act or decision shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has approved the alteration.

RULE 17 : CLUB ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

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 withdrawal shall only be made on the signature of any two of three unrelated officers, one of which shall be the Hon. Treasurer. The accounts shall be kept by the Hon. Treasurer and Chartered Accountants, independent of the committee, shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting who shall audit the Club accounts for the ensuing year before the Annual General Meeting.

All expenses properly incurred by the Committee members or with the consent of the Committee for and on behalf of the Club shall be defrayed out of the Club funds alone and no individual member shall be deemed to incur any responsibility in respect of the same.

The Auditors may inspect all the books and accounts of the Club giving seven days' notice and these and all correspondence shall be laid before them.



RULE 18 : ANNUAL REPORT

The annual abstracts of accounts, duly audited shall be open to inspection by all members of the Club.

RULE 19 : ANNUAL RETURNS

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year a Maintenance of Title Fee be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Hon. Secretary for 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 Title of Societies and Breed Councils, and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Hon. Secretary of the Society which may occur during the year.

RULE 20 : RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

Any member shall be able to withdraw from the Club on giving or sending notice of his or her intention in writing to the Hon. Secretary, at least one month before the expiration of the current Club year. Any member so leaving the Club shall not be entitled to receive any money back he or she may have paid to the Club, during his or her membership or have any claim against the Club. Any property of the club held by the resigning member must be returned with the resignation at no cost to the Club.

RULE 21 : WINDING UP OF THE CLUB

In the event of The Great Dane Club of Wales being wound up or ceasing to be a registered Club under Kennel Club Regulations a final statement of Audited Accounts, with a record of the disposal of the Club's assets, shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six calendar months and the persons named Officers and Committee of the Club on the return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club.

RULE 22 : FINAL COURT OF APPEAL

The Great Dane Club of Wales recognises that the Kennel Club shall be the final authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the society in all cases relative to canine or society matters and that the Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

RULE 23 : ANNUAL JUDGES LISTS

Registered Breed Societies must produce a list of judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Societies' Annual Returns. The purpose of Breed Society Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Society would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the Society must not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists.

The judges list must indicate the date on which the list will expire. On expiry a new list will be compiled.

The judging experience necessary and the method of which persons may be nominated for inclusion on the lists will be indicated on the Application form.