



THE SCOTTISH NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. CLUB OBJECTIVES

- To provide a point of contact for Newfoundland owners in Scotland
- To promote good management and welfare of the Newfoundland
- To promote responsible dog ownership
- To provide help and advice to members on any aspects of dog ownership such as diet and behaviour
- To organise events such as fun days, water training, Christmas parties and companion dog shows to enable members to get together with their dogs
- To endeavour to alternate event venues to attract members from all areas of Scotland
- To provide a Club newsletter

2. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The everyday running of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee. The Officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The Chairman of the Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will hold meetings as necessary throughout the year. The Chairman will have the casting vote at meetings.

A quorum for Committee meetings shall be 50% of the Committee members. Any Committee member who fails to attend three consecutive Committee meetings shall be automatically disqualified from the Committee.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Club membership is open to all. Junior membership is available to children under the age of 16. Junior members will not have a vote at the Annual General Meeting or be eligible for election to the Committee. Membership applications should, where possible, be proposed and seconded by members of the Club. All applications are considered by the Committee. The Membership Secretary will provide a list of members and their addresses. This list will be for the sole use of the Club and will not be disclosed to any other parties.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of Joint membership there will be one vote for each member of the partnership.

Postal votes shall be allowed with the following provisos:-

- a. For the election of Office Bearers and Committee Members. The result will be announced at the AGM.
- b. Members shall send their completed ballot papers in a sealed envelope to arrive with the Secretary seven days prior to the AGM. These shall be opened by the Chairman or his delegate at the AGM.
- c. Proposals on the Agenda of the AGM shall be decided by majority at the meeting.

4. CLUB PROPERTY

Club property will be managed by the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets.

Donors of cups and trophies shall acknowledge in writing that said donations are to the Club, thereby becoming the property of the Club.

5. CLUB ACCOUNTS/FINANCIAL YEAR

A bank account shall be held in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid. Withdrawals shall only be made from the account with the signatures of the Treasurer and counter-signed by either the Secretary or Chairman. The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within fifteen months of the previous year's Annual General Meeting.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription shall be an amount as agreed by members at the AGM. Subscriptions are due on 31st December each year. If a subscription remains unpaid by the day preceding the AGM then membership will be deemed to have ceased and a new membership application will be required to be approved by the Committee.

7. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

In the instance of the Club Committee finding the conduct of a member to be against the interests of the Club, they may call a Special General Meeting to discuss the expulsion of him/her. Notice of this meeting will be sent to all members, including the member concerned, stating the date, time and place. The member will be given details of the complaint and offered the opportunity to attend the meeting to offer an explanation. A resolution to expel the member must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present. If a resolution to expel is passed, the member will cease to be a member of the Club from that date.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Chairman and Secretary will present their reports of the previous year's activities. The Treasurer will present the Club's accounts together with a report of the previous year. Members shall receive written notice of the AGM not less than 42 days prior to the meeting. The Agenda shall be sent out to all members at least 14 days prior to the AGM. Members wanting to submit items for discussion must send them in writing to the Secretary no less than 14 days prior to the meeting. Items for discussion must be proposed and seconded by a member of the Club. These items will only be discussed if either the proposer or seconder, or both are present at the meeting.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting (SGM) shall be summoned by the Secretary if ten members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The committee of the Club may also call a Special General Meeting if they feel it justified. Only business stated on the Agenda can be discussed. Members will be sent written notice of the SGM not less than 14 days prior to the meeting.

10. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

The Rules of the Club may not be altered except at an AGM, the Agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules.