

The Rottweiler Club

Rules



Name and Object

1. The Club shall be called THE ROTTWEILER CLUB and its objects shall be to foster and promote the interests of the Rottweiler in Great Britain.

Officers and Committee

2. (a) The Officers shall consist of a President, Chairman of the Committee, Vice Chairman of the Committee, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Secretary. They will hold office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following.
(b) The members may at the Annual General meeting elect such persons as they wish as Honorary Vice-Presidents. Such Honorary Vice Presidents will hold office from the completion of the Annual General Meeting. There shall be a limit of four Vice Presidents and no serving officer or committee member of The Rottweiler Club shall be eligible for election. Voting shall be by a show of hands.
(c) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of 10 members all to retire annually but to be eligible for re-election. They shall be elected in accordance with Rule 3(e). The members of the Committee will hold office from the conclusion of the Annual general meeting at which elected until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following.
(d) The President shall be *ipso facto* an additional member of the Committee.
(e) The Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Assistant Honorary Secretary and Assistant Honorary Treasurer shall be elected in accordance with Rule 3(e). They shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Committee and Club and shall act on the decisions of the Committee and Club as instructed from time to time. The Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, and Assistant Honorary Treasurer shall not be members of the Committee. The office of Honorary Treasurer does not itself make the holder a member of the Committee, but this proviso does not preclude an elected member of the Committee serving as Honorary Treasurer if so elected.
(f) Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary. Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Should any Committee member be absent from three consecutive Committee meetings without an explanation satisfactory to the Committee being given, he/she shall be deemed to have automatically relinquished his/her Committee Membership.
(g) No officer or Committee member, with the exception of the Training Officers, shall serve on another Rottweiler Breed Club or Branch Committee.
(h) Persons resident outside the UK will not be eligible to serve on the Committee.

Election of Officers

3. (a) The President shall be elected in accordance with Rule 3(e)
(b) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected from the Committee members by the Committee at the first Committee meeting held after the A.G.M.
(c) The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Assistant Secretary shall be elected in accordance with Rule 3(e)

(d) The Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Treasurer shall be elected in accordance with Rule 3(e)

(e) The members of the Committee shall be elected by a vote of members cast by postal ballot contained in a special envelope marked 'Committee Election' which shall be opened by duly appointed scrutinisers. Scrutinisers shall submit the result of the ballot in a sealed envelope to be opened by the Chairman at the A.G.M in the presence of the members. At least 35 days prior to the AGM notice to be placed in the dog press, "The Dog World" and "Our Dogs" requesting nominations for Officers and Committee and items for the Agenda. Any member who has been in membership of the Club for at least 1 year can be nominated by another member subject to consent of the nominee. These nominations together with the names of the proposer and seconder, who both must have been in membership of the Club for 1 year, must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the meeting, together with the names of those retiring Committee members willing to stand for re-election.

The period of 28 days is to exclude the date of receipt of nominations and the date of the A.G.M. Nominations and notifications of willingness to stand for re-election are to be sealed in an envelope clearly marked 'Nomination' and are to contain no other matter. Envelopes containing nominations are to be opened by the Chairman in the presence of the Committee members at a Committee meeting to be held not less than 21 days prior to the A.G.M.

If the numbers of nominees together with those members of the retiring Committee who are willing to stand again shall exceed 10 in number or there are nominations other than those of the Committee for the Offices of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, a voting paper recording the names of the nominees and in the case of members of the previous Committee the number of times they have attended meetings, shall be forwarded to all members at least 14 days prior to the A.G.M. The 10 candidates obtaining the largest number of votes shall be declared by the Chairman to be the Committee members for the ensuing year. In the event of an even number of votes being recorded for any two or more candidates to the Committee or the Offices of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, a final decision between these candidates will be made by a vote of members present at the A.G.M.

(f) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member to fill a vacancy provided the total number of Committee members does not exceed the number allowed for a full Committee. Additional numbers may, however be co-opted for special purposes for periods not exceeding one year. Such members shall have the status of Committee members but may only vote on the subjects for which they were co-opted.

(g) In all matters of decision the Chairman shall have the casting vote only.

Membership

4. (a) Candidates for membership of the Club shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another, providing they are 18 years of age and over, and elected or balloted for by the Committee at one of their meetings.

Every candidate shall complete such application form as shall be prescribed by the Committee from time to time. Such forms may contain an undertaking on the part of the candidate to be bound by and comply with the club Rules and Code of Ethics from time to time in force.

(b) Honorary Life members. The Committee may at its discretion recommend to the A.G.M. as Honorary Life Member any person, who in their opinion has rendered outstanding services to the Club and breed. Members with 30 year continuous paid up membership will become life members, without further charge.

Subscriptions

5. The annual subscription shall be such amount as agreed by members in the General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if any member fails to pay the annual subscription by 1st March the Committee shall have the power to erase his/her name from the list of members, but if the Committee shall subsequently receive a satisfactory explanation the member may, at the discretion of the Committee be readmitted to membership.

Membership List

6. A list of members and their addresses will be kept and a declaration of the number of members as at the end of the financial year be sent to the KC with the Annual Return.

Meetings

7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31st March, not less than 35 days notice being given to members. 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.

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 25 members send in a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed. No business other than the matter on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. Items for the agenda must be in the hands of the Secretary 21 days before a meeting. The Committee is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

The rules of the Club shall not be altered except at a General Meeting or special General Meeting. Any alterations to the rules passed at a General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations.

Annual Returns

8. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year maintenance of the Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for 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.

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

The Officers acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of the month in which the Society's Annual General Meeting is held and to notify the Kennel Club of any subsequent amendments to that date.

Accounts

9. 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 2 officers one of whom shall be the Treasurer. The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, keep a proper record of receipts and payments and submit a properly audited income and expenditure account and balance sheet to the members at the Annual General Meeting or will be made available, on request, to members 14 days prior to the AGM. Accounts to be prepared by a qualified Accountant or 2 unqualified persons with accounting experience. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who prepared the accounts.

10. (a) Any member and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are suspended under Kennel Club rule A42j(4) and/or disqualified under Kennel Club rule A42j(8) shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member of the Club, and if the conduct of any member of the Club shall in the opinion of the Committee be injurious to the character or interest of the Club, the Committee 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. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising him of the place, date and hour of the meeting that he might 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 name shall be forthwith erased from the list of members, and he shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Club, except that he 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.

Club Assets

11. The assets 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 them.

Final Court of Appeal

12. The Kennel Club shall be final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.
13. The Club undertakes not to join any Federation of Societies of Clubs.
14. Any notice to a member, if served by first class post and recorded delivery shall be deemed to have been served two days after posting.
15. (a) No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment of the Rottweiler Club.
(b) No person who can be shown to have knowingly exported Rottweilers to any country in the Far East which does not have legislation for the protection of animals similar in intent to such laws in Great Britain, and which does not have a reciprocal agreement with the Kennel Club, shall be deemed to have offended against rule 10. The Committee shall consider their continued membership in the light of circumstances, and if felt to be appropriate, will evoke the Club's disciplinary procedures. For the purpose of this rule, the Far East shall be defined as any country east of the Indian Sub-Continent, west of Hawaii, north of Australia and south of the Russian Independent States.

Judges' List

16. 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 the Breed Society Judges List is to indicate to the interested parties, those persons a Breed Society would support at differing levels of Judging. Membership of the Society must not be a prerequisite for the inclusion on the list. Judges Lists should be divided into five parts, A1, A2, A3, B and C and must be compiled annually stating the date on which they expire.

A1 List – persons whom the Society would support and who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in the breed

A2 List – judges who if invited to judge by a Society, would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club, to award Challenge Certificates in the breed for the occasion

A3 List – judges who the Society would support to award Challenge Certificates, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 list

B List – judges the Society would support to judge the breed without Challenge Certificates

C List - aspirant judges the Society would support who do not fall into any of the above categories

It is recommended that such lists be prepared by secret ballot of the Societies Committee and Societies must clearly indicate to members the method by which persons may be nominated for inclusion in the ballot and indicate the judging experience necessary for inclusion of a person's name in the five lists.

(Note: As the Rottweiler club adopted the Breed Council's Criteria and Judging lists in July 2014, copies of the Breed Council's list must be sent with Rott Club Annual Returns.)

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