

THE BULLDOG BREED COUNCIL RULES

Agreed at the Breed Council's Annual General Meeting held on 23rd April 2005b

And amended on the 7th April 2013

1. The object of the Breed Council is to promote the Bulldog and liaise with the Kennel Club on all aspects of the health and well being of the breed.

2. The Breed Council shall have a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be elected to serve for a period of three years from the date of election. The duties of the Secretary and Treasurer may be carried out by the one person.

The Breed Council shall also have a position of Vice Chairman, the appointment to be at the discretion of the Breed Council members.

No Officer of the Breed Council may be a serving officer of any Bulldog Breed Club.

Election of Officers shall be by paper ballot, and all member clubs are permitted to vote.

No officer of the Breed Council shall have a vote on any matter discussed in council except that the Chairman will have a casting vote in the event of a deadlock.

Voting on any matter is vested in the member clubs forming the Council, and each club shall have one vote. Each member club shall appoint a voting delegate who should be a member of the Club's committee to represent the club at each Breed Council meeting, but no delegate shall represent more than one member club at any one meeting. Voting at Council meetings will be by show of hands.

3 Membership of the Bulldog Breed Council is open to all Bulldog Breed Clubs registered with the Kennel Club. Breed Council Meetings are confined to one voting delegate and one other representative from each member club. The Kennel Club Breeds Council Representative, the BUBA representative and duly elected members of Breed Council Subcommittees are also invited to attend and Breed note writers are invited to attend without voting powers. Voting at Breed Council meetings shall be restricted to the nominated delegate from its member clubs. Technical Advisors to sub committees, agreed by the Council, may attend Council meetings and speak on their specialist subject.

No others are allowed to address Breed Council meetings except by prior invitation. The Annual General Meeting of the Council will be classed as an open meeting, which all interested parties may attend as observers only

4. The annual subscription shall be decided at The Annual General Meeting and will become due the following year on 1st January. Any new club joining the Breed Council shall pay the current annual subscription on joining.

5. A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Bulldog Breed Council into which all revenues shall be paid, and withdrawals shall be made on the signature of two Officers of the Council.

6. The financial year of the Bulldog Breed Council shall run from 1st January to 31st December in each year . At least three meetings of the Council will be held in any one year. Six weeks notice will be given to member clubs all of whom will be entitled to send a voting delegate and one other representative. The attendance of six voting delegates shall form a quorum. Items for discussion at Breed Council Meetings must be submitted to the secretary from member clubs only, with the exception of items submitted

for liaison purposes from the Kennel Club. The Annual General Meeting shall take place prior to 30th April in each year.

7. No alteration to the Rules of this Breed Council may take place except by agreement at the Annual General Meeting, notice of which will include details of the proposal to alter the Rules. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations.

New rules or amendments to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Breed Council's Constitution from the Breed Council's Annual General Meeting.

No business shall be conducted 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.

8. Should this Breed Council for any reason cease to exist, its assets will be divided equally between those clubs who are paid up members at the time the Breed Council is wound up.

9. This Breed Council accepts that the Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of this Breed Council in all cases relative to Canine or Council matters.

10. This Breed Council shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

11. The financial accounts of the Breed Council will be certified annually and presented to members at the Annual General Meeting

12. Not less than fourteen clear days notice in writing shall be given to members of any General Meeting. Such notice shall contain all the relevant information concerning the meeting and the business to be conducted.

No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before a Special General Meeting. A Special General Meeting shall be called at the request of no less than four member clubs.

13. The Officers acknowledge that by 31st July in each year, 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 change of Secretary of the Breed Council which may occur during the course of the year.

14. The Breed Council shall publish a Judges List each year. This Judges List shall be made available to member clubs and other interested parties.

15. Personal complaints should not be heard by the Breed Council.

16. Complaints about conduct considered injurious to the breed to be referred to the Kennel Club.

17 Sub Committees: The Breed Council can set up and stand down Sub Committee as it considers necessary. The number of members on each subcommittee shall not exceed ten

18. Membership of sub committees shall be by election by ballot by the member clubs for a nominated period of not exceeding three years. Each member club can propose no more than two members for election to each subcommittee. To qualify for subcommittee membership each

candidate must receive at least 50% of the votes cast. At its first meeting each subcommittee shall elect a Committee Coordinator to serve for the three year term. The Sub Committee Coordinator shall serve as administrator and correspondent for the subcommittee and report on the work of the subcommittee at Breed Council Meetings. In the event of a resignation from a subcommittee during the period of election the appropriate subcommittee may co-opt a replacement from the defeated candidates for that subcommittee at the last election.

19. Members of sub committees who are not delegates of member clubs or other recognised members of the Breed Council may attend meetings of the Bulldog Breed Council but are only allowed to speak and join in discussions in matters related to their sub committees.

20. The Annual General Meeting shall be classed as an Open Meeting of the Bulldog Breed Council. Other Open meetings may be called as appropriate. Routine meetings of the Bulldog Breed Council shall be restricted to members of council and club delegates as outlined in Rule No 3 and Rule No 19.