

The Smooth Haired



Dachshund Club

RULES and REGULATIONS

THE SMOOTH HAired DACHSHUND CLUB

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NAME

1. The Club shall be called "The Smooth Haired Dachshund Club".

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) To protect and promote the interests of the Smooth Haired Dachshund (Standard) and Smooth Haired Dachshund (Miniature).
- b) To render all possible assistance to owners, breeders and exhibitors of the Smooth Haired Dachshund.
- c) To encourage the breeding and exhibition of the correct type as laid down by the Breed Standard.
- d) To seek and support classes for the breed at shows.
- e) To organise meetings, and seminars to educate, inform and enable all interested persons to enjoy the breed.
- f) To organise shows as permitted by the Kennel Club.

3. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

- a) The officers of the Club shall be:-
 - i) a Patron, a President, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and a Committee of 15 together with an unlimited number of members.
 - ii) The Committee shall appoint one of their number as Cup Steward to manage the cups and trophies and maintain a register of winners.

4. MANAGEMENT

- a) The affairs and daily management of the Club shall be conducted by the Officers and a Committee of the Club elected from the membership.
- b) The Club shall be managed by a Committee of 15 elected members, the Secretary and Treasurer. The President may attend Committee Meetings and vote. The Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman and Vice Chairman will serve on a rotation basis over a period of 3 years. Other Committee members shall

also retire each year in rotation but shall be eligible for re-election without re-nomination.

- c) Candidates for election to the Committee must be sponsored by one member and seconded by another and the nominations must be received by the Secretary in writing with confirmation from the candidate of his willingness to serve.
- d) Voting for Officers and Committee shall be by postal ballot.
- e) The Officers and Committee shall meet as often as deemed necessary, but not less than 2 times per annum, and 5 members shall form a quorum.
- f) The Officers and Committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee for specific purposes. Co-opted members filling a vacancy will have to stand for election at the next A.G.M.
- g) The Secretary shall convene a meeting within 2 weeks of receipt of a request signed by at least 5 Committee members.
- h) Decisions shall be made by a simple majority and a show of hands but the Chairman may, at his discretion, order a ballot. In the event of an equality of vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- i) The Committee shall have full discretionary powers to deal with any matter not specifically covered by these rules.

5. CLUB PROPERTY

- a) The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee who shall be responsible for its care and maintenance.
- b) The holder for the time being of any cup or trophy may take delivery of it on the understanding that it is returned to the Cup Steward at or before the next Show at which it is advertised for competition.
- c) In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the Meeting shall be notified to the Kennel Club.

6. CLUB ACCOUNTS

- a) The Club funds shall be lodged in a Bank and shall be in the name of The Smooth Haired Dachshund Club. All revenue of the Club shall be paid into this account. Withdrawals from this account shall require the signature of two officers. One of whom shall be the Treasurer.

- b) The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts showing all receipts and expenditure .The accounts need to be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting. NOTE: Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who prepared the accounts.
- c) A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year which has been certified in accordance with the rules of the society must be sent to all members of the society, or provision may be made in the rules of the society for a copy of the annual statement of accounts to be made available on request to members 14 days prior to the AGM. Additionally, the annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting and at times to be stipulated in the rules.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The annual subscription for single or joint membership will be determined by the Annual General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club.
- b) Subscriptions are payable to the Honorary Treasurer on January 1st each year or when elected.
- c) Members who have not paid their subscriptions by the Annual General Meeting shall cease to be entitled to any benefits of membership until the arrears are paid.

8. FINANCIAL YEAR

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

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a show or some other place appointed by the Committee for the purpose of:-
 - i) Approving the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any subsequent Special General Meeting.
 - ii) Receiving reports from relevant Officers.
 - iii) Approving the audited statement of accounts of the previous year.

- iv) Appointing the auditor.
 - v) Receiving the results of the election of Officers and Committee
 - vi) Agreeing the annual subscription.
 - vii) Transacting any other business on the agenda.
 - viii) Discussing any resolution, written notice of which has been given to the Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the meeting.
- b) Notice of the Annual General Meetings shall be sent by the Secretary to all members eligible to vote not less than 28 days before the date of the meeting. Such notice may also be given by advertising in Our Dogs and Dog World.
 - c) At Annual General Meetings only full paid-up members shall be eligible to vote; a list of eligible members shall be made available by the Secretary for the meeting.
 - d) Voting at the Annual General Meeting shall be by a show of hands and resolutions carried by a simple majority of those present and voting. The Chairman shall, if required, order a ballot for which 2 tellers shall be appointed from the floor to assist the Secretary in checking and counting votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
 - e) The quorum of an Annual General meeting shall be 15 members.
 - f) A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 20 members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed. The Committee of the Club is also empowered to call a Special Meeting.
 - g) A Special General Meeting will be confined to the subject for which the meeting was called.

10. VOTING RIGHTS

Each member shall be entitled to one vote after being accepted as a member.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

- a) Any person of at least 12 months fully paid-up membership may be nominated by 2 fully paid-up members of at least 12 months to serve as an Officer or member of the Committee. Written nominations together with the consent of the nominated member shall be in the hands of the Secretary 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. If the number of nominations exceeds

the number of vacancies a postal ballot will be held.

- b) Applications for membership will be considered by the Committee. Election of membership shall be by 2/3 of the Committee present and voting.
- c) Those members not living in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and those areas designated by the Kennel Club as under their jurisdiction shall be considered Overseas Members.
- d) The list of members and their addresses shall be maintained by the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. A list of members and their addresses will be available, on request, from the Hon. Secretary, to members of the Club and to the Kennel Club.

12. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Any member may propose a fellow member to be elected as a Honorary life member. This to be decided and approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

13. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

- a) These Rules may not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting; the agenda of which must contain a specific voting proposal to amend the Rules.
- b) Alterations must be approved by 2/3 majority of those present and voting by a show of hands.
- c) A copy of the Rules shall be available to each member.
- d) No change may be brought into effect until approved by the Kennel Club.

14. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A 42. j.(4) and/ or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A 42.j.(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club for the duration of the suspension or disqualification.

If the conduct of a member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club 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 S.G.M. of the

Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the S.G.M. 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 a 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 meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

15. UNDISCHARGED BANKRUPTS

No person, whilst an undischarged bankrupt, may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within the Club.

16. FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OR CLUBS

The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies of Clubs (without express Kennel Club permission).

17. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for the continuance of registration and that by July 31st each year other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Titles of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

18. KENNEL CLUB COURT OF FINAL APPEAL

The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.