



# **MEMBERSHIP CARD**

**Issue 3**

# **PRESTWICK and DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB CONSTITUTION**

1. The Club shall be called Prestwick and District Dog Training Club.
- 2a. The object of the Club is to promote the welfare of all breeds of dogs and to encourage training in disciplines including, but not limited to, obedience, agility and flyball.
- 2b. The Club shall hold Obedience and Agility Shows.
3. The Club shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Show Secretary (Obedience), Show Secretary (Agility), a number of trainers to suit classes, Honorary Life Members, 8 Committee Members and Ordinary Members, the number of which may from time to time be fixed by the Club.

The Chairperson / Vice Chairperson should be elected from within the Committee for a period of 2 years each (4 years in total). All other Office Bearers should be elected by Club Members annually for a consecutive period of up to 4 years. Members of the Committee should be elected annually, and be eligible for re-election for a period of no more than 3 consecutive years. All elections will be carried out at the A.G.M. (Trainers will be chosen by the Committee).

4. The business of the Club shall be conducted by the Office Bearers and Committee with six to form a quorum.
5. The property of the Club will be vested in the Committee who shall have powers to make necessary bye-laws for the full and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Club. The Committee shall have absolute discretion as to admission of members.
6. The annual subscription shall be £# and joint subscription (family membership) shall be £#+. There is a one-off fee of £> for members to take part in the Agility Training. These charges and also training fees to be set at the A.G.M. Junior members (under 19 years) and senior citizens will be at a reduced rate of £\*. Both this subscription rate and training fees will be set at the A.G.M.

The financial year shall commence 1st September and close 31st August. Annual subscriptions must be paid by 1st September to retain membership, and to qualify for a vote at the A.G.M. Membership shall be deemed to have ceased if subscription has not been paid by 1st September, and Member's name(s) shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment of membership fees.

New members joining in the period 1st July to 1st September will not be required to renew their subscription on the 1st September of that year.

7. The A.G.M. shall be held within 2 months of the end of the financial year. Notice of the A.G.M. shall be posted on the Club's website not less than 20 days prior to the date of the Meeting. Any members wishing to have a subject included in the agenda should advise the Secretary 14 days before the Meeting.

8. Copies of the audit statement of accounts for the last financial year must be made available to Club members at the A.G.M. Copies will only be forwarded to members on request after the date of the A.G.M.

9. The Committee shall have the power to call Special General Meetings of the Club and shall be bound to call a meeting within 14 days of receiving a requisition signed by at least 10 members stating the business and only that business shall be discussed.

10. Voting at meetings shall be by show of hands or by ballot. The Chairman shall have a deliberate and casting vote. Only one vote is allowed per family membership.

11. Monies shall be deposited in a reputable Bank or Banks and Building Societies or Societies from which withdrawals shall be made only on the signature of two different Office Bearers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer.

12. The rules of the Club shall not be altered except at an A.G.M. or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the rules, but no such alterations shall take effect, unless it is confirmed by a majority of those voting. No business shall be transacted at the A.G.M. 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. New Rules or amendments introduced specially to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Constitution with effect from the Annual General Meeting.

13. 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 Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club,

the Committee may, at a meeting, the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of conduct of the member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/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 the hour of the meeting in order that he/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/her name shall be forthwith 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 conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

14. If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows or trails, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within 7 days and supply particulars required.

15. In the event of the Club being disbanded for any reason or otherwise cease to exist the Committee shall have full powers to dispose of all the funds. A final statement of audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club. In the event of a cup or trophy being donated it should be acknowledged by the donor that the gift is made outright to the Club.

16. The Kennel Club shall be the final authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the Club and all cases relative to canine or Club matters.

17. The Club shall not join any federation or societies or clubs.

18. 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 Club which may occur during the course of the year.

19. 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.

20. There shall be sufficient committee meetings per year for the effective running of the Club.

21. Attendance at meetings. Any members of the Committee who, in the Committee's opinion, does not regularly attend the Club's business may be dealt with as the Committee thinks fit.

22. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

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## **BYELAWS**

1. The minimum age for handlers will be 10 years but this may be waived at the discretion of the trainer.
2. All dogs having infectious or contagious diseases will not be admitted (without a clearance from the Veterinary Surgeon)
3. Bitches in season will not be admitted.
4. The club permits training of dogs by members only.
5. Puppies will only be allowed admittance for obedience training provided they have been fully vaccinated and proof of this can be demonstrated by the showing of a Veterinarian's certificate. It will also be necessary for any new members joining obedience training with mature dogs to provide the same proof of protection.

## HEALTH

Every dog should be protected against potentially fatal diseases - vaccinations and worming are essential - get to know your Vet - something which affects an adult dog could KILL a puppy!

If your bitch is in season please DO NOT bring her to the Club.

## TRAINING

A well trained dog is a pleasure to all  
An untrained dog is "a menace"

If you are pleased with what we do ...	Please tell others
If not .....	Please tell us
If you have any questions .....	Please ask
if you have any suggestions .....	Please tell us