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PRESTWICK and DISTRICT

DOG TRAINING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be called Prestwick and District Dog Training Club.
2. The objective of the Club is to promote the welfare of all dogs and to encourage training in disciplines including, but not limited to, obedience, agility and flyball. The Club shall promote positive reward based training. The Club shall hold Obedience and Agility Shows.

Members are individually responsible for their own compliance with laws and by-laws concerning dogs. All members are strongly advised to insure against third party claims arising from the conduct of their dogs.

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, minimum of 8 Committee Members and ordinary members, the number of which may from time to time be fixed by 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 AGM (Trainers will be chosen by Committee). In circumstances where elected Committee members fall below the required numbers to meet the demands of the Club, Committee members can be re-elected at the AGM past their exceeded number of years' service.

In the event of no committee members being present at training, it is acceptable for the trainer to continue with training without committee representation. External trainers shall be covered by the Club's insurance for training they provide for the Club.

4. The business of the Club shall be conducted by the Office Bearers and Committee with a majority vote able to rule.
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. Property of the club can be defined as training equipment, associated items and any other assets the club has purchased.

The Committee shall have absolute discretion as to admission of members.

6. The annual subscription shall be £# and joint subscription (family membership) shall be £# +. These charges to be set at the AGM. Junior members (under 19 years) and senior citizens will be at a reduced rate of £*. In response to ongoing economic pressures and variance in training delivery between disciplines, training fees will be set by Committee and can be adjusted as necessary, giving members >4 weeks' notice or pre commencement of new training block.

The financial year will run from 1st January to 31st December. Annual subscriptions will run for a rolling 12 month period and must be renewed on their yearly anniversary to retain membership, and to qualify for a vote at the AGM. Any membership shall be deemed to have ceased if subscription fee has not been paid by renewal date 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.

7. The AGM will be held within two months of the end of the financial year. Notice of the AGM shall be posted on the Club's website and via Club Members Facebook social media platform 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 AGM. Copies will only be forwarded to members on request after the date of the AGM.

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 Chairperson 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. Bank transfers should be clearly recorded and reason for transfer should be identifiable. The accounts will be certified annually. Those certifying the accounts must be independent from who prepared the accounts.

12. The rules of the Club shall not be altered except at an AGM or Special General Meeting, notice of which include 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 AGM, unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairperson 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 of the Annual General Meeting.

13. Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club rule A-42.j(5) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A-42.j.(9) 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 interest 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 said individual.

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 the member may attend and offer an explanation.

If at that Meeting a resolution to expel is passed, by two thirds majority of the members present and voting, their name shall be forthwith erased from the list of members, and they shall bear upon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Club, except that they 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.

Where a dog may not be suited to a group training environment, a decision would be taken by the trainer/committee as to whether it would be appropriate for this dog to continue in a group setting. If not suitable, it may be suggested the handler seeks guidance or makes a referral to alternative dog trainers/behaviourists as appropriate.

14. If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, or trials, the Club shall 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, a final general meeting will be called to decide the disposal of the society's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club. 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 6 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, in writing, 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 members.

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 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 have their role in the Committee reviewed and appropriate action taken.

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

BYELAWS

1. The minimum age for handlers will be 10 years but this may be waived at the discretion of the trainer.

2. Any dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such a disease during the previous 21 days or suffering from any visible condition which adversely affects its health or welfare should be excluded.
3. Bitches in season will not be admitted.
4. The Club permits the training of dogs by members only.
5. All puppies/dogs should be vaccinated before attending training classes. All dogs by law must be microchipped.

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, 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