

WEST OF ENGLAND & SOUTH WALES AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB RULES

1. NAME & OBJECT

The name of the club shall be the West of England & South Wales Airedale Terrier Club. For the purpose of the rules the West of England shall mean the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Hampshire, Somerset & Wiltshire. South Wales shall mean the counties of Gwent, West, Mid & South Glamorgan, Dyfed, Gwynedd and Powys. Membership is not restricted to residents of these areas.

The object of the club shall be to encourage the sound breeding and exhibiting of Airedale Terriers in the West Country and South Wales and to hold and support Shows under Kennel Club jurisdiction and to promote social and other events for the purpose of the club.

2. OFFICERS & MEMBERS

The club consists of a patron, President, Vice-President, a Committee of sixteen maximum from which shall be elected a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Assistant Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and an unlimited number of members.

A register of the members shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary and contain each member's name and address, and the year they became a member. The club will make the list of members available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club. Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. Family membership – two members of the family should be entitled to one vote each. Postal & proxy votes are not allowed.

3. COMMITTEE

The Management of the club shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and the Committee. All members shall retire annually but shall be re-eligible for re-election. Except that and member not making the adequate number of attendances – namely 50% at Committee Meetings, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances, such member shall not be available for re-election to the Committee for the ensuing year.

Meeting shall be held as often as necessary but at least every three months, and five shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The Patron, President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Committee with full rights.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings. Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers & Committee takes place.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

Nominations for the election of Officers & Committee may be made in writing or at the Annual General Meeting. In writing the nominations must reach the Hon. Secretary at least three days before the Annual General Meeting, quoting the name of the proposer and seconder (both of which shall be members of the club) after obtaining the consent of the Nominee. Elections shall be by majority vote (by ballot) at the Annual General Meeting.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription shall be such amount as agreed by members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club, and shall be payable to the Hon. Treasurer on 1st January each year. No members whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if any member fails to pay the annual subscription during the current year the Committee shall have the power to erase his name from the list of members.

6. CLUB PROPERTY

The property of the club shall be vested in the committee. 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 notified to the Kennel Club. 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 withdrawal shall only be made on the signature of two or more officers, one of which shall be the treasurer.

Any officer resigning from his or her official capacity shall return, within fourteen days, any papers or properties held by him or her to the club.

That the cups be offered for competition not less than once in each year, but as often as the Committee desire for the benefit of the Club. That the winner for the time being shall hold the cup until it is again offered for competition and that the winner shall, if required, give solvent security for the safety of the cup or otherwise the club will hold the cup. Should the cup be damaged, it must be returned in the same condition as when handed to the winner, at his expense. The cups to be returned to the Cup Steward at least fourteen days prior to the next show.

7. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club rule A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) are disqualified under Kennel Club rule A42j(8) shall, ipso facto, cease to be a member of the Club for the duration of the suspension and or/disqualification. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may at a meeting the notice convening which includes an object to 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/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 hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer and 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 of the date of such meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club impose.

8. POWER OF COMMITTEE

- a) All matters in dispute may be referred to the Committee for arbitration provided that the Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute
- b) The Committee may proceed against any member or person to recover arrears of subscription or any other monies or property due or belonging to the club.
- c) The Committee shall have the power to deal with any questions not provided by the Rules and in the event of any temporary vacancy in the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, or on the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to fill any such vacancy.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Financial Year of the Society shall be from January 1st – December 31st. The Annual General Meeting shall be held as early in the year as possible (but not later than 31st March) of which every member shall receive not less than fourteen days notice, for the following purposes.

- a) To receive the Chairman's Report, the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet and Accounts to 31st December of the preceding year duly certified.
- b) To elect Patron, President, Vice-President's and Hon. Auditor
- c) To elect a Committee of sixteen which shall consist of – four members residing in South Wales receiving the most votes, four members residing in the South West receiving most votes and eight members receiving the highest votes other than those regardless of domicile.
- d) From the sixteen Committee Members, the following Officers – Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Assistant Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall be elected.
- e) To discuss and resolution placed on the Agenda of which ten days prior notice has been given in writing to the Secretary.

10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon Secretary if 12 members send a signed regulation stating the subject to be discussed, no business other than the matter on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

11. RULES

The Rules of the Society shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. Any proposals for alteration must be made in writing to the Secretary so that

all Members of the Club can be notified of the proposals at least seven days before the said meeting. No alteration of the rules shall come into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its' approval of the alteration.

12. FEDERATION

The Club shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs

13. RECOGNITION

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 the continuance of registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in the Kennel Club regulations for the Registration of Societies & 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 changes 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.

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