

# WELWYN AND HATFIELD RINGCRAFT CLUB RULES



## **1. NAME**

The Name shall be the Welwyn and Hatfield Ringcraft Club.

## **2. OBJECTIVE**

To provide regular showing training and instruction for pedigree dogs and their owners.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Membership shall be open to all on payment of the appropriate subscription.
- b) Classes of Membership will be:
  - i. Junior Members (under 16 years of age when joining)
  - ii. Full Membership
  - iii. Joint Membership (two members of the same family or the joint owners of an affix).
- c) The annual subscription due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January will be established at the AGM by a majority vote of the members. Any members not renewing their annual subscription by (date) will cease to be members of the Club.
- d) Members joining after 31<sup>st</sup> August will pay half the subscription fee for the remainder of the year.
- e) The Club will make an up to date list of members available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the Club if so requested.
- f) Any member who shall be disqualified under the Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Club.
- g) 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 as an object 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 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 conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.
- h) If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

## **4. MANAGEMENT**

- a) 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 continuance of registration and that any amendments to Officers and Committee and any proposed amendments to the Rules of the Society shall also be notified.
- b) The club will be managed by a committee consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 9 other members.
- c) 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.
- d) The committee will be elected annually at the AGM and will remain in office until the termination of the next AGM.
- e) Members of the retiring committee will be eligible for re-election and will not need proposing and seconding.
- f) The committee may co-opt members to fill any vacancy arising during the year. Any member co-opted will have full voting rights but will not be eligible for re-election at the AGM unless proposed and seconded.
- g) Minutes will be kept of all meetings and will be available for inspection by members upon request.
- h) A Bank Account will be opened in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid. Withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two or more Officers.
- i) The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

## **5. RULES OF THE CLUB**

- a) The Rules of the Club may not be altered by that Club except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes 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 introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Club's

Constitution with effect from the Club's annual meeting. No business shall be transacted 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.

- b) The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club in all cases relative to Canine or Society matters.

#### **6. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- a) The committee shall insure the club against such legal liabilities as it considers necessary. It shall be a condition of membership that while undertaking to exercise due care and consideration for members and their dogs the committee shall not be collectively or individually responsible for damage or injury however caused.
- b) Any dog of bad temperament or in ill health will be excluded from training.

#### **7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the first quarter of each year.
- b) To approve the minutes of the previous AGM.
- c) To receive the report of the committee.
- d) To receive an audited statement of accounts for the year up to 31<sup>st</sup> December preceding the meeting.
- e) To appoint an Honorary Auditor.
- f) To elect a Committee.
- g) To appoint, if desired, a President.
- h) To establish the annual subscription.
- i) To deal with matters included in the Notice Convening the Meeting.

Members may give notice to the Secretary up to 31<sup>st</sup> January of matters they wish to be discussed provided such notice is seconded by another member.

- j) No other business will be allowed.

#### **8. GENERAL MEETINGS**

- a) A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary within 21 days of the receipt of a request by:
  - i. A majority of the committee
  - ii. One-third of the members of the club.
- b) Notice of General Meetings shall be given not less than 7 days before the meeting.

#### **9. VOTING AT A GENERAL MEETING**

- a) At a General Meeting paid up members who joined at least 6 months before the called meeting are those eligible to vote. Junior members shall not be eligible to vote.
- b) Motions will be carried by a simple majority of those present except as under (c) below. A show of hands will suffice, but at the request of the meeting the Chairman will order a ballot, for which 2 tellers will be appointed from the floor to assist the Secretary in checking the votes.
- c) Alterations to the rules must secure a two-thirds majority.
- d) In the event of a tie the Chairman will order a re-vote and should this fail he will have a second and casting vote.

#### **10. QUORUM**

The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10 members and for a committee meeting 6 members.

#### **11. WINDING UP**

- a) In the event of the Club being wound up completely the total assets shall be donated to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.
- b) If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a Registered Society under these Regulations, a final statement of audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Society 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.