

AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN RULES

As approved by the Members at the AGM on 1st March 1993 and amended from time to time in accordance with the KC Rules and Regulations.

1. The name of the Society shall be the "Australian Cattle Dog Society of Great Britain" and its objectives shall be:

- i. To promote the breeding of Australian Cattle Dogs to the breed standard
- ii. To encourage the training and working of the breed
- iii. To run shows and other events
- iv. To advance interest in the breed

*2. The Society shall consist of President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a maximum of nine Committee Members and an unlimited number of Members.

*3. The management of the Society shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Society and the Committee of a maximum of nine Members. One third of the Committee shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election by secret postal ballot, to be counted at the AGM. New Members of the Committee must be fully paid up Members of the Society. No individual who has been a Member of the Society for less than one year may be elected onto the Committee. A request for nominations for Officers and Committee will be sent out with the Notice of the AGM. If a ballot is required, the papers will be sent out with the agenda and balance sheet not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting. Ballot papers are to be returned to the Secretary at or before the AGM in sealed envelopes marked "Ballot". The Officers shall retire on a three year rotation but shall be eligible for re-election by ballot as above. No individual who has been a Member of the Society for less than one year may be elected as an Officer. No-one may be nominated for the position of Chairman unless they have been on the Committee for a minimum of one year. Officers shall have full voting rights in Committee and all meetings and the Chairman shall, in the event of a tie, have a casting vote. Meetings of the Committee shall be called as required but at least twice a year. Such meetings shall be called by the Secretary in conjunction with the Chairman. At least fourteen days notice shall be given of a Committee Meeting. Seven shall be a quorum, one of whom must be the President, Vice-President, Chairman or Vice-Chairman. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt Members onto the Committee in the event of a vacancy between General Meetings, until the next AGM. Should a Member not attend three consecutive Committee Meetings, without reasonable explanation, the Committee may remove them from Committee.

4. Candidates for Membership must be proposed by an existing fully paid up Member and seconded by a Committee Member.

5. Each Member, over sixteen years of age, shall be entitled to one vote after one month's Membership. Joint Members shall be entitled to one vote each. Proxy votes are not allowed. Voting shall be done by a show of hands unless otherwise decided by the Committee, excepting ballots for Officers and Committee which shall always be by secret ballot — the voting papers to be taken to the AGM unopened and counted there by tellers appointed by the Meeting.

6. The property of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. In the case of the Society ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Society's assets and the outcome notified to the Kennel Club. All cups and trophies given to the Society must be given as outright gifts.

7. One or more bank accounts shall be held in the name of the Society, into which all revenues of the Society shall be paid and from which all withdrawals shall only be made on signature of two or more Officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer. The bank shall be appointed by the Officers and Committee on the recommendation of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall present the bank statements at Committee Meetings. The Treasurer shall maintain the accounts and either one qualified or two unqualified auditors shall be appointed at each AGM for the purpose of auditing the accounts for the ensuing year.

8. The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as agreed by Members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. There will be an initial Joining Fee agreed as above. No Member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of Membership. The Annual Subscription shall be due on the 1 January each year and if the Member shall fail to pay the out standing by 31 January his/her name shall automatically be removed from the Register. Members joining on or after 1 September shall be carried over to the following year. Acceptance back on the Register will be dependant upon a new application and payment of a Joining Fee.

9. Any Member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j (4) and/or any Member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j (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 of the Society be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee 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 Society 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 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 Society 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. 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.

10. The Financial Year of the Society shall be January 1st to December 31st.

11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date in March to be fixed by the Committee for the following purposes:

- i. To receive the reports of the President, Chairman and Secretary.
- ii. To adopt the Audited Accounts and approve the Auditors for the ensuing year.
- iii. To receive the results of the annual elections and to discuss any resolutions duly placed on the agenda.

No business shall be transacted at an AGM 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.

Notice convening such meetings must be given to the Members, either by post or by advertising in Dog World or Our Dogs, not less than five weeks prior to the holding of the meeting. Resolutions to be placed on the Agenda of such meetings must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary in writing not less than twenty one days prior to the meeting.

Agenda, Balance Sheet and Ballot Papers to be circulated to all Members not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting.

12. Special General Meetings shall be summoned by the Secretary at the request of the Committee or by ten Members sending a signed requisition stating the business to be discussed. The Secretary to liaise with the Committee as to suitable date, time and place. No business other than that which is detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

Special General Meetings will be notified to Members by the same method as AGM but the notice given shall be fourteen days.

13. The Rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules. Any proposed alteration to the Rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and has approved the alteration.

14. 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 by 31st July annually, other returns as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of Society which may occur during the course of the year.

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

16. The Society shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs.

17. The Society must make a list of Members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the Members of the Society or the Kennel Club.

18. Members may nominate persons for the Society Judges List by forwarding a completed form to the Secretary. The Society Judges List will be prepared by secret ballot of the Committee, a two thirds majority for or against being required. The list will be reviewed at the last Committee Meeting prior to the A.G.M. each year. Prospective Judges may apply by filling in part one of the form and obtaining a proposer and seconder.

*Revised March, 2000.