



CLUB RULES

1. NAMES AND OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The Club shall be called the Western Afghan Hound Club, and its objects shall be;

- (a) To provide a Breed Club for the advancement and enjoyment of our hounds.
- (b) To provide our own Dog Shows and support other shows classifying our Breed.
- (c) To provide additional functions with the aim of protecting and improving our hounds in accordance with the Breed Standard.

2. CLUB STRUCTURE

The Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and a Committee of not more than ten members.

3. COMMITTEE

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee consisting of not more than ten voting members and the following officers—Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, The President, Vice-President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer shall, ex officio, be voting members of all Committees and subcommittees of the Club. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary and five voting members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by co-option till the next AGM or SGM.

No dog wholly owned by any Officer or Committee member will be eligible to be shown at the Club Championship Show.

Any Committee members offering his/her resignation during the year, is deemed to have resigned for a full twelve month period from that date of his/her resignation.

A co-opted person is elected to Committee by a majority Committee agreement only and such co-opted members will be entitled to full voting rights. The AGM or SGM shall be chaired by the President or Vice-President or in their absence, by nominee duly approved by vote of members present.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

A. One Officer and three Committee members in rotation shall retire annually, but will be eligible for re-election without nomination provided they have attended at least 60% of Committee meetings and two of out of the three shows organised by the Club during the year.

B. No member shall be eligible for election to the Committee who is an Officer or Committee member of another Afghan Hound Club.

C. No member shall be eligible for election to the Committee unless they have been a member of the WAHC for two complete consecutive years and at the time of the election; his/her current subscriptions and/or any other

outstanding amounts due to his/her to the Club are paid.

D. At the election of the Committee, only members whose subscriptions are fully paid shall be entitled to vote and voting shall be by written vote; ie secret ballot.

E. Those wishing to stand for election to the Committee, but unable to attend the AGM should send their written intention to stand, to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

F. All nominations in addition to those qualified under Rule 4(A) must be forwarded to the Secretary at least seven days prior to the AGM.

G. Any Officer or Committee member failing to attend 60% of Committee meetings and two of out three shows organised by the Club during each Club year, will be considered to have resigned at the AGM and nor shall they be eligible for re-election at the AGM.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscriptions shall be £5.00 for Single Membership, £6.00 for Joint Full Membership.

If the Secretary is not in receipt of subscriptions by 28th February, then that membership would be assumed to have lapsed. Members renewals on or before 31st December of that year would not require proposer or seconder by full members.

No one shall be deemed a member or entitled to any of the privileges until his/her subscription has been paid. All nominations for membership of the WAHC must be signed by proposer and seconder (who will be fully paid up members) and approved by Committee before acceptance.

6. CLUB PROPERTY

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist; a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of any assets.

All cups and trophies shall be insured by the Club. All recipients of cups and trophies shall sign for them and will be held responsible for their care and return to the Cup Steward.

In the event of any cup or trophy not being returned to the Cup Steward the recipient shall be held liable for the replacement value and the right is reserved to withhold future cups and trophies from that person.

7. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who shall be suspended by the Kennel Club shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club. If the conduct of any member shall be in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, injurious to the character or interest of the Club. The Committee of the Club may at a meeting (the notice of which, included as an object, the consideration of the conduct of the member) determine that a SGM is called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.



Notice of the SGM shall be sent to the accused member giving particulars of the complaint and advising him/her of the place, date, and hour of the meeting, that they may attend and offer an explanation. If at that meeting, a resolution to expel him/her is passed by two thirds majority of the members present, 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 a meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose. Any member who, for whatever reason, is expelled from the Club, will automatically be removed from all Clubs judging lists (including the A list).

8. GENERAL MEETING

The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Annual General Meeting shall be held prior to the 31st March for the following purposes;

- (i) To receive reports of the Officers of the Committee and Balance Sheet.
- (ii) To elect one Officer and Committee members and to discuss any resolution duly proposed and seconded, prior notice of at least twenty-eight days having been given in writing to the Hon. Secretary. No business shall be transacted at an AGM or SGM unless notice thereof appears on the agenda or is, in the opinion of the Chairman of the AGM or SGM, urgent. The election of the Officers and Committee at the AGM shall be by secret ballot to those present at the meeting. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if twenty-five signed a sealed requisition stating the subject to be discussed; no business other than the matter on the agenda can be discussed at a SGM. Members will receive twenty-eight days notice of a General Meeting and twenty members shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Any alteration to the rules shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval.

9. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee in its conduct of affairs shall have the power to deal with all matters not provided for in the rules of the Club. The Committee shall have the power to delegate their authority to a sub-committee composed of members of the Club.

10. VOTING POWER

Only Full members, provided they have paid all subscriptions due to the Club, shall have the power to vote at any AGM or SGM or be eligible for any ballot.

11. ELECTION OF JUDGES

The Committee compiles all lists in accordance with the qualifications and these lists are presented each year to the Kennel Club.

Judges nominated by members, should be sent to the Committee for approval in writing, seven days prior to a Committee meeting. The Committee will decide by vote if they should be considered for appointment to the appropriate list. Any judge that qualifies shall then be included on the appropriate list.

A name can be deleted from any list only with the approval of a majority of Special or Annual meeting, notification of the proposal to delete the name must appear on the Agenda circulated to members twenty-eight days prior to the meeting and to that person at their last known address.

A judge may only judge one WAHC or WAHC Sponsored Show in any twelve month period.

Judges, judging a WAHC Limited or Open Show will be excluded from judging the same sex at that type for a period of five years and at the Championship show the same sex for ten years.

No judge on accepting an appointment to judge a WAHC Limited or Open Show should then judge specified Afghan classes within one hundred miles of the venue in the six months before the appointment.

Only fully paid up members are eligible to ballot by post for judges for WAHC Open or Championship Shows.

12. CLUB ACCOUNTS

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 withdrawals shall be made on the signature of two officers: Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. The accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer and audited annually for presentation to the AGM.

13. KENNEL CLUB, THE FINAL COURT OF APPEAL

The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute. The Club shall not join any federation of societies of Clubs. A copy of the rules shall be supplied to all members.

14. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance and 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 the Kennel Club's 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 Society which may occur during the course of the year.

15. The Club shall make available for inspection, if requested, a list of members' names and addresses.