

THE PARTI-COLOURED COCKER SPANIEL CLUB

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1 NAME AND OBJECTS

The Club shall be called 'The Parti-Coloured Cocker Spaniel Club'.

It's objects shall be to foster the breeding and welfare of Parti-Coloured Cocker Spaniels and to promote shows. The Club shall discourage any member from using at stud any dog, or breed from any bitch, that has produced a confirmed case of Familial Nephropathy (FN), PRA or bad temperaments.

Parti-Coloured Cocker Spaniels can be of the following colours:

Blue Roan, Blue Roan & Tan, Orange Roan, Lemon Roan, Liver Roan, Liver Roan & Tan, Black & White, Black/White & Tan, Orange & White, Lemon & White and Liver & White.

2 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of Founder Members, a Patron, a President, Vice Presidents, a Chairman, 1 Vice Chairman, a Honorary Secretary, a Honorary Treasurer and an unlimited number of Ordinary Members.

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of up to twelve members who shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election.

The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Committee with full voting rights with the exception of the Chairman who will have the casting vote in the event of a tie and which will be binding.

Officers stand for a period of three years and be eligible for re-election.

Candidates for Officers must have served for two years on the Committee prior to being elected to an Officer position.

Candidates for Committee must be present members of this Club.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as deemed necessary by the Chairman and/or the Honorary Secretary or, any other member of the Committee at the discretion of the Chairman. Notification of date, time and place must be given to all members and ex-officio members of the Committee. A quorum shall consist of five Committee members. Members of the Committee must attend 2 out of 3 Committee meetings. Vice-Presidents are at liberty to attend Committee meetings but are not allowed to vote. Non-attendance at Committee meetings for one year without apology will result in the member being removed from the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between Annual General Meetings.

Co-opted Committee members shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club but shall be eligible for election.

No person whilst an 'undischarged bankrupt' may serve on the Committee of, or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club registered Club.

3 ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The qualification for membership shall be by payment of the annual subscription.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse membership.

Any person becoming a member shall abide by the rules of the Club.

4 VOTING RIGHTS

Each member shall be entitled to one vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Club provided that they have been a fully paid-up member of the Club from January 1st the previous year and are

current members of the Club. Joint membership shall entitle each member of the partnership to one vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Club.

Postal and Proxy votes are not allowed. Voting shall be either by secret ballot or by show of hands as decided by the majority at the meeting.

5 MEMBERSHIP LISTS

The Club must maintain an up-to- date list of members and their addresses, and those of branch members where appropriate and, if so requested, make the list of names available for inspection by The Kennel Club and members of the Club.

A declaration of the number of members of the Club must be made with annual returns.

6 CLUB PROPERTY

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, an Annual General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of all the Clubs assets and the outcome notified to The Kennel Club. All donors of cups and Trophies must give written acknowledgement that they are given as outright gifts to the Club.

7 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who shall be disqualified under The Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club.

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.

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.

8 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription shall be such sum as voted and agreed by the Committee of Club at an Annual General Meeting and is to be payable to the Honorary Treasurer on the 1st January each year.

9 CLUB ACCOUNTS

The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

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 only be made on the signature of two of the following; Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary or the Chairman of the Club.

The accounts of the Club shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer.

An auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting who shall audit the accounts for the past year before the next Annual General Meeting.

Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who prepared the accounts and from the Committee.

If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a registered Club under these Regulations, 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 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.

10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall take place no later than the end of June each year, at a time and place intended to allow the maximum number of members to attend for the following purposes:

- a) to receive a report of the Committee and a balance sheet. The certified accounts will be made available on request to members fourteen days prior to the AGM.
- b) to elect officers and Committee
- c) to appoint an auditor
- d) to discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda
- e) to discuss any other business permitted by the chairman

Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given by publication in 'Our Dogs'. Such notice must contain all the relevant information concerning the meeting and business to be conducted and be published a minimum of 28 days prior to the meeting. No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before an Annual General Meeting.

A quorum shall consist of eight members.

Nominations for the election of officers and Committee members together with any items for the agenda shall be sent not less than 14 days prior to the meeting to the Honorary Secretary to be circulated to the members at the meeting.

11 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 20 fully paid-up members send in a signed requisition for such a meeting stating the subject to be discussed. The Committee is empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

A quorum shall consist of eight members.

No business other than the matter on the agenda will be allowed at the Special General meeting. Notice to members of a Special General Meeting shall be as for the Annual General Meeting.

12 ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

The officers acknowledge that a maintenance of title fee will be forwarded annually to The Kennel Club whether by the secretary or by direct debit, for continuance of registration and that other returns, as stipulated in The 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 or other officers and Committee members of the Club which may occur during the course of the year.

13 CLUB RULES

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 Clubs constitution with effect from the Clubs 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.

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the Club in all cases relative to canine or Club matters.
The Club shall not join any federation of societies or Clubs.

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