

SUFFOLK GUNDOG CLUB

(Recognised by the Kennel Club and affiliated to the F. T. Council)

RULES

NAME

1. The name of the club shall be the SUFFOLK GUNDOG CLUB.

OBJECTIVE

2. To encourage and improve the working qualities of A. V. Retrieving gundogs and to encourage the training of the same, to encourage the novice handler and judge. The club shall be administered solely for the benefit of its members and not to be classed as a trading business, so that all profits from any source, function and/or activity of the Club shall be maintained for the benefit of and for the further education of its members and the management, training and every aspect pertaining to working dogs.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION

3. The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members. A record of the names and addresses of members to be kept by the honorary Secretary and be available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club. The Club must send a list of members and their addresses and those of branch members where appropriate, to the Kennel Club with their Annual Returns and if so requested, make an up to date list of members available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the society.

4. The election of members shall be in the hands of the committee, each candidate to be proposed and seconded by paid up members.

5. Annual subscriptions shall be payable on 1st February. Joint membership subscriptions shall be available. If a dog is owned jointly, both must be club members. Junior membership (under 18) shall be available at a reduced subscription. Any person who has not paid their subscription by 30th April shall there-by forfeit their membership.

5A. A joining fee will be payable.

MANAGEMENT

6. The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st January, The A. G. M. shall be called by the committee early in the year and a minimum of 28 days notice shall be given to members.

6A. 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 the continuance of registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations 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 changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

7. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a committee consisting of not more than nine members not including the President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary who shall be ex officio members of the committee. All officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election or election to the committee. One third of the committee shall retire in rotation annually, no member serving more than three years before offering themselves for re-election.

8. Nominations for Secretary, Treasurer and committee must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen clear days before the following A. G. M., with the consent of the candidates, proposed and seconded by paid up members. Nominations received after this date are deemed to be unacceptable. If necessary the election of Secretary, Treasurer and committee shall be by secret ballots. If required the position of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person. Six members of the committee shall form a quorum.

9. The committee shall be responsible for electing a Chairman from the Club membership and from their number shall elect annually a Vice-chairman.

10. Any member of the committee failing to attend three or more consecutive meetings shall automatically cease to be a member of the committee unless he/she shall give a written explanation acceptable to the rest of the committee. In the event of the above the committee shall have the power to co-opt any paid up member of the club onto the committee or for any purpose that the committee shall deem fit.

11. A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Club and withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two of the three residing officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer. The accounts of the Club to be audited before the A. G. M. The Club accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

12. The accidental omission to give notice of meetings to any member of the Club or of the committee and non-receipt of such notice shall not affect the validity of the proceedings of such meetings.

13. An extraordinary general meeting must be called by the committee when requested in writing and signed by at least ten members. Such requests must state the purpose for which the meeting is being called. A minimum of fourteen days notice must be given by the Honorary Secretary stating the date, place and time of such a meeting. The committee have the power to call an extraordinary general meeting at their discretion provided that fourteen days notice is duly given. No other business except that stated on the agenda shall be discussed ta extraordinary general meetings.

14. Meetings of the committee shall be held not less than twice a year. Notice of committee meetings and agenda's must be issued fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

15. Any member may withdraw from the Club by giving written notice to the Honorary Secretary provided that such a member shall be liable for the subscription for the current year in which such notice is given and shall have no further claim following resignation on any of the property or funds belonging to the club.

15A. Any member who shall be suspended under The Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(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 of the Society may, at a meeting the notice convening which includes 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 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 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 conditions as The Kennel Club may impose.

16. The entire control of the Club to be vested in the committee who shall have full powers to act on any matters not covered by these rules, and any question which may arise and is not provided for by these rules. In all matters of dispute the Kennel Club shall have the final authority.

16A. If the club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Society must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

GENERAL

17. If the club should cease to exist all the trophies and assets of the club shall be disposed of as deemed fit by the committee.

18. The Club will be responsible for the insurance of the Club's trophies etc. Any winner of the Club trophy shall before taking delivery of the same, sign a receipt card provided by an officially appointed representative of the Club. The holder undertakes to return the trophy before the date of the next event at which it is offered for the competition in as good a condition as when received. The winner shall be responsible for having his/her name hand engraved on the trophy. On receiving the invoice for the cost of engraving the Club will reimburse the winner of the trophy.

19. The rules of the Club may not be altered except at the A. G. M. or extraordinary general meeting, and any alterations shall not be enforced until by the Kennel Club.

20. In the foregoing rules the word dog means both sexes.

21. The club shall not join any other Federation of Clubs or Societies.

22. 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 Society on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by The Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Society.

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

24. 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.