

RULES FOR THE WEST OF ENGLAND CORGI ASSOCIATION

1. Name and Object: The Society shall be called the West of England Corgi Association and its object shall be to promote the Welsh Corgi, both Pembroke and Cardigan.

2. Officers, Committee and Members: The Society shall consist of a President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a committee not exceeding twelve and an unlimited number of members.

3. Committee: The management of the Society shall be in the hands of the following officers of the Society; President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and a Committee consisting of not more than twelve members, of whom three shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. Officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

The Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Committee and shall have full voting rights both at committee and general meetings.

Any member of the committee who is absent for three or more consecutive meetings without a satisfactory explanation shall automatically cease to be a member of the committee.

In the event of a vacancy or vacancies on the committee, the committee shall have the power to co-opt members to fill such vacancies until the next Annual General Meeting.

All matters in dispute may be referred to the Committee for arbitration provided that the Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal.

The committee shall have power to deal with any question not provided for by the rules, and in the event of any temporary vacancy in the office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary, the committee shall have power to fill such a vacancy.

Meetings of the committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary

4. Election of Members: Membership shall be open to all who, having paid their subscription and having approval of the committee, shall become full members from the date of such payment.

5. An up to date list of members and their addresses, and those of branch members where appropriate, must be maintained and, if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Society. A declaration of the number of Members of the Society must be made with Annual Returns.

6. Voting Rights: Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. Joint memberships are entitled to one vote for each member of the partnership. Every question submitted to a meeting shall, unless unanimously decided, be decided in the first instance by a show of hands and the Chairman shall in the case of an equality of votes, both in the show hands and upon a poll, have a second and casting vote. Postal votes and proxy votes are not allowed.

7. Club Property: The property of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Society ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Society's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club. (If a Registered Society is wound up or ceases to be a Registered Society under these Regulations, a final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the Society shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Society will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Society.)

8. Club Accounts: A Banking Account shall be opened in the name of the Society at Lloyds TSB into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of any two of the following officers Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. The accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer. An Auditor(s) shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting to audit the accounts for the ensuing year. Auditing of the accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or by two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the audit must be independent from those who prepared the accounts. The Auditor(s) shall prepare a report for presentation at the next Annual General Meeting, and a copy of the annual statement of accounts will be available, on request, to members 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

9. Subscriptions: The annual subscription shall be such amount as agreed by Members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club.

No member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership and his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment.

10. Expulsion of Members: Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club rule A42j(5) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(9) shall, ipso facto, cease to be a Member of the Society.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, 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 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 complaints and advising of 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 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.

If the Society 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.

11. Financial Year/Annual General Meeting: The financial year of the society shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th April.

12. Annual General Meeting: To receive the report of the Committee and the Balance Sheet, to elect Officers and Committee, to discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Hon. Secretary. 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 election of Officers and Committee shall be by vote or ballot of those present at the meeting and entitled to full privileges.

Notice of Annual General Meeting will be notified to members by (a) inclusion in the spring schedule posted to members at least one month before the AGM (b) by a notice on the WECA website.

Nominations for office in any capacity must be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary giving the name of the Nominee, together with signatures of the Proposer and Secunder, and consent of the Nominee to act, if elected, at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

Agendas will be circulated at the meeting.

12a. Special General Meeting: A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if twenty fully paid up members send in a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The Committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting. Meeting.

No business other than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. Fourteen days notice shall be given of the Special General Meeting and Members shall be notified of the time and place, by the Committee, both in writing and on the WECA website.

13. Amendments to Rules: The Rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the notice 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 approved the alteration. New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

14. Annual Returns to the Kennel Club: The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, the Maintenance of 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 Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities shall 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.

15. Kennel Club Final Authority: The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules of the Society in all cases relative to canine or society matters.

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

17. 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.

18. Breed Society Judges Lists: The Officers and Committee shall choose judges using both the Welsh Corgi Pembroke Judging Lists and the Welsh Corgi Cardigan Judges Committee Lists. Judges from abroad must follow Kennel Club criteria.