

THE CONSTITUTION

(1) NAME

The Club shall be calledCANINE FREESTYLE GB.....(the Club)

(2) OBJECTS

The objects of the Club are to promote and encourage public awareness of the new and growing sport of Canine Freestyle (including Heelwork To Music) for the benefit of both handlers and dogs and to promote such events as the Club thinks appropriate to further its objectives.

(3) MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any person who wishes to become a member of the Club should submit a signed application in writing to the Secretary together with the required Annual Subscription.
- (b) Election to membership shall be in the discretion of the Committee. The Committee may decline to elect any candidate without assigning any reason.
- (c) All official notices to members shall be sent by mail or e mail.

(4) SUBSCRIPTION

- (a) The annual subscription shall be determined, from time to time, by the Committee.
- (b) The annual subscription shall be due on joining the Club and thereafter on the 1st April each year from 2008 onwards.
- (c) The Annual Subscription will be reduced for any person becoming a member after 30thSeptember each year.

(5) RESIGNATION

- (a) A member shall cease to be a member if he/she gives written notice to the Secretary of his/her resignation.
- (b) A member whose subscription is more than 30 days in arrear shall be deemed to have resigned.
- (c) A member whose subscriptions are in arrears is not entitled to any of the privileges of membership.

(6) EXPULSION

The Committee are empowered to expel, suspend or refuse renewals of membership from any member whose membership shall in their opinion be prejudicial to the interests of the Club, without being required to give a reason for such refusal.

- (7) MANAGEMENT The management and conduct of the Club shall be governed by its Officers and Committee members, who shall have powers to take decisions on any matter affecting the Club.

(8) OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall consist of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

THE CHAIRMAN shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Club. The Chairman has one vote, which shall be used as a casting vote in the event of a tied vote by the committee. This same rule shall apply to votes taken at the AGM, and any Special General Meetings.

THE TREASURER shall be responsible for managing and keeping proper records of the finances of the Club, available to the committee at all times including maintaining an account in the name of the Club at Natwest Bank plc, or any such bank as the committee may determine. The Treasurer shall prepare full accounts for the financial year of the Club and a copy thereof shall be sent to all fully paid- up members together with the Agenda for the AGM. The accounts will be submitted to members at the A.G.M. for approval.

THE SECRETARY shall keep minutes of meetings of the Club and the Committee, these minutes are to be drafted within 7 days and agreed by the Committee. The Secretary shall also deal with the everyday correspondence by acknowledgement or reply within 7 Days, all correspondence and communications shall be read out at the next meeting of the Committee. Any member shall be entitled to a copy of the Committee meeting minutes on request.

- (a) The Officers shall be proposed, seconded and elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire and if so desiring offer themselves for re election, or until they resign.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting, if it thinks fit, may elect a President and Vice-Presidents. A President or Vice-President need not be a member of the Club and on election shall, ex officio, be an honorary member of the Club.
- (c) The Committee may elect any person as an honorary member of the Club for such period as they think fit and they shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be entitled to vote at meetings and serve as officers or serve on the Committee.
- (d) No member can become an officer without first serving as a Committee member for three months.

(9) COMMITTEE

- (a) The Committee shall consist of not more than 6, the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and not more than 3 elected members.
- (b) The Committee members shall be proposed, seconded and elected at the annual General Meeting each year and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire and if so desiring offer themselves for re election. Any casual vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise may be filled by the Committee but any member so chosen must retire at the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.
- (c) Committee meetings shall be held not less than once a quarter and the quorum of that meeting shall be at least 4. The Chairman and the Secretary shall have discretion to call further meetings of the Committee if they consider it to be in the interests of the Club. The Secretary shall give all the members of the Committee not less than two days oral or written notice of a meeting. Decisions of the Committee will be passed by a simple majority, and in the event of equality of votes the Chairman (or the acting Chairman of that meeting) shall have a casting vote. The Secretary, or in his/her absence a member of the Committee, shall take minutes.
- (d) The Committee may from time to time appoint from among their number such sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine. All sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Committee.
- (e) The Committee shall have power to enter into contracts for the purposes of managing the Club on behalf of all the members of the Club.

- (f) The members of the Committee shall be indemnified by the members of the Club against all liabilities properly incurred by them in the management of the affairs of the Club, when so doing with the approval of the Committee. No individual who has been a member for less than 3 Months may be elected to the Committee.
- (g) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members of the Club to attend and advise the Committee at any meetings, however, these co-opted members will not be entitled to a vote at the meeting.

(10) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year not later than 30th June to transact the following business:-
 - (i) to receive the Chairman's report of the activities of the Club during the previous year;
 - (ii) to receive and consider the accounts of the Club for the previous year and the Treasurer's report as to the financial position of the Club;
 - (iii) to elect the Officers and other members of the Committee;
 - (iv) to decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted.
- (b) Notification of the date of the A.G. M. will be given, in writing, at least 60 days before the event.
- (c) Nominations for election of a member to any office or for membership of the Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder to the Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. Notice of any resolution proposed to be moved at the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Secretary not less than 28 days before the meeting, and such nominations or resolutions should appear on the Agenda. The first Newsletter following the AGM will contain the minutes of that AGM

(11) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee and shall be called within 28 days of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 12 members stating the purposes for which the meeting is required and the resolutions proposed.

(12) PROCEDURE AT THE ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) The Secretary shall send to each member at his/her last known address written notice of the date of the Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed thereat at least 21 days before the meeting.
- (b) The Chairman or in his/her absence a member selected by the Committee, shall take the chair.
- (c) Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- (d) The Secretary or in his/her absence a member of the Committee, shall take minutes at Annual and Special General Meetings.
- (e) Only fully paid-up members of at least 28 days standing are entitled to attend and vote at Annual or Special Meetings. Any member absent from a General meeting may appoint any member to vote for him/her at such meetings by giving written notice to the Secretary to be received not less than 48 hrs. before the meeting. Such proxy shall only relate to the subjects named therein.

(13) ALTERATION OF THE RULES

The rules may only be altered by a resolution at an Annual General or Special General Meeting, provided that the resolution is carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the vote.

(14) POLLS

The result of all polls of members is final and binding on the Committee.

(15) FINANCE

- (a) The financial year of the Club is from 1st January to 31st December.
- (b) All money payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in a bank account in the name of the Club. No sum shall be drawn from that account except by cheque signed by two of the three signatories who shall be the Chairman, Treasurer and one other Committee member. Any moneys not required for immediate use may be deposited in a deposit account as the Committee in their discretion think fit.
- (c) The income and property of the Club shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club and no part thereof shall be paid by way of bonus, dividend or profit to any members of the Club, save as set out in Rule 15(d).
- (d) The Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses.
- (e) The financial transactions of the Club shall be recorded in a proper set of books kept by the Treasurer.

(16) PROPERTY

- (a) The property of the Club, other than cash at the bank, shall be vested in not more than four Custodians. They shall deal with the property as directed by resolution of the Committee and entry in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence of such a resolution.

(17) WEBSITE

If a website is set up, all contents must be approved by the Committee.

(18) EMAIL GROUP

An Email Group, vested in the Committee, will be set up, maintained and made available to all members.

(19) DISSOLUTION

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a Special General Meeting and shall only be carried by a majority of at least three quarters of the members by ballot.
- (b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- (c) Any property remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be given to an organisation, a charity or charities nominated by the last Special General Meeting.