

WEIMARANER CLUB OF SCOTLAND

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

(Amended 26th March 2014)

1. **NAME AND OBJECTS**

The Club shall be called the **WEIMARANER CLUB of SCOTLAND** and shall:-

- a) Promote, foster, and protect the interests of the Weimaraner and the Club in every possible way;
- b) Accept the Standard of the breed and urge the adoption of such type by Judges, Breeders and Exhibitors as the standard of excellence by which the breed should be judged;
- c) Endeavour to support Dog Shows, whenever it is in the interests of the Weimaraner to do so;
- d) Appoint a panel of breed judges, to be selected by the Committee and submitted to the Kennel Club in the format required by that body;
- e) Endeavour to hold a Club Show or Shows annually;
- f) Support Field Trials, Working Trials, Obedience and Agility and adopt any other means as may be deemed advisable for the improvement and encouragement of responsibility of the breed;
- g) Authorise the appointment of a Press representative if necessary.

2. **OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS**

The club shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Committee, all of whom shall reside within Scotland, and an unlimited number of members.

3. **MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

The management of the Club shall be conducted by:

- a) A Committee consisting of **NINE** Members of whom **THREE** shall retire annually by rotation after selection by ballot of the Committee but shall be eligible for re-election. No individual who has been a Member for less than **ONE** year may be elected to the Committee;
- b) A President who shall retire quinquennially but be eligible for re-election for **ONE** further term only;
- c) A Secretary and a Treasurer who shall each serve for a period of **TWO** years of whom **ONE** shall retire annually by rotation after selection by ballot of the Committee but shall be eligible for re-election;

All elected officers shall be ex-officio, voting members of the committee. The Committee shall, if it deems it necessary, have power to co-opt up to **THREE** additional, non-voting members.

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3. **MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB** (cont.)

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee, or to provisionally appoint Office Bearers, in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings.

Such co-opted members shall have full voting rights but shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.

The Committee shall have the power to declare a seat vacant if an Office Bearer or Committee member fails to attend **THREE** consecutive Committee meetings without giving reasons satisfactory to the Committee.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least every **THREE** months for the transaction of business. A quorum shall consist of **ONE** Office-Bearer and **FIVE** Committee members. The Secretary shall call such meetings with at least **FOURTEEN** days notice when Agendas shall be sent. The Committee shall at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting elect its Chairman for the ensuing year. The Committee may cause sub-committees to be formed to be responsible to it, as it may require. Minutes of all sub-committee meetings shall be kept.

The Treasurer and the Secretary shall receive an honorarium, the sum to be fixed annually by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

4. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Candidates for membership shall have paid the necessary fee and subscription to the Secretary of the Club.

Such candidate will immediately be entitled to the privileges of membership (other than voting rights) until the next meeting of the Committee at which the candidate shall be approved or not for membership.

In the case of non-approval, any monies paid by the candidate shall be returned forthwith and the Committee is not required to disclose its reason(s) for not approving a candidate for membership.

A candidate who is not approved for membership shall not re-apply for a period of at least **TWO** years.

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5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual Subscriptions shall be **TEN POUNDS (£10.00)** joint and **SEVEN POUNDS (£7.00)** single initially and thereafter as deemed by the members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. The Annual Subscription shall be due on the **FIRST** day of **JANUARY** each year.

Members will be eligible, after SEVEN years continuous membership, to convert to a single LIFE membership on payment of a fee of TEN times the Annual single membership subscription. If one partner in a joint membership elects to become a life member, the other partner in the joint membership may continue as a member on payment of an annual subscription of half the joint membership annual subscription.

No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of Membership and if the Member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by **MARCH 1st** his/her name shall be automatically erased from the membership register.

Acceptance back on the register shall be subject to the conditions laid down in the Rule following (Rule 6).

New members joining after **1st SEPTEMBER** in any one year will be deemed to have paid the Annual Subscription until the 31st December in the following year.

Joint membership shall be defined as **TWO** members of the one family or any **TWO** persons being the registered owner of at least one Weimaraner.

6. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

A member may resign on giving notice in writing to the Secretary, and any member whose resignation has been accepted or whose membership has lapsed and who wishes again to become a member must apply for membership in the normal way, as if he/she had never been a member. A member leaving the Club shall not be entitled to receive back any money which may have been paid to the Club or on account of the Club during his/her membership or have any claim against the Club.

7. VICE-PRESIDENTS and HONORARY MEMBERS

The Club shall, through its Committee, when it deems appropriate, nominate Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members, such nominations which have received two-thirds majority to be submitted for acceptance to a vote of members at the Annual General Meeting.

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8. **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 of the members shall be called to decide the manner of disposal of any assets. Members or others making the grant of trophies shall be asked to acknowledge that the donation is an outright gift to the Club.

9. **RECORDS**

a) A banking account shall be held in the name of the Club at such Bank(s) or Building Society/Societies as the Committee may from time to time by resolution direct, into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signature of any TWO of the following:-

President, Secretary, Treasurer.

A book of Accounts of monies of the Club shall be kept and certified annually and presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

b) The Secretary shall keep a proper list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Club or by the Kennel Club. The membership list shall be used for the purposes of the Club and for no other purposes whatsoever. Minutes of the Committee meetings shall be kept.

10. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE**

Not less than **EIGHT** weeks before the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall send to every member, a Notice of Meeting together with a circular inviting nominations for the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and, should the office be vacant, President, and any vacancies to be filled on the Committee.

Any Committee member or Office Bearer (with the exception of a president who has already served two terms) retiring by rotation shall, if offering him/herself for re-election, and, if unopposed, be deemed to have been re-elected.

Each nominee, and nominees seeking re-election, whose previous acceptance must have been obtained in writing, and each proposer and seconder, shall be fully paid up members of the Club.

The nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary **SIX** weeks before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting together with any resolution Members may wish to have put on the Agenda.

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10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE (cont.)

The Secretary shall, **FOUR** weeks before the Annual General Meeting, issue to all fully paid up members a ballot paper, if necessary, on which shall be shown the names of all persons nominated.

Members shall vote on these ballot papers in the normal way and return them to the tellers, to be appointed by the Committee **EIGHT** weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, a clear **TWO** weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

In the case of joint members, each member of the partnership shall receive a ballot paper and each shall be entitled to vote.

Proxy votes are not allowed. Postal votes on other matters raised at the Annual General Meeting are not allowed.

Voting shall be by show of hands and other than for a resolution to wind up the Club, resolutions shall be determined by a simple majority, the Chairman elected for the meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

11. GENERAL MEETING (ANNUAL/SPECIAL)

The Secretary shall call the Annual General Meeting with at least **FOUR** weeks clear notice. The Agenda shall be sent to all members and **FIFTEEN** members shall form a quorum at a properly called meeting. If a quorum is not present, a further Annual General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary at which any **SIX** members shall form a quorum.

The financial year of the Club shall be from **1st January** each year until **31st December**. The Annual General Meeting shall be held as early as possible after 1st January in each year, and in any case not later than 30th April of that year.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the purpose of:-

- a) Receiving the Report of the Chairman and the Committee;
- b) To receiving the Balance Sheet and Treasurers Report;
- c) To elect Officers and Committee;
- d) To discuss any resolution placed on the Agenda, of which prior notice has been received by the 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.

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11. **GENERAL MEETING (ANNUAL/SPECIAL) (cont.)**

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if **TWENTY-FOUR** members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so.

The Committee of the Club is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting. No business other than that detailed on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

Members will receive **TWO** weeks notice of a Special General Meeting.

The Rules of the Club shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Any alteration to rules passed at a meeting shall not come 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 Club's Constitution with effect from the Club's annual meeting.

11a. **ANNUAL RETURNS**

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 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 be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of the change of Secretary of the Club which may occur during the course of the year.

12. **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 Club for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club 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.

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12. **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS (cont.)**

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 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 condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

The Kennel Club shall be notified of such expulsion within seven days.

13. **KENNEL CLUB FINAL COURT OF APPEAL**

The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.

14. **FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OR CLUBS**

The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

15. **CODE OF ETHICS**

The Code of Ethics annexed to these Rules shall be deemed to form part of the Rules and all members of the Club shall be under obligation to abide by the Code.

16. **WINDING UP**

A Resolution that the Club is to be wound up can only be passed at a Special Meeting by a majority of **SEVENTY-FIVE** percent of all members present. Such a Resolution shall decide the manner of disposal of any assets but shall not be affected until the approval of the Kennel Club has been obtained.

17. **UNDISCHARGED BANKRUPT**

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.

Dated: 5th March 2000

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GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

APPENDIX 1

All members of the Weimaraner Club of Scotland undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Club members:

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operations to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
8. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
12. Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
13. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
14. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

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15. Will consider the welfare of their dogs and the Breed above any personal gain or profit and will take responsibility for any dogs they own.
16. Will only breed from Weimaraners of sound temperament, which show natural ability and will always strive to produce Weimaraners conforming to the standard as published by the Kennel Club. Neither dogs nor bitches in poor health or with any serious hereditary faults will be used for breeding.
17. Will not allow their stud dogs to mate a bitch who has already whelped on three or more occasions, or where such mating would result in the bitch whelping more than twice in a twelve month period, or with a bitch of less than two years of age or where such mating would result in a bitch whelping after attaining her seventh birthday.
18. Will not allow their bitches to whelp on more than three occasions during the lifetime of the bitch, or more than once in any twelve month period, nor will they allow their bitch to be mated before two years of age or where such mating would result in a bitch whelping after attaining her seventh birthday.
19. Will encourage clients buying stock to present the dog to a veterinary surgeon within three days of purchase. Should a veterinary surgeon, at such an examination, advise that the dog is not suitable for the purpose for which it was bought, members will seek a second qualified opinion and, if verified, take back such a dog, offer a full refund or agree a mutual compromise.
20. Will be encouraged to take advantage of any relevant, official scheme devised to test a dog's soundness. Members will inform those accepting their stock that there is evidence of certain breed associated conditions for which no current control schemes are available. Details of these conditions, as it affects the members stock, will be made available to prospective purchasers.
21. Breeding litters must be members of the Weimaraner Club of Scotland for two consecutive years before their puppies will be included on the Puppy List.
22. Will ensure that the sire of any litter is fully registered at the Kennel Club and that the dam of the litter is fully registered at the Kennel Club in their own name(s).
23. Will ensure that every effort is made to place puppies into suitable homes and will not sell puppies under the age of seven weeks.
24. Will register any litter bred by them at the Kennel Club and with the Club Secretary.
25. Will ensure that any litter bred by them has been properly wormed at least three times by seven weeks of age and will provide a signed declaration confirming dates and worming preparation used.

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26. Will not part with any puppy with its Registration Papers if the puppy deviates seriously from the Breed standard or shows signs of a serious hereditary defect and will make a reasonable reduction in price accordingly.
27. Will be encouraged to take responsibility for any Weimaraner bred by them which is in need of rehoming.
28. Will, when engaged in competitive events with their dogs, conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the Breed or the Club, and will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
29. Will comply with all aspects of the Animal Health & Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 and any subsequent amendments, and to the equivalent animal welfare legislation throughout the United Kingdom and to any other legislation concerning the care, well-being or breeding of dogs
30. Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

25th February 2009

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