



**SHERBORNE VALE DOG
TRAINING CLUB**

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1. The Club shall be called Sherborne Vale Dog Training Club and its objects shall be to encourage the public interest in training the family pet dog in obedience and agility and to enter team agility competitions.

2. **Officers and Committee**

The Club shall consist of a President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, nine other committee members and an unlimited number of members.

No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

3. **Committee**

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and a Committee consisting of nine members all of whom shall retire annually.

The Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights with the exception of the President who has no voting rights.

A quorum for Committee meetings shall be 50% of currently serving committee members.

Any committee member who fails to attend three consecutive committee meetings without satisfactory explanation shall thereby vacate their seat.

Election of Officers and Committee

The President is elected for Life, or until he or she voluntarily relinquishes the Office. A new President shall be elected by a ballot of all members when necessary.

The Chairman and members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election each year. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least every three months.

Members not seeking re-election must inform the Hon. Secretary in writing at least 35 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.

Any two members may nominate as many members as there are places to serve on the Committee.

The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting where no members may vote for more candidates than there are places available, nor must more than one vote be given to any candidate. Should any candidates receive equal votes, thereby bringing the total number of the Committee to more than the permitted number, the Committee shall select by lot which candidate shall be elected.

The Chairman shall be elected in the same manner as other Committee members, but the Vice-chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall be elected from within the Committee.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings.

Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.

No individual who has been a member for less than three months may be elected on to the Committee.

4. Election of Members

Candidates for membership must be proposed by other members, their dogs vaccinated and the application sent to the Hon. Secretary or nominated Committee members, who shall seek the approval of the Committee for each application. When approved, the member will be given a copy of the rules. If any applicant does not meet with the Committee's approval the subscription will be returned to him/her. The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership application. Subscription and vaccination certificates must accompany the application for membership. (Vaccination should include Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis and Parvo Virus).

5. The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.

6. Voting Rights

Each member including Juniors shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. Associate members are not entitled to a vote

Postal votes on accepted nominations for election for Chairman and Committee shall be made available for those members unable to attend the Annual General Meeting and who request such a privilege in writing at the time of the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Voting shall be by secret ballot or show of hands as decided by the majority at the meeting.

7. Club Property

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

(If a registered Club 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 property of the Society shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club).

Any trophies etc. offered to the Club must be an outright gift which must be stated in writing by the donor. All trophies must be fully insured by the Club.

When perpetual trophies are awarded, the name and address of the recipient must be recorded. All such trophies must be returned to the Secretary/Cup Steward when requested.

8. Club Accounts

A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Society at a Bank or Building Society specified by the Committee, 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- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Accounts shall be kept by the Hon. Treasurer and shall be audited annually by an appointed, qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience and presented to the members at the A.G.M.

Expenses properly incurred by the Committee on the Club's behalf shall be defrayed out of Club funds.

9. Subscriptions

The Annual Subscriptions for members. Junior Members (16 and under) and Associate Members, shall be such amount as agreed by members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club.

Junior Members (16 and under) shall pay half the adult rate.

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

Subscriptions fall due on 1st March. For new members joining after 1st January the subscription shall cover the period until 1st March the following year.

When renewing their membership all existing members shall present to the Secretary or Committee member the current vaccination certificate for each dog they wish to train at Sherborne Vale Dog Training Club together with the Annual Subscription. A record shall be kept of the date when vaccination boosters are due.

Perpetual trophies may only be held by full members of Sherborne Vale D.T.C. Should membership cease for any reason, any trophies held by that member should be returned to the Secretary immediately.

Members wishing to resign from the Club may make no claim against the Club and no part of their subscription will be refunded.

10. Expulsion of Members

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j (4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j (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 as 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 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 condition as the Kennel Club may impose. If the club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows or working trials, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply 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 on or before 15th May each year.

12. General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held to receive the report of the Committee and Balance Sheet to elect Officers and 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.

All members will be notified in writing of the date of the Annual General Meeting at least 28 days before the meeting.

Items for inclusion on the Agenda and nominations for Officers and Committee must be submitted to the Secretary 14 days before the meeting.

The full Agenda and Balance Sheet will be circulated at the meeting.

12a. Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if 10 members send 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.

Notice in writing of a Special General Meeting and the Agenda shall be sent out 28 days before the date of the meeting. No business other than that detailed on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

At least 15 of the members must be present to form a quorum at a Special General Meeting. Resolutions shall only be passed if they are supported by two-thirds or more of those present with voting rights.

13. Amendments to Rules

The rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the Agenda 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.

14. Annual Returns to the Kennel Club

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 Tide 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 any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

15. Kennel Club Final Court of Appeal

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

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

17. Training Classes

Trainers for the weekly training sessions will be selected by the Committee. The Club will hold weekly training sessions for members for which there will be a weekly charge as decided by the Committee.

No dog under the age of 12 months may train in Agility classes at Sherborne Vale D.T.C.

18. Any matters arising that are not covered by these rules shall be dealt with by the Committee.