

RULES OF THE SOCIETY

1. Name and Objects

The Society shall be called the **Working Clumber Spaniel Society** and its objects shall be:

- 1.1 To promote and encourage the training of Clumber spaniels for work in the field.
- 1.2 To restore to the breed physical soundness and the essential qualities needed by a working spaniel - game sense, stamina, agility, willingness to please, ease of being trained, modest size and weight, freedom from hereditary defects and freedom from exaggerated features encouraged by breeding for appearance only.
- 1.3 To encourage owners to breed only from specimens proven in the field and those conforming to the type likely to achieve the objectives at 1.2 above.
- 1.4 To hold working events, both educational and competitive, to further the society's aims, and to increase its membership and influence.
- 1.5 To resist any attempts to alter the breed's existing 'standard' description in any way likely to be detrimental to its utility.

2. Officers and Committee

The Society will consist of a President for a three year term of office, a Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and a committee of five, and an unlimited number of members. If as an interim measure it is necessary to combine the secretary and treasurer posts, the committee shall be increased to six.

3. Committee

The management of the Society will be in the hands of the following officers of the Society: Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and committee consisting of five members of whom all shall retire annually, but on signifying their agreement, be eligible for re-election.

The President shall be elected by the membership for a period of three years.

All Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights at Committee and General Meetings

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least two every twelve months.

A quorum for Committee meetings shall be five.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional or replacement members onto the Committee if it is deemed necessary between General Meetings. Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Society at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. Co-opted committee members shall have voting rights at Committee meetings. The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees as it deems necessary. The Chairman of any sub-committee shall be on the Management Committee.

Only fully paid up members may be elected to the Committee. No individual who has been a member for less than one year may be elected onto the Committee. The committee shall have the power to grant the payment of reasonable expenses incurred by any person conducting business on behalf of the Society. Routine committee expenses shall not be included.

Candidates for Committee appointments shall be proposed by one existing fully paid up member and seconded by another. The President and the Management Committee shall be elected at the A.G.M. by show of hands.

4. Election of members

Candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two fully paid-up members and elected or balloted for by the Management Committee. Two objections shall exclude.

5. Membership Records

An up to date list of members and their addresses must be maintained and, if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the Society, subject to Data Protection legislation. A declaration of the number of members of the Society must be made with the Annual Returns.

6. Voting Rights

Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. Postal and proxy votes are not allowed. Voting shall be by show of hands. For joint memberships voting shall be one vote for each member of the partnership.

Honorary members are accepted and appointed by the Committee. Honorary members are not required to pay subscriptions but have full voting rights.

7. Society 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. A final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months of the winding up of the Society.

8. Society Accounts

A banking account shall be held in the name of the Society into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawals will only be made by on signature of two of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. In the event of posts being confined to one household, cheques will bear the signature of the Treasurer and the Chairman or one other member of the Management Committee, to be nominated by committee.

The accounts will be certified annually by either one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience and independent from those preparing the accounts and unconnected with the committee.

A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year will be sent to all members of the Society and will be available for inspection by members 14 days prior to the AGM.

9. Subscriptions

Single annual membership £10, family £15, gamekeepers £5, due 1st February in each year. There is a joining fee of £5. 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

June shall cease to be a member and their name automatically erased from the membership register. Acceptance back onto the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment of arrears. New members joining during December and January shall enjoy free membership until 31st January.

10. Expulsion of Members

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A11.j(5) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11.j(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Management 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 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

The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st February to 31st January

12. General Meetings:

The A.G.M. shall be held for the purposes of receiving the Management Committee's report, election of President, officers and committee members, and to discuss items placed on the agenda which must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the meeting. Notification of all applicants for management committee with resume and proposer and seconder must be in writing to the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to AGM. No other business to be discussed except, at the Chairman's discretion, that of a routine or urgent nature. Notice of the AGM including the draft Agenda must be forwarded to every member either by post or email not less than 21 days prior to the meeting. 4 members shall constitute a quorum

12A Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon Secretary if eight 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.

No business other than that detailed on the agenda of a Special General Meeting can be discussed. A Special General Meeting shall be convened within 21 days of a written request being received by the Hon Secretary. Notice of the S.G.M. must be forwarded to every member not less than 14 days prior to the meeting.

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. Deleted 'and such alterations must be ratified by the KC replaced by Any proposed alterations 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 the 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

Other

16. The society shall not join any federation of societies or clubs.
17. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within the Society.
18. The Society shall not at any time, jointly with other clubs or as an organisation on its own, hold any dog show.
19. In pursuit of its objects stated in rule 1.2 this society does not seek to promote particular breeding strategies other than its criteria on hip scores, eyes, PDP1 and EIC. The opinions of the individual breeders may be shared through the newsletter subject to ultimate editorial control but such opinions may not be represented in any written or verbal form as the view of the Society.