

IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB

Founded 1890

Rules and Regulations

NAME AND OBJECT

- 1 The Club shall be called "The Irish Water Spaniel Club"
- 2 The Club shall be affiliated to the Irish Kennel Club.
- 3 The objects of the Club shall be:
 - a) To promote the breeding of pure Irish Water Spaniels (IWS)
 - b) To define and publish the description of the true type and to urge the adoption as the recognised standard of the breed on breeders, judges and show promoting organizations.
 - c) To promote and advance the interests of the breed by supporting and/or organizing shows and field trials and any other activities deemed advisable.

CONSTITUTION AND MANAGEMENT

- 4 The Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Field Trial Secretary and an unlimited number of members. The Honorary Secretary shall keep Minutes of all meetings.
- 5 The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year before the end of October at which the Hon Secretary shall report on the previous year's business and the Hon Treasurer shall produce an audited Statement of Accounts for adoption.
- 6 Only members whose subscriptions have been paid in full by September 1st before the AGM shall be entitled to speak or vote there. A list of fully paid up members will be provided by the Hon Secretary for the AGM.
- 7 At the AGM, the Officers listed in para.4 shall be elected, as well as seven other members, who, with the Officers, will form a business committee (Committee) with powers to deal with any matter not covered by the Rules and Regulations. The Officers and Committee members elected shall assume office following the AGM.
- 8 Candidates for election as Officers or Committee members shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Club. If a nominee is not present at the AGM, the nomination shall not be accepted unless the written acceptance of nomination from the nominee has been deposited with the Hon. Secretary prior to the commencement of the AGM. Extenuating circumstances may be presented by permission of the Chairman.

9 The Hon Secretary will notify each member of the location, date and time of the AGM, which will have been agreed by the Committee, at least fourteen days in advance, and include the agenda of the meeting

10 Similar notification of Committee meetings shall be sent to Committee members.

11 The Chairman may call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Club at any time if he/she considers it necessary. The business of the EGM shall be listed on the agenda and only those items shall be considered. The same notice as for the AGM shall apply.

12 The quorum for an AGM/EGM shall be six. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be four.

13 Decisions on matters proposed at an AGM, EGM, or Committee meeting shall be by simple majority vote. In the case of a tie the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

14 In the case of an office becoming vacant during the year, the Committee shall have the power to elect one of their members to the vacancy and to co-opt a member of the Club on to the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

15 The categories of membership shall be

- a) Single membership, (carrying one voting right).
- b) Joint membership (carrying one voting right).
- c) Family membership (carrying two voting rights).
- d) Senior membership (reduced subscription).
- e) Junior membership (no voting rights)

16 Applications for membership shall be made in writing on the Club's official form, which shall include a signed agreement to abide by the Rules and Regulations and the Code of Ethics of the Club and of the Irish Kennel Club, and shall be accompanied by the appropriate subscription.

17 Applications for membership shall be considered by the Committee at least 30 days before the date of the AGM and the Committee shall have power to accept or reject applications by simple majority. In the case of rejection, all monies shall be refunded.

18 The AGM/EGM shall have power to suspend a member who is considered to be in serious breach of the signed agreement (see para.15). At such meetings any breaches of the Code of Ethics will be taken into consideration. Suspension by the Irish Kennel Club shall automatically debar a member from the Club.

19 The Committee shall have the power to demand the resignation of any member whose conduct is deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. On the request of such a member, the Committee shall call a Special Meeting at which the member shall have the right to speak in his/her defence. The original decision of the Committee shall then be ratified or rescinded by simple majority vote. Twenty-one days' written notification of such a Special Meeting shall be given. The same rules as for an EGM apply regarding agenda business (see para.10).

20 No member shall pledge the credit of the Club without the authority of the Committee. All items of expenditure shall be approved by the Committee.

21 Annual subscriptions for the following year for all categories of membership shall be decided at the AGM and shall be due at the conclusion of the meeting.

22 Any member whose dues are unpaid by February 1st of the following year shall cease to be a member of the Club.

HONORARY TREASURER

23 The Hon Treasurer shall receive all monies, ensure that approved payments are made, and keep a proper record of receipts and payments.

24 He shall maintain bank accounts in the name of the Club and any withdrawals from these accounts shall be over the signatures of any two of three persons nominated by the Committee.

25 He shall report on the financial state of the Club at each Committee meeting and shall prepare an audited Statement of Accounts for submission to the AGM.

GENERAL

26 The Irish Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute. and in all cases relative to canine or Club matters.

27 In the event of the Club being dissolved, all cups, trophies. Club records and property shall be handed to the Irish Kennel Club, who will act as custodians thereof, to be used as it may consider best in the interest of the breed.

28 Any proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Club shall be included in the agenda of the next AGM. where they will be approved or other wise. If agreed they shall be submitted to the Irish Kennel Club for their approval.

