



GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of The Northern Dogue de Bordeaux Club will 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, may report such operation 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 rehoming 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.

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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB

Name & Objective of the Club

Our club will be called the "The Northern Dogue de Bordeaux club" and our aim will be:

To promote responsible ownership, breeding and well being of the Dogue de Bordeaux. And to assist all of our members and the breed in every way that is compatible with the interest and the promotion of the breed.

Officers and Committee

The club shall consist of a Patron, President, 4 honorary Vice Presidents, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, a Committee of no more than 12 and an unlimited number of members.

The management of the club shall be in the hands of the committee consisting of no more than twelve members, all of whom shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be eligible for annual re-election with the only exception being the forming Officers and Committee who shall remain in office for the first 3 years. Officers shall retire every three years thereafter for re-election.

The President shall be elected by the Committee and will hold their position for a minimum of 10 years.

Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election every year.

The officers and Committee shall have full voting rights at Committee and General Meetings, as will the club presidents.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least once every 3 months.

All officers and Committee will endeavour to be present at all club meetings. A quorum for committee meetings shall be 5.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings. Co-opted committee members shall have full voting rights until the next General Meeting.

No individual who has been a member for less than 6 months may be elected onto the Committee.

The Committee shall have the power to make any necessary bye-laws, treat disputed matters and deal with points not covered in the clubs ethics.

The Chairman will have the casting vote in the event of equal votes being recorded for any proposition. All founding Committee members and officers after serving 3 years will automatically become lifetime members of the club with no fee's to be paid.

Election of Officers and Committee

The president, chairman, secretary and treasurer will retire every three years and committee members will retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. The only exception being that the forming officers and committee, who shall remain for the first 3 years.

Other candidates, who shall be fully paid up members of the club and have been a member for at least 6 months may be proposed for election, any such nominations must be proposed and seconded in writing, signed by the nominee and forwarded to the secretary.

The election of the officers and committee will take place at the Annual General Meeting.

Election of Members

Candidates for membership shall be accepted on payment of subscription following approval by the Committee. The Committee may refuse applications for membership.

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

Voting Rights

Each member shall be entitled to one vote after 6 months membership.

Postal / proxy votes are not allowed.

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

In the case of a joint membership each member of the partnership shall be granted one vote. Or a family membership each member over 18 will be granted one vote.

Club 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 Societies assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club

Club Accounts

A banking account shall be held in the name of the society at HSBC Into which all revenue of the society shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only made on the signatures of 2 officers.

Certification of accounts shall be carried out by a qualified accountant or two other individuals who have accounting experience. All accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual

General Meeting.

All expenses incurred by committee members must be sanctioned and passed by the committee. All expenses and payments sanctioned by the committee must be paid by cheques, which must be signed by one of the above mentioned signatories.

Subscriptions

Membership costs will be as follows; Single £12, Joint £15, Family £20 and Overseas £20. Memberships will run from June – June, and payment will be collected as such.

No member whose subscription is unpaid will be entitled to any of the privileges of membership. If any member fails to pay all outstanding subscriptions by 3 months after the renewal period their name will be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back onto the register will be dependent on a new application and payment of any arrears.

Once members have been accepted for membership, and providing that all subscription fees are up to date they cannot be refused renewal of membership.

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 society.

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, giving details of the complaint and advising the date, place and time of the Meeting that he / she may attend to 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 from 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.

Financial Year / Annual General Meeting

The financial year of the Society shall run from June to June. And The Annual General Meeting shall be held by the end of April in conjunction with our first club show of the year.

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meetings shall be held in order for Members to receive the report of the Committee and balance sheet / accounts, to elect officers where necessary, 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 the AGM 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.

Notice of Annual General Meetings will be given to Members in writing no less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Items that members wish to be included on the agenda must be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary no less than 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

The meeting agenda will be circulated at the meeting.

Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if 20 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 may be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

Members of the Society will be notified in writing no less than 14 days prior to the date of any Special General Meeting to be held.

Amendments to Rules

The rules of the Society may not be altered, except at a General Meeting, the notice for which will contain a specific proposal to amend such rules.

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.

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 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

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.

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.

The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs

No persons whilst declared bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold an other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

Breed Society Judges List

The committee shall draw up a list of proposed judges which will then be put to the committee vote. The agreed list will then be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Societies Annual Returns.

The purpose of a Breed Society Judges List is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed

Society would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the society must not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the list.

Judges lists should be divided into five parts namely A1, A2, A3, B and C and must indicate the date on which the list will expire. On expiry a new list will be completed.

A1 List – Judges who have previously been approved to award CC's in a given breed and have carried out the appointment.

A2 List – Judges who, if invited to judge by a Society, would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award CC's in a given breed for that occasion.

A3 List – Judges who are recommended by a Society as being suitable to award CC's in the breed, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 list.

B List – Judges who have been approved by Breed Societies to judge at shows without CC's or at Open Shows.

C List – Any C List drawn up by a breed club should comprise of aspiring Judges who do not fall into any of the above categories.