

Rules of The Miniature Bull Terrier Club

1. **THE NAME OF THE CLUB.** The Club shall be called "THE MINIATURE BULL TERRIER CLUB."

2. **OBJECTS OF THE CLUB.** The object of the Club is for the benefit of it's Members and will not be classed as a trading business so that all profits from any source, function or activity of the Club shall be maintained for the benefit of, and the further encouragement of its Members in the management breeding, training, and exhibiting and every other aspect relating to the improvement of the Miniature Bull Terrier.

3. **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.** The Club shall consist of a President, a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be elected annually a Committee not exceeding 12 in number of 'whom four shall retire annually, and an unlimited number of Members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to five members to serve on the Committee, but such co-opted members shall retire immediately before the Annual General Meeting following their co-option

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary. Five members of the Committee including at least one Officer shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of urgent business. Honorary Life Membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

There further exists the position of Patron, being an executive office, carrying the right to attend Committee Meetings and vote within them. Nominations for the position rest with the Committee subject to ratification by the general membership.

(a) No member shall be eligible to hold office or serve within the Committee unless they have attended a minimum of 1 AGM within the previous 2 years.

(b) Husband and Wife / Co-habiting partners may not act as joint signatories on behalf of the Club.

(c) A Member of the Club may not be a Member of the Committee and at the same time be an Officer of the Club or Vice Versa.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

(a) Candidates for membership of the Club shall be proposed by one member, seconded by another and elected by, or balloted for by the Committee at one of it's meetings.

(b) The Committee have the power to appoint a Health Coordinator who can participate fully in debate at Committee meetings but may not propose, second, or vote on any motions put before the Committee. The period of appointment to be concluded at the next AGM.

(c) The Committee have the power to appoint a Welfare Coordinator who can participate fully in debate at Committee meetings but may not propose, second, or vote on any motions put before the Committee. The period of appointment to be concluded at the next AGM.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Annual Subscription shall be due on 1st January each year, and subscriptions for the ensuing year shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting. There shall be no joining fee, and receipts shall be issued by the Treasurer for all subscriptions paid. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to the privileges of membership, members who have not renewed their membership by 31st January will receive a written reminder, giving notice that their name(s) will be removed from the membership list unless their renewal subscription is received on or before 28th February and if any member fails to pay the annual subscription by the 1st of March, the Committee shall have the power to erase their names from the list of members, but if the Committee shall subsequently receive a satisfactory written explanation, the member may, at the discretion of the Committee, and on payment in full of the arrears, be re-admitted to membership. An exhibitor who pays a years subscription at the time of submitting entries for the last Show of the year shall be entitled to full membership of the Club until 31st December of the following year.

6. **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 shall be called to decide the disposal of the assets.

7. **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.** Any member who shall be suspended under KC Rule A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are suspended under KC Rule A42j(4) 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 Club, the Committee of the Society may, at a meeting, the notice of 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.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising of the place, date and hour of the Meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at that 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 a Meeting, may appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

8. **GENERAL MEETINGS.** The Financial Year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the 1st May of each year for the following purpose:- To receive a report of the Committee and Balance Sheet; To elect Officers and Committee Members to fill vacancies from nominations which have been received 21 clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting; To discuss any motions placed on the Agenda which have been formally proposed and seconded, and of which 21 clear days

prior notice in writing has been given in writing to the Honorary Secretary. The Agenda and audited copy of the Balance Sheet shall be sent to each Member not less than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters which in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting are urgent. The election of Officers and Committee at the Annual General Meeting shall be a vote by a show of hands unless there is a request for a secret ballot by those present at the Meeting. A simple majority to decide. No member under the age of 16 years shall have the right to vote. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if TEN members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed. No business other than the matter on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. Not less than 28 days notice shall be given in writing to Members of a General Meeting. The Rules of the Club shall not be altered except at a General Meeting. Any alterations to the Rules will not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval to the alterations.

9. CLUB ACCOUNTS. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of TWO Officers from FOUR who have been nominated by the Club and notified to the Bank. The accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer. Auditors shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting who shall audit the Club's accounts for the ensuing year before the Annual General Meeting. A separate account shall be maintained called 'PLL Fund' and money raised and paid into that account to be used only for the research programme into PLL. Other proposed uses to be agreed at a General or Special Meeting.

10. THE KENNEL CLUB THE FINAL COURT OF APPEAL. The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal.

11. THE CLUB shall not join any federation of societies or clubs.

12. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS. Any officer or member of the Committee who fails to attend THREE consecutive meetings of the Committee without tendering to the Secretary written apologies offering reasonable explanations Will be deemed to have resigned from Office.

13. PREPARATION FOR SHOW. Members of the Club must abide by the Kennel Club Rules currently in force.

14. INSURANCE. The Committee shall ensure that adequate insurance cover is valid in respect of Third Parties, damage to venue and replacement of trophies, and that a First Aid kit be available at all shows to cope with simple emergencies. The Show Manager should, prior to each show organised by the Club, ascertain where emergency hospital treatment is available.

15. 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 the 31st of July each year, other returns, as stipulated in the 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 any changes of Secretary of the Society during the course of the year.

16. MEMBERSHIP LIST. The Society will make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by Members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.

17. SALE AND EXPORT OF STOCK.

(1) This Club does not approve of the sale of dogs to any Country without legislation for the protection of animals from cruelty similar in intent to such laws in Great Britain, and which has no reciprocal agreement with the Kennel Club.

(2) This Club does not approve of the sale of dogs to such countries, knowingly through any third party.

(3) This Club does not approve of the sale of dogs to dealers, puppy farms or wholesale kennels.

(4) All Members of the Miniature Bull Terrier Club be required to comply with this ruling.

18. NO PERSON WHILST AN UNDISCHARGED BANKRUPT may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

Recommendation.

It is the intention of the Miniature Bull Terrier Club to eradicate the painful hereditary eye problem of Primary Lens Luxation (PLL), which exists within the breed. To achieve this Members are strongly urged to avoid breeding from any animal known to be suffering from Primary Lens Luxation, nor from its parents or progeny. The Club Registrar should be informed immediately of any Member's dog or bitch believed to suffering from Primary Lens Luxation.

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Amended Annual General Meeting 6th April 2008