



THE RULES

1. NAME AND OBJECTS The Club shall be called THE LEONBERGER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN. Its objects shall be to promote interest in the breed and encourage the breeding and exhibiting of sound typical Leonbergers; to maintain a high standard in the breed by following the description as laid down in the official standard adopted by the Kennel Club; to assist members to co-operate in the best interests of the breed.

2. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE The Club shall consist of a Patron, President, an unlimited number of Vice Presidents, a Committee of up to twelve and an unlimited number of members, whose names and addresses shall be entered on a list and kept up to date by the Honorary Secretary. The Society will make this membership list available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee of no more than twelve, which number shall include the Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the membership for a three-year term of office and will be ex. officio committee members for said term of office and will receive an annual £250 honorarium, which will be reviewed annually. All other Committee members and Sub-Committee members shall resign bi-annually and may stand for re-election. Any person seeking election as an Officer of the Club, should have served at least one year on the Committee of the Club.

In the event of the services of an Honorary Secretary and or Treasurer not being available, the committee shall have the power to appoint a paid Secretary and or Treasurer, should this be deemed necessary, or elect a temporary Honorary Secretary and or Treasurer until the following AGM or Special General Meeting when this appointment must be put to the membership for acceptance.

The Chairman of the Club and the Committee shall be one and the same person and must be elected annually by secret ballot of all members present at the AGM. Nominations for Chairman, proposed and seconded by members present, shall

be from amongst the elected members of the Committee. The Vice Chairman to be elected from and by the Committee.

The International Union for Leonberger Dogs now requires two Official delegates from each member Club. One Delegate will vote on behalf of the Club. Any two appointed representatives from the Committee may be the Club delegates.

3. COMMITTEE The Committee shall consist of up to twelve members, to include the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. The role of a committee member is to participate actively in the work of the Club and to accept and sign the Committee confidentiality agreement. A committee member who is absent from two consecutive meetings and wishes to remain on the Committee must justify these absences. After three consecutive absences from important meetings (Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, or Committee Meetings) the member will forfeit his/her committee membership. Committee members shall be eligible for re-election. The following Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights: the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and all Committee members. All shall be required to pay the annual subscription. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote.

The President shall be elected for a 3-year term by the members present at the AGM. Those members wishing to stand for President to be proposed and seconded as for other Officers of the Club and indicate their willingness to stand in writing. The President to have a proactive role within the Club, attending events and meetings at their discretion in an advisory capacity. The President may also be a member of Committees within the Club if so elected and have the same rights as other members of those Committees.

The positions of Vice President(s) and Honorary Members can only be offered after a vote of the members at an A.G.M. These positions will retain full voting rights. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but a minimum of 2 times a year. A quorum for committee meetings shall be more than half of the total Committee, one of who must be an Officer.

Sub-Committees may be formed when necessary whose rules, regulations and election of members comply with the requirements of the main Committee and the Kennel Club.

The Committees shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings. Those co-opted shall hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which elections of Committees take place. The Committees shall have the power to co-opt any non-Committee members, up to a maximum of three, to assist the committee in any special matter, if deemed necessary, at any time. No person, whilst an undischarged bankrupt, may serve on a Committee have or hold any

other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society. No member who wilfully brings the Leonberger breed into disrepute may hold a position on a Committee or be an Officer of the Club. Action in such a case will be dealt with as outlined in Rule 9. No individual who has been a member for less than one year may be elected onto a Committee

Committee members may show at the club's shows.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS Candidates for membership shall be accepted on payment of annual subscription, agreement to abide by the Code of Ethics and Committee approval of the application. The Committee can decline membership to an applicant without the assignment of reason. Approval of membership shall be the decision of a majority of the Committee. All applications from ex-members wishing to renew their membership after expulsion from the club must be put on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

5. VOTING RIGHTS Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership, with the exception of junior members, who shall have no voting rights. Joint memberships shall be entitled to one vote each adult member of the partnership.

Postal votes to be sent to all members and counted by a scrutineer. (for election of Officers and Committees only) People standing for the ballots must send in their 200 words with their nomination forms so that this could be sent out with the agenda and ballot forms.

6. CLUB PROPERTY The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all cups, trophies and similar articles owned by the Club, be insured, the premiums to be paid out of Club funds. All donors of such articles must be given written acknowledgement that these items are given as an outright gift to the Club. 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.

7. CLUB ACCOUNTS A Banking account shall be held in the name of the Club at an approved Bank or Building Society, into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two of the following: The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Chairman. An account will be held in the name of The Leonberger Club of Great Britain, Working Section. A further account of the monies will be kept in the name of the Leonberger Club of Great Britain, Welfare Fund. The Treasurer shall maintain the accounts and will present them to the membership at the AGM for approval after they have been audited.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as agreed by the members at a General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. Membership is due on 1st. August and payable to the Honorary Treasurer no later than the 1st

September. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership. Acceptance back onto the register will be dependent upon a new membership application, which will be reviewed by the Committee - See Rule 4.

9. **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 the Kennel Club Rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, be injurious, or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club 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 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 him/her 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 Club except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of the meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

10. **FINANCIAL YEAR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st August to 31st July. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year

11. **GENERAL MEETING** No motion may be discussed or voted upon at any General Meeting or Special General Meeting unless the proposer and seconder are present to formally move and second the motion, except in special circumstances if the Chairman so advises. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year for the following purposes: -To receive a report of the Committee and balance sheet; to hold and announce the ballot electing Committee; to discuss any motion duly placed on the agenda on which prior, written notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary, all items to be with the Secretary not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting. 28 days notice of the A.G.M. must be given, in writing, to the members. Nominations for the Committee for the ensuing year, together with any items for the Agenda, must be submitted, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary. Nominations are on the distinct understanding that the proposer has secured prior written consent of the nominee or nominees to take office, if elected, and that such proposer and nominee shall be fully paid up members. A nominated Club Member, seeking election as an

Officer or Committee Member, is expected to attend the AGM at which the election will take place. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall retire after a three-year period of office and may seek re-election. Any person seeking election as an Officer of the Club, should have served at least one year on the Committee of the Club. All other Committee members shall retire bi-annually and may seek re-election. Only fully paid up members may attend the AGM. Names of those retiring Committee members who seek re-election and the names of any other candidates, who have been duly nominated in accordance with the foregoing provisions, will be dispatched by the Honorary Secretary to each member together with the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting. Scrutineers shall collect and count votes and declare the outcome of the vote. The Committee and Officers will fully support and abide by any decision, which is carried by a majority of votes taken at an AGM or SGM.

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 20 members send in a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. No other business other than that detailed on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. The Committee of the Club is empowered to call a Special General Meeting at its discretion.

Notification to Members of a Special General Meeting will be as for the Annual General Meeting. In the event of the Committee deciding that a postal ballot should take place on a motion to come before a Special General Meeting, a ballot paper stating the motion shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary to each member together with the formal notice of the Special General Meeting. The ballot paper must be marked with a number allocated by an independent scrutineer and returned signed by the member, where indicated, by post in an envelope marked "Ballot" in order to reach the Honorary Secretary not later than the date (postmark) stated on the ballot paper. A Special General Meeting postal ballot will be supervised by an independent scrutineer. A ballot paper will be invalidated if in the opinion of the Chairman and scrutineer it does not clearly indicate how the member's vote is cast.

12. AMENDMENTS TO RULES The Rules of the Club 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 has approved of the alteration.

13. 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 Honorary Secretary, for continuance of Registration, and that by 31st July, other returns, as stipulated by 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 which may occur during the course of the year.

14. KENNEL CLUB FINAL COURT OF APPEAL

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

15. MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER SOCIETIES / CLUBS

The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

16. JUDGES LIST The Honorary Secretary shall keep a list of names of Judges of the Breed, approved by the Club, and this will be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Club's Annual Returns. Membership of the Club shall not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges Lists will be divided into five parts, A1, A2, A3, B and C and will indicate the date the list will expire. On expiry a new list will be compiled.

There will be a Judges Sub-Committee of no more than 10 experienced and interested Club members at least 75% of whom must be CC judges in the breed. As of the 2006 AGM they will be elected by the members.

In accordance with KC requirements this Sub-Committee will: -

- 1) Decide criteria for the formation of Judges lists.
- 2) Receive and consider Judges CV's for inclusion on the lists.
- 3) Determine the compilation of the Judges lists.

The progress of the Judges Sub-Committee will be monitored by the Main Committee and reviewed annually.

17. HEALTH COMMITTEE There will be a Health co-ordinator to be chosen from the main committee and 5 Health Committee members to be chosen at the AGM.

18. CODE OF ETHICS Members SHALL abide by the Code of Ethics of the Club.

19. Main Committee Members or Officers will not handle exhibits at Leonberger Club of GB Shows or events. Sub committee members are permitted to do so.

20. Only club members can advertise their dogs through the club's media outlets – web site, newsletters and Year Book.