



NORTH of ENGLAND ROTTWEILER CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The club shall be called The North of England Rottweiler Club.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the club will be to support and encourage all aspects of Rottweilers by:

- The organisation of shows and training classes.
- Providing instruction in all matters appertaining to the breed.
- Maintaining the breed in accordance to the standard approved by the Kennel Club.
- Providing the opportunity for the interchange of knowledge and ideas between Rottweiler owners by meetings, newsletters etc.

3. Officers and Committee

- The Officers shall consist of a President, Chairman of the Committee, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. They will hold office (with the exception of the President), from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or the committee meeting at which elected until the conclusion of the AGM next following.
- The members may, at the AGM, elect such persons as they wish as Honorary Vice-Presidents who will hold office from the completion of the AGM at which elected until the commencement of the following AGM. There shall be no limit to the number of Honorary Vice-Presidents.
- A Committee of six (6) members, three (3) members to retire biennially but to be eligible for re-election, shall manage the affairs of the club. The members present at the AGM shall elect them. The members of the Committee shall hold office from the conclusion of the AGM at which they are elected until the AGM at which they are required to retire.
- The President shall be ipso facto an additional member of the Committee but will have no voting rights at Committee meetings,
- The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Committee and shall act on decisions of the Committee as instructed from time to time. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall ipso facto be additional members of the Committee and will have full voting rights at the Committee meetings.
- Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary but at least every three (3) months. Four (4) members of the Committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Should any members of the Committee be absent from three (3) consecutive Committee meetings without an explanation satisfactory to the Committee being given, he/she shall be deemed to have automatically relinquished his/her Committee membership.
- The Committee 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 only hold office until the next General meeting of the Society at which an

election of Officers and Committee takes place. Co-opted members shall not have voting rights at Committee meetings.

- No individual who has been a member for less than twelve (12) months may be elected on to the Committee.
- No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment with a Kennel club Registered Society.

4. Election of Officers

- The President shall be nominated by the Committee and shall remain in office at the Committee's pleasure.
- The Committee at the first meeting held after the AGM shall elect the Chairman of the Committee from the Committee members.
- The Committee shall nominate the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.
- Members at the AGM shall elect the members of the Committee from nominations made at the AGM unless at least seven (7) members send a signed requisition to the Honorary Secretary by the 31st December requesting that a postal ballot be carried out. If such a requisition is made, the members of the Committee shall be elected by a vote of members cast by postal ballot contained in a special envelope marked "Committee Election" which shall be opened by duly appointed scrutineers. The scrutineers shall submit the result of the ballot in a sealed envelope to be opened by the Chairman at the AGM in the presence of members.
At least thirty- five (35) days prior to the AGM the Honorary Secretary shall send a request to all members to submit nominations for candidates to the Committee for the following year. Another member, subject to the consent of the nominee, can nominate any member who has been in membership for the requisite twelve (12) months. These nominations must be in the hand of the Honorary Secretary at least twenty- eight (28) days before the date of the meeting, together with names of those retiring Committee members who are willing to stand for re-election. The period of twenty- eight (28) days is to exclude the date of receipt of the nominations and the date of the AGM.
Nominations and notifications of willingness to stand for re-election are to be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked "Nominations" and contain no other matter. Envelopes containing nominations are to be opened by the Chairman in the presence of the Committee members at a Committee meeting to be held not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the AGM.
If the number of nominees together with the retiring members of the Committee who are willing to stand again exceeds six (6) in number, a voting paper recording the names of the nominees and, in the case of members of the previous Committee, the number of times that they have attended Committee meetings shall be presented to members at the AGM along with voting papers on which member may record not more than six (6) votes to be given to scrutineers appointed at the AGM from the members present. The six (6) candidates obtaining the largest number of votes with the six (6) members of the Committee not due for retirement shall be declared by the Chairman to be the Committee members for the ensuing year. In the event of an even number of votes being recorded for any two (2) or more candidates, a final decision between these candidates will be made by a vote of members present at the AGM.
- The nominations of the Committee for President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be submitted to a vote of members present present at the AGM for acceptance. In the event of the members at the AGM refusing to endorse the Committee's nomination for any one (1) or more Officers, the wished of the members will be ascertained by postal nominations and a postal ballot. The scrutineers to a Special General Meeting shall submit the result of such voting and the words "Special General Meeting" shall be substituted for the words "Annual General Meeting".
- The Committee shall have the power to co-opt a Member to fill a vacancy provided the total number of Committee members does not exceed the number allowed for a full Committee.
A Committee member co-opted to fill a vacancy caused by the loss of a Committee member who was not due to retire at the next AGM shall have his/her co-option

confirmed or rejected by the members at the next AGM and shall then be due to retire at the AGM following the one in which his/her co-option was confirmed. Additional members may be co-opted for special purposes for periods not exceeding one (1) year. Such members to have the status of Committee members but may only vote on subjects for which they were co-opted.

- In all matters of decision the Chairman shall have the casting vote only.

5. Membership

- Candidates for membership will be accepted on payment of subscription fees.
- The Club must send a list of members and their addresses and those of branch members where appropriate, to the Kennel Club with their annual returns and, if so requested, make an up to date list of members available for inspection by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.
- Each member, whether joint or single, shall be entitled to one (1) vote each after twelve (12) months membership.
- No member under the age of eighteen (18) shall be entitled to a vote.
Honorary Life Members – The election of which to be governed by the following rules.
- That no more than one person to be nominated in any one year.
- Members present at the AGM shall vote on the nomination proposed by the Committee.
- Honorary Life Members to be accorded all privileges and rights of an ordinary member.

6. Subscriptions

- The membership fee will be £10 (ten pounds) single/joint.
- The Annual subscription will be payable to the Honorary Treasurer on 1st January each year. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any privileges of membership and if any member fails to pay the Annual subscription by 1st March the Committee shall have the power to erase his/her name from the list of members, but if the Committee subsequently receives a satisfactory explanation the member may, at the discretion of the Committee and on payment of the arrears, be re-admitted to membership. No member may attend the AGM who has not paid the Annual Subscription due on 1st January of the year in which the AGM is being held.

7. Meetings

- The AGM shall be held not later than 31st March, not less than twenty-eight (28) days notice being given to members. No business shall be transacted at an 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.
- The date, time and place of the AGM will be advertised in the Canine Press – namely Dog World and Our Dogs.
- A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if seven (7) members send in 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. Items for the agenda must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary fourteen (14) days before such a meeting. The rules of the club shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting. Any alteration to the rules passed at an AGM or SGM shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of alterations.
- The Committee of the club is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

8. Accounts

- A banking account shall be held in the name of the club at Lloyds TSB into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on

- the signatures of two officers, one of which will be the Honorary Treasurer.
- The Financial Year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December.
- The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all monies, keep a proper record of receipts and payments and submit a properly audited income and expenditure account and balance sheet to the members at the AGM.
- A qualified Accountant will certify the Accounts annually, in time for the AGM.

9. Club Property

The property of the club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a final 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. A final statement of accounts with a record of disposal of the property of the Club will be sent to the Kennel Club within six (6) months of the final General Meeting.

10. 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 club.

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 convening 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 the place, date and hour of the meeting, that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting, a resolution 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 (2) 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 club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog Shows, Trails or Competitions, the Society will report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven (7) days and supply any particulars required.

11. Amendments To Rules

The rules of the Club may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the notice 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 approved the alteration. New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

12. 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 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 be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

13. Kennel Club Final Authority

- The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club in all cases relative to Canine or Club matters.
- The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

14. Breed Club Judges List

The club will produce a list of Judges each year, which will be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Club's Annual Returns. Membership of the Club will not be

a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists. The Judge's list will indicate its date of expiry upon which a new list will be produced.

The Judges list must be divided into five (5) parts, which are namely:

A1 List – Judges whom the Society would support and who have been approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in this breed.

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 the breed for that occasion.

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

B List – Judges the Society would support to judge the breed without Challenge Certificates.

C List – Any person aspiring to judge who does not fall into the above categories.

The Judges Sub-Committee, according to criteria drawn up by them, will prepare the Judge's List annually.

The Judges Sub-Committee will consist of six (6) people at least five (5) of whom will be approved to award CC's in the breed.

The criteria for inclusion on the Club's Judges List may be applied for by any person wishing to be included, and will be considered for inclusion by the Judges Sub Committee annually on receipt of their CV.

All updated CV's must be submitted annually to the Secretary, no later than 31st January, to allow the Judges Sub Committee to consider for that years updated Judges List.

15. Shows and Matches

- All shows and Matches will be properly licensed by the Kennel Club and run in accordance with their rules and regulations.
- Officers of the Committee and Committee members will not be permitted to show or handle at any show or match run under the auspicious of the Club.
- No dog owned either solely or in partnership with any member of the Committee or Officer of the Committee will be allowed to be exhibited at Shows run under the auspicious of the club.