

CONSTITUTION AND RULES
OF THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF WALES

(March 2018)

1 The Name and Objects of the Club

The Club shall be called 'THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF WALES' and its' aim shall be:

- a) To further the interest in and improve the knowledge of the Afghan Hound in Wales and to try to make a useful contribution to the Breed in general.
- b) To act as club where members can discuss matters relevant to the care, well-being and the showing of their hounds.
- c) To generally assist the Welsh Kennel Club and Welsh Canine Societies whenever possible, in connection with the exhibition of Afghan Hounds in Wales. To comply with the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations at all times.

2 Officers, Committee and Members

The Club shall consist of President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a Committee of 8 and an unlimited number of Members. The Committee shall have the power to invite Honorary Vice Presidents in recognition of their service to the Club or the Breed in general. An Honorary Vice President shall not be eligible for voting rights unless he is also a fully paid Member of the Afghan Hound Club of Wales. No Member shall be eligible to stand for election to the Committee or stand for election as an Officer if he has served, or is serving on the Committee of a neighbouring Afghan Hound Breed Club within a period of two years or less. Any Committee Member or Officer seeking election to the Committee, or seeking election to be an Officer of any neighbouring Breed Club shall be required to resign from the Committee or as an Officer of the Afghan Hound Club of Wales forthwith.

No person whilst an un discharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within the Afghan Hound Club of Wales.

3 Committee

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee consisting of 12 Members -
the aforementioned Officers and 8 other Members.

The President shall not have any voting powers, but the Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ex officio members of the Committee. The dogs owned in partnership with Committee Members can be entered but not handled by Committee Members at the Championship and Open show. In the event of the Chairman not being present at any meeting then the Committee shall have the power to elect an Acting Chairman for that meeting only. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his own vote but this casting vote shall only be used in the event of equal voting. The 3 ex officio Officers of the Club shall be taken from the Founder Members only until the Annual General Meeting to be held in 1975 (thereafter any Member of the Club shall be eligible to stand for election) and they shall retire annually but shall be eligible to stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The 8 other Members of the Committee shall also be taken from the Founder Members until the Annual General Meeting in 1972 (thereafter any Member of the Club shall be eligible to stand for election) and they shall retire annually but shall be eligible to stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to co opt up to and including 3 extra Members to the Committee should they deem this necessary to the smooth running of the Club. The above qualifications regarding the eligibility of Members standing for election to the Committee shall also apply.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary and six voting Members and Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Whenever possible, a notice convening a meeting shall be given to the Committee Members, together with the Agenda for the Meeting at least 14 days beforehand.

4 Election of Members

Candidates for Membership of the Club shall be proposed by one Member and seconded by another.

5 Subscriptions

The Annual Subscriptions are payable on 1st January each year and shall be:

Single membership - £4

Joint Membership - £5

Single Life Membership - £40

Joint Life Membership - £50

The above will be subject to annual review by the Committee **Subscriptions (Cont.)** No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of Membership and if any Member shall fail to pay his Annual Subscription by 1st March, the Committee shall have the power to erase his name from the list of Members.

Members enjoying Joint Membership at reduced rates may only enjoy the privileges of Membership jointly and not severally, i.e. Members of a partnership cannot compete for Members' Specials with dogs owned by them individually.

Any person joining the Club after 1st January shall still be required to pay in full the relevant Annual Subscription and shall be liable for the renewal of his subscription on 1st January in the following year.

It is further acknowledged that the Club must send a list of members and their addresses to the Kennel Club with their Annual Returns, and, if so required, make an up to date list of members available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Club.

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 any assets. Any Cups and Trophies offered to the Club shall be offered by the donors as an outright gift to the Club and donors shall sign a declaration to that effect.

7 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 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 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 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 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 Meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

If the Club expels any Member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

8 General Meetings

The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st January until 31st December each year.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held whenever possible before 25th March each year for the following purpose:

To receive the report of the Committee and the Balance Sheet.

To elect Officers.

To elect Committee Members.

To discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given by the Secretary not less than 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

No business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting 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 election of Officers and Committee at the Annual General Meeting shall be by ballot or vote of those present at the Meeting.

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 30 paid Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed at the Special General Meeting, not less than 28 days before the Meeting. Members will receive an Agenda for a Special General Meeting 14 days before that meeting. The business of the Meeting will be confined to the business on the Agenda.

Members will receive 42 days notice of an Annual General Meeting. Members will also receive an Agenda 14 days before the date of an Annual General Meeting.

The Rules of this Club shall not be altered except for at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Any alterations to the Rules shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club had been advised and given approval of the alterations

9 Club Accounts A banking account shall be opened in the name of this Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signature of two Officers – the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer, or in an emergency either of these two signatures and that of the Chairman. The Accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer and Auditors shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting who shall audit the Club's accounts for the ensuing year up to the next Annual General Meeting. These Auditors can be either two 'unqualified' auditors or one 'qualified' auditor. Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those preparing the accounts.

A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year which must be certified in accordance with the rules of the society must be sent to all members of the society, or provision may be made in the rules of the society for a copy of the annual statement of accounts to be made available on request to members 14 days prior to the AGM. The Annual Statement of accounts will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting and at times to be stipulated in the rules.

10 Annual Returns to the Kennel Club

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for the continuance of registration and that by the 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies of Breed Councils and Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

11 The Kennel Club the Final Court of Appeal

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

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

13 A copy of the Rules should be given to (or sent) to every Member and a copy supplied to every person joining the Club.

14 Voting Rights

Only fully paid Members of the Afghan Hound Club of Wales shall be entitled to vote or take part in any ballot at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Afghan Hound Club of Wales.

15 Judging Lists

The word 'breed' shall be taken to mean AFGHAN HOUND.

In the context of this rule, the word show/s shall be taken to mean show/s held under the jurisdiction of The Kennel Club.

The Afghan Hound Club of Wales shall compile Judging Lists which should be divided into 5 parts, namely A1, A2, A3, B & C and must be updated each year.

A1 List: For persons who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award C.C. 's in the breed and have the support of The Afghan Hound Club of Wales.

A2 List: For persons who fulfil the requirements for the A3 List and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by The Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 List and have the support of the Afghan Hound Club of Wales.

A3 List: For persons who are recommended by the Afghan Hound Club of Wales as being suitable to award C.C. 's in the breed, but are not yet approved by The Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 List.

B List: For persons whom the Afghan Hound Club of Wales would support to judge the breed at shows without C.C. 's or at Open Shows.

C List: For aspirant judges who do not fall into any of the above categories.

Upon written application being made to the Secretary with full details of the following requirements, the applicant's name will be placed before the Committee at their January meeting each year, and provided the Committee are satisfied that the qualifications have been met, he/she will be notified that his/her name will be added to the appropriate list for that year.

A1 LIST QUALIFICATIONS - Breed Specialists

1 Must have owned and exhibited in the breed for at least 10 years.

2 Must have judged at least 75 classes in the breed at Open or Championship Shows without C.C. 's which must include a minimum of 10 classes at a Breed Club Open Show.

3 A minimum of 35 Afghan Hounds must have been present and judged at one time at one show.

4 Must have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs of this breed when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book.

5 Must have stewarded for a minimum period of 3 years and at 12 shows (not necessarily for Afghan Hounds).

6 Must have attended a Kennel Club 'Points of the Dog' seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant assessment. 8 Must have attended a "Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' seminar conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination.

7 Must have attended a seminar on Conformation and Movement given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer. 8 Must have attended a "Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' seminar conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination.

9 Must have attended a breed specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed the examination for breed judges organised to Breed Council requirement by the Afghan Hound Club of Wales or any other of our Breed Clubs.

A1 LIST QUALIFICATIONS - Non Breed Specialists

1 Must have awarded C. C. 's 's in at least one other breed.

2 Must have a minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one breed (to include 5 years in this breed)

3 Must have judged at least 100 exhibits of this breed at Open or Championship Shows

This list will be divided into A1, A2 and A3 sections as detail previously and shall be circulated to The Kennel Club, to Secretaries of All Breed and Hound Group Championship Shows in the U.K. and to Secretaries of all Afghan Hound Breed Clubs in the U.K. It will also be sent, on request to anyone else connected with Canine Shows.

A3 LIST QUALIFICATIONS - Breed Specialists

Must have all the requirements for the A1 Breed Specialist List

A3 LIST QUALIFICATIONS - Non Breed Specialists

Must have all the requirements for the A1 Non Breed Specialist List

B LIST QUALIFICATIONS - Breed Specialists

1 Must have been owning and exhibiting in the breed for 5 years.

2 Must have stewarded at a minimum of 4 shows (not necessarily for Afghan Hounds)

a) one of which must be for a minimum of 10 classes

and

b) two of which must be for a minimum of 4 classes.

3 Must have attended a Kennel Club 'Points of the Dog' seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and

passed the relevant assessment.

4 Must have attended a seminar on Conformation and Movement given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer.

5 Must have attended a "Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' seminar conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited

and passed the relevant examination.

6 Must have attended at least one breed specific judging seminar run accordance with the relevant Kennel Club

Code of Best Practice and passed an examination for breed judges organised to Breed Council requirements by the Afghan Hound Club of Wales or by any other of our Breed Clubs

B LIST QUALIFICATIONS - Non Breed Specialists

1. Must have awarded C.C. 's in at least one other breed.

2. Must have attended at least one breed specific judging seminar run accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination for breed judges organised to Breed Council requirements by the Afghan Hound Club of Wales or by any other of our Breed Clubs

3 Must have judged at least 30 classes in the breed at Open or Championship Shows without C.C. 's over a minimum period of 5 years.

4 Must have attended a Kennel Club 'Points of the Dog' seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and

passed the relevant assessment.

5 Must have attended a seminar on Conformation and Movement given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer.

6 Must have attended a "Requirements of a Dog Show Judge" seminar conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited

and passed the relevant examination.

The Afghan Hound Club of Wales will offer Rosettes for Best of Breed, Reserve Best of Breed, Best Puppy (where at least two puppy classes in the breed are scheduled) and if 6 or more classes are scheduled, rosettes for 1st Prize Winners in each of the classes, to any society in the U.K. inviting any persons on our B List to judge any number of classes in the breed but not to award C.C. 's in the breed.

C LIST QUALIFICATIONS

For aspirant judges of the breed who have attended at least one Breed Club supported seminar on the breed, who have judged a minimum of 15 Afghan Hounds who have the support of the Afghan Hound Club of Wales to judge a maximum of 5 classes at Open Shows.

The B and C list will be circulated to The Kennel Club, to Secretaries of All Breed and Hound Group Championship Shows in the U.K. and to Secretaries of all Afghan Hound Breed Clubs in the U.K. and to all Secretaries of Canine Societies in Wales, and will also be sent on request to anyone else connected with Canine Shows. The B and C list will be circulated to The Kennel Club, to Secretaries of All Breed and Hound Group Championship Shows in the U.K. and to Secretaries of all Afghan Hound Breed Clubs in the U.K. and to all Secretaries of Canine Societies in Wales, and will also be sent on request to anyone else connected with Canine Shows.

16 Serving Committee Members of the Afghan Hound Club of Wales shall not be invited to judge at independent Afghan Hound Club of Wales Shows, except in the capacity of Referee.

17 Will not misrepresent the Club or the Breed on Social Media.

The Afghan Hound Club of Wales General Code of Ethics

All members of the Afghan Hound Club of Wales undertake to abide by it's General Code of Ethics

and further breed specific additions.

Club members :

1) Will properly house, feed, house, water and exercise all dogs under my 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, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.

3) Will not breed from any bitch which is 8 years or over on the date of whelping (without K.C. permission).

4) Will not breed from any bitch which has whelped 4 litters.

5) Will not breed from any bitch which has had 2 caesarean sections.

6) Will not let puppies go to their new homes before the age of 8 weeks and will comply with the legislation requiring them to be the first registered keeper of their puppies by micro chipping them by 8 weeks

7) Will not breed from any bitch more than once in a 12 month period.

8) Will agree no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.

9) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.

10) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.

11) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could in any way be harmful to the dog or to its breed.

12) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.

13) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.

14) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.

15) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re homing of a dog bred by me if the initial circumstances change.

16) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.

17) 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 forwards any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.

18) Will not sell any dog to commercial 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 standalone items

(not accompanying a dog).

19) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the quality of a dog.

Afghan Hound Club of Wales Members will also agree to the following :

20) Will submit breeding stock to the KC/BVA Hip and Eye Schemes for screening and will make available copies of the relevant documents to purchasers of their stock. Members will conform with any breeding control program instituted in order to produce sound and typical stock. At all times the improvement of breeding stock must be the primary consideration.

21) Will satisfy themselves to the best of their ability as to the suitability of the breeding bitches visiting their Stud Dogs and as to the conditions under which the litter will be reared. The practice of taking a puppy in lieu of a stud fee, which is

subsequently sold, should be discouraged. However, when the Stud Dog's owner wishes to retain such a puppy for themselves, a legal contract should be drawn up between the breeder and the Stud Dog owner prior to the mating.

22) Will actively and forcefully discourage the practice of placing Afghan bitches on breeding terms

23) Will ensure Afghan bitches are not used for breeding prior to **2 years** of age and should not be bred from more frequently than once every 12 months. During her lifetime, no bitch should be expected to produce more than **three** litters, and under no circumstances should a bitch be expected to produce a litter after reaching eight years of age.

24) Will ensure any Afghan puppies over the age of 12 weeks of age should have had an initial inoculation and no puppies should leave the dam under 8 weeks of age. At the time of sale, the breeder must provide the new owner with a pedigree, a satisfactory diet sheet and a complete health record with details of worming and inoculations. All puppies must be in good health to the best of the vendor's knowledge at the time of sale.

25) Will at all times, be extremely cautious when advertising or selling Afghan puppies, as to a true and realistic description of his stock, especially as to the potential prospects of young stock, in case they should inadvertently be implying guaranteed show success.

26) Will not sell Afghan Hounds to commercial wholesale dealers, retailers or laboratories, nor allow their stock to become raffle or competition prizes, and shall exercise every possible care as to the suitability of their Afghan Hound's future homes. A member shall make every effort to find an alternative home for any of their stock which are subsequently in need.

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.

The club strongly advises any member to investigate closely any enquiry from any other country with a reputation for poor or inadequate care of dogs.

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