

Canadian Eskimo Dog Club of Great Britain.

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Club Rules 2021 Code of Ethics

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Rules and Regulations

1. Name & Objective.

1.1 The name of the Society shall be 'The Canadian Eskimo Dog Club of Great Britain'.

1.2 The objectives of the Society shall be to further the interests of the Canadian Eskimo Dog;

2. Officers, Committee & Members.

2.1 The Society shall consist of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, a committee of 10 and an unlimited number of Members.

2.2 No person who is a member of the Club shall use his/her/their status as a member of the Club for the advertisement of his/her/their business or any other undertaking.

3. Committee

3.1 The management of the Society shall be in the hands of the following officers of the Society: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a committee consisting of 10 Members, of who 10 shall retire annually. Officers shall retire on a 3 year rotation.

3.2 The President shall be elected by the Committee for a period of five years. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election every year.

The following Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights at Committee and General Meetings: Secretary, Treasurer and Committee.

3.3 Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least one every four months.

3.4 A quorum for the Committee meetings shall be 6 (including 1 Officer) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant. 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 Committee members shall have voting rights at Committee meetings. No individual who has been a member for less than 12 months may be elected onto the Committee.

3.5 Sub committees

3.5.1 The Committee may from time to time appoint such Sub-Committees as it may deem necessary or expedient to assist in the conduct of the business of the Club.

3.6. Failure to attend.

3.6.1 Committee members must attend at least two thirds of the meetings held and not less than three per year, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

(Attendance by conference call will be accepted for committee members who live beyond reasonable travel)

3.6.2 Failure to do so will result in that person being removed from the Committee and they will not be eligible to stand for re-election the following year.

4. Election of members

4.1 Candidates for memberships shall be accepted on payment of subscription.

4.2 Any new member will be on a twelve month probationary period, during which time voting rights are relinquished.

5. Members List

5.1 An up to date list of Members and their addresses, and those of branch members where appropriate, must be maintained and, if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Society.

5.2 A declaration of the number of Members of the Society must be made with the Annual Returns

6. Voting Rights

6.1 Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

6.2 Joint members are allowed one vote each.

6.3 Junior Members hold no voting rights.

6.4 Voting shall be by a show of hands.

6.5 Postal votes / proxy votes are not allowed.

7. Club Property

7.1 The property of the Society shall be vested on the Committee. In the event of the Society ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Society's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

7.2 If the Society is wound up or ceases to be a registered Society under these regulations, a final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Society shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Society will

be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Society.

8. Club Accounts

8.1 A Bank Account shall be held in the name of the Society into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of the Chairman, Treasurer and agreed committee member.

8.2 Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.

9. Annual Subscriptions

9.1 The annual subscriptions shall be such as agreed by Members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club.

9.2 No Member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if the members shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by 1st March his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register.

9.3 Acceptance back on the register will be dependent upon new application and payment of arrears.

Once members have been accepted for membership, and providing they continue to pay their membership subscriptions at the correct time, they cannot be refused renewal membership. With the exception of default on subscriptions.

9.4 The only way to remove a Member from the Society's register is by following the procedure defined in rule 10 of this document.

10. Expulsion of Members

10.1 Any members who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j (5) and/or any Member whose dog(s) is/are qualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j (9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Society.

10.2 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.

10.3 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.

10.4 If at the 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 Society.

10.5 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.

10.6 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.

11. Financial Year

11.1 The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st April to 31st March.

12. Annual General Meeting

12.1 Annual General Meetings will be held in order to receive the report of the Committee and Balance Sheet, to elect Officers and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the secretary 30 days prior to AGM.

12.2 No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of Chairman of the Meeting are urgent.

12.3 Notice of such meetings shall be given to members in writing or by notice in the canine press Dog World and/or Our Dogs.

12.4 Not less than 30 clear days' notice of the Meeting will be given to members.

12.5 Items will be required by the Secretary for inclusion on the agenda 18 days before the meeting.

12.6 The agenda will be circulated 14 days before the meeting.

12.7 Special General Meeting

12.7.1 A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary if 10% of the Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so.

12.7.2 The Committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

12.7.3 No business other than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

12.7.4 Notice of the Special General Meeting will be given via written letter.

13. Amendments to the Rules

13.1 The rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, notice for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules.

13.2 Any proposed alteration to the rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration.

13.3 New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet the Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

14. Annual Returns, to the Kennel Club.

14.1 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 of Societies shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

14.2 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.

15. Kennel Club Final Authority

15.1 The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules of the Society in all cases relative to canine or Society matters.

16. The joining of Clubs

16.1 The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs

17. Bankruptcy

17.1 No person whilst an undercharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

18. Breed Society Judges List

18.1 Registered Breed Societies must produce a list of Judges each year, which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Society's Annual Returns.

18.2 The purpose of the Breed Society Judges list is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Society would support at differing levels of judging.

18.3 Membership of the Society must not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists.

CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Canadian Eskimo Dog Club of Great Britain undertake to abide by its Code of Ethics revised September 2017

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, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, 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 re-homing 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.

15) Breeding: There should be a demand for puppies before embarking on breeding a litter. When considering breeding, equal weight should be given to type, temperament, health and soundness. All breeding stock should closely follow the official Kennel Club Breed Standard in all aspects and it is important that all members familiarise themselves with the Breed Standard, with particular attention being paid to the conformation and temperament of the dogs. Dogs, which manifestly depart from the Breed Standard, are not suitable for breeding nor should dogs with aggressive or nervous temperaments. Breeders should not knowingly breed from any stock which has hereditary diseases. All breeding stock MUST be X-rayed for Hip Dysplasia by a qualified veterinary surgeon and that all plates MUST be submitted to the BVA for hip scoring under the KC/BVA Scheme, even if the hips are poor so that a true picture of hip dysplasia in the breed can be assessed. All dogs MUST be eye tested under the KC/BVA Scheme. All dogs MUST be tested for Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) under KC/CEDCGB approved laboratories. It is ADVISED that all dogs be tested for Long Coat (LC). No one should breed a litter unless he/she has the right facilities for dam and litter, and the time to devote proper care and attention to rearing the puppies and the well being of the dam. Members will be honest in dealing with prospective

buyers and fellow breeders and will endeavour to co-operate towards a programme of improvement for the breed. The breeding age for Dogs is 18 months and for Bitches 24 months. Members who own stud dogs should be aware of the need to improve the breed and enhance the reputation of sires. They should refuse stud services to inferior specimens of the breed. A stud dog owner must be satisfied as to the conditions under which the litter will be reared and acknowledge their own responsibility for the resultant litter. No bitch will be bred from twice within a 12 month period. Breeders shall keep accurate records of all their breeding stock.

16) Puppies: Ideally no puppy should leave the breeder before 8 weeks of age and in any event never before 7 weeks of age. Breeders will agree to sell puppies microchipped, a contract between the breeder and purchaser and to offer to replace/refund the purchase price should the puppy develop a defect to such a degree that it has to be put down. After two independent vets have advised this and the breeder has been properly notified. It is recommended that breeders offer insurance cover on any puppy they breed for at least the first four weeks in its new home and encourage the new owners to continue cover. Prospective buyers of puppies should be screened for suitability and ability to provide long term homes. They should be made aware of the characteristics and needs of the breed. These include the need for training, grooming, exercise, family contact and the need to socialise as soon as possible. Each purchaser should be provided, at the time of sale a signed contract, an accurate pedigree, a Kennel Club transfer form and a registration certificate. He/she should also receive food and/or a diet sheet and information about training, worming and vaccination. Advice should be given about suitable books and membership of the breed club. It is further recommended that breeders provide a DNA profile for any puppies they have bred. No puppy, which has a physical defect or shows a clear departure from the Breed Standard, should be sold without the buyer being made fully aware of the defect or departure from the Breed Standard.

17) Conduct: Officers and Committee of the Breed Club must always be ready to help with members' problems or advice, whenever possible. Members should at all times conduct themselves to reflect credit on the ownership of their dogs.

18) The rapid growth of social media technologies combined with their ease of use and pervasiveness make them attractive channels of communication. However, these tools also hold the possibility of a host of unintended consequences. To help you identify and avoid potential issues we have provided some examples of best practices which are intended to help you understand, from a wide range of perspectives, the implications of participation in social media. For a further in depth overview of the policy please refer to the Kennel Club webpage:

<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/press-releases/2014/september/kennel-club-issues-advice-on-social-media-use/>

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

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