

**MIDLAND BEDLINGTON TERRIER  
CLUB  
Founded 1964**

**RULES**



## **Rule 1 NAME & OBJECTS**

The Club shall be called The Midland Bedlington Terrier Club and its objects shall be to promote the health, welfare and showing of Bedlington Terriers.

## **Rule 2 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE**

The Club shall consist of the following Officers i.e. Patron, President, Club Chairman who will chair all meetings, other than the Judges sub committee, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and a Committee of up to 12 (twelve) and an unlimited number of Members.

Types of Membership available and entitlements.

- i. Single membership - Candidates must be 16 years or over on 1st January. Free Newsletter, reduced entry fees at Club shows, invitation to the Annual General Meeting and, after completion of twelve months membership, full voting rights.**
- ii. Joint membership (two people not necessarily residing at the same address, but all correspondence will be sent to one address) - one free Newsletter, reduced entry fees at Club shows, invitation to the Annual General Meeting and, after completion of twelve months membership, full voting rights. (i.e. 2 voting papers sent to the address on file)**
- iii. Senior Membership – Candidates must be 65 years or over on 1st January. Free Newsletter, reduced entry fees at Club shows, invitation to the Annual General Meeting and, after completion of twelve months membership, full voting rights.**
- iv. Junior member (under 16 years of age on 1st January) - free Newsletter, reduced entry fees at Club shows, invitation to the Annual General Meeting and on attaining 18 years of age no further election is necessary on application for full membership and the date of joining to be the date of becoming a Junior member. Full voting rights.**
- v. Honorary Life membership – To be proposed by the committee and approved by the members at the AGM. Free Newsletter, reduced entry fees at Club shows, invitation to the Annual General Meeting and full voting rights.**

Election of Officers – to be for:

a/ Patron: for life or until resignation.

b/ President: 3 years

c/ Hon. Secretary: 3 years,

d/ Hon Treasurer 3 years,

e/ Chairman 3 years,

c/, d/, e/, to be elected on a rotation.

Where a vote is necessary election of officers and/or Committee Members to be by secret ballot.

### **Rule 3 COMMITTEE**

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and a Committee consisting of up to 12 Members. Members elected to the Committee shall serve a term of 3 years, one third of which shall retire on rotation annually. Retiring Officers & Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

For a Member seeking election to the Committee for the first time. The candidate's nomination to be in writing duly proposed and seconded by Members who themselves are eligible for election i.e. fully paid up members of not less than 1 years standing. The candidate must give his/her written consent to be nominated.

Nomination must be with the Secretary by the close of postal entries for the first open show. If the number of vacancies is greater than or equal to the number of candidates, the candidates are declared elected without the need for a vote.

No individual who has been a member for less than 1 (ONE) year may be elected on to the Committee.

All Officers and Committee members shall have full voting rights. The Chairman shall have a casting vote at both Committee and General Meetings.

Should the situation arise of an Officer being unable to complete their term of office, the committee shall appoint an acting replacement to fill the role until the next Annual Meeting.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least 3 (THREE) per annum.

A quorum of Committee Members will consist of a minimum of 5 (five) plus one Officer.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt Members on to 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 Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.

If a member fails to attend three consecutive Committee Meetings without a reasonable cause approved by the Committee, they shall forthwith cease to be a Committee Member and the resulting vacancy may be filled by co-option.

### **Rule 3a Minutes**

- a) A complete record of minutes will be maintained which must contain a full record of all business transacted at General Meetings and Committee Meetings, including a record of all Guarantees offered by the Society. This shall be produced to the Kennel Club at any time when required.

### **Rule 4 ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Candidates for Membership shall be proposed by one existing fully paid up Member, seconded by another, accepted on payment of subscription if approved by a majority Committee vote.

### **Rule 5**

The Society must declare the number of Members and of branch members where appropriate, to the Kennel Club with their Annual Returns. The Society must maintain an up to date list of members and make the list of Members available for inspection by the Members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.

### **Rule 6 VOTING RIGHTS**

Each Member shall be entitled to one vote after 12 months membership. Postal and proxy votes are not allowed. Voting shall be by secret ballot or show of hands as decided by majority at meeting.

### **Rule 7 CLUB PROPERTY**

The property of the Club shall be vested with 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.

(If a registered Club 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 Club will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club).

NOTE: The Club will obtain written acknowledgements from donors of Cups and Trophies that they are given as outright gifts to the Club.

### **Rule 8 CLUB ACCOUNTS**

A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Club, into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid, and from which withdrawal shall only be made on TWO of THREE signatures as follows:- The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or Chairman of the Committee. The accounts shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer and auditor/s shall be appointed at each A.G.M., who shall audit the Club Accounts for the ensuing year, before the next Annual General Meeting.

Certification of accounts must be carried out by one Qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who prepared the accounts. A copy of the annual statement of accounts will be made available on request to members 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Additionally, the

annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting

### **Rule 9 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The annual subscription shall be such an amount as agreed by the Members in the General Meeting. Annual subscriptions are due 1<sup>st</sup> January each year and must be submitted to the Honorary Secretary or Treasurer. Subscriptions may be paid by standing order. No Member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if the Member fails to pay outstanding subscriptions by 1<sup>st</sup> March his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. If the Committee shall subsequently receive a satisfactory explanation, the Member may, at the discretion of the Committee, and on payment of back arrears, be accepted back on the register of Members. Any members whose subscription is unpaid at the time of the Annual General Meeting shall not have voting rights at that meeting.

### **Rule 10 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

Any Member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(5) and / or Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the society.

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.

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 thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Society 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 condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

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.

### **Rule 11 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year of the Society shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Rule 12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in February, at the First Club show. For the following purposes:

To receive a report of the Committee and balance sheet. To elect Officers and Committee and to discuss any resolutions, duly placed on the agenda, of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary. No business shall be transacted at an A.G.M. 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.

At an A.G.M. a quorum shall consist of those members present after 15 minutes have elapsed from the advertised start of the meeting.

Notification of meeting to go out at least 28 days prior to A.G.M. together with Minutes of last A.G.M. Any member wishing to receive a statutory notice electronically should notify the Hon. Secretary in writing or by email and this instruction shall stand until rescinded by the member. It will be the member's responsibility to ensure that the Hon. Secretary is notified in writing or by email if there should be any change to their address or email address. Any matters for inclusion on the agenda to be submitted in writing and to be in the hands of the Secretary by the close of postal entries for the first open show.

The Agenda together with certified statement of accounts to be distributed to Members before the commencement of the A.G.M.

A register of members attendance should be made at the A.G.M, Committee meetings, Sub-committee meetings and any S.G.Ms.

### **Rule 12a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon Secretary if 25% of Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The Committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

Twenty five shall form a quorum at special general meetings.

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

Not less than 14 days notification of a Special General Meeting will be sent to all Members. Any member wishing to receive a statutory notice electronically should notify the Hon. Secretary in writing or by email and this instruction shall stand until rescinded by the member. It will be the member's responsibility to ensure that the Hon. Secretary is notified in writing or by email if there should be any change to their address or email address.

### **Rule 13 AMENDMENTS TO RULES**

The Rules of the Society 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.

### **Rule 14 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.

### **Rule 15 KENNEL CLUB FINAL AUTHORITY**

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Society in all cases relative to Canine or Society matters.

### **Rule 16**

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

### **Rule 17**

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

### **Rule 18 BREED SOCIETY JUDGES LISTS**

The Club must produce a list of Judges and criteria each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Society's Annual Returns. The purpose of the Club's Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Society would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the Club must not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges lists should be divided into five parts namely, A1, A2, A3, B and C, and must indicate the date on which the list expires. On expiry new lists and criteria must be compiled annually.

**A1 List** – Judges who have previously been approved to award CCs in a given breed and have carried out the appointment.

- A2 List** – Judges who, if invited to judge by a Society, would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in a given breed for that occasion.
- A3 List** – Judges who are recommended by a Breed Council or Society as being suitable to award CCs in the breed, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 List.
- B List** – Judges who have been approved by Breed Councils or Societies to judge at Shows without CCs or Open Shows.
- C List** – for aspirant judges who do not fall into any of the above categories.

The formation of lists and criteria must be conducted by a full Committee or Judges Sub Committee. The Judges Sub Committee shall comprise all members of the Committee including Officers who are on the Club's A1 List together with one other Committee Member who is not on the A1 List and who is appointed by the Committee. In the event of the number of CC judges falling below 4 the Sub Committee shall have the power to co-opt a Club Member who awards CCs. The Sub Committee must at all times comprise at least 75% of CC judges.

