

THE WESTWARD GUNDOG SOCIETY

RULES

1. The Club shall be called the Westward Gundog Society. Its objects shall be to assist in the training of gundogs and to promote Field Trials and Working Tests. The club will have an unlimited number of members.
2. Officers and Committee. The Club shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Field Trial Secretaries (one or two), Honorary Working Test Secretary and six elected members listed in alphabetical order.
3. Committee. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of six elected members of whom three shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election and the following Officers who shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting:- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Trial Secretaries (one or two) and Working Test Secretary. All Committee members will have full voting rights. The Committee will have the power to Co-opt. Co-opt members will serve until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club. The Committee shall also have the power of making bye-laws and deciding upon matters in dispute not provided for in the rules.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as shall be deemed necessary and five shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, of whom at least two shall be Officers, Co-opted members shall not be counted for a quorum.

A Sub-Committee consisting of any three persons from the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Field Trial Secretaries shall have the power to transact such urgent business of the Society as they think fit, without immediate reference to the full Committee, such business to be reported to the Committee at its next meeting.

4. Election of Members. Candidates for membership of the Club shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member and elected by the Committee. Two negatives shall exclude and no explanation for rejection need be given.
5. Subscription. There will be a joining fee for new members and a re-joining fee for lapsed members payable in addition to that year's annual subscription. The Annual Subscription shall be payable to the Honorary Treasurer on 1st April each year. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and, if a member's annual subscription has not been received by 30st May, the Committee shall have the power to erase his name from the list of members. Further, if a lapsed member fails to pay the annual

subscription and re-joining fee by 31st July they will no longer be a member and will have to re-apply for membership. The fees and membership subscription may change from time to time as decided by the Committee. Any change of subscription will be notified to the Kennel Club.

6. Club Accounts. That a Banking Account be opened in the name of the Westward Gundog Society into which all revenue of the Society will be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signature of two or more Officers. The accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer and Auditors shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting who shall audit the Society's accounts for the ensuing year before the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Treasurer shall be authorised to make sundry small payments from a Petty Cash Account which may be kept for this purpose.

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

7. Method of Conduct of Business. At every meeting whether General or of the Committee, the Minutes of the last meeting shall be read and confirmed before any other business is discussed. At least seven clear days notice shall be given of every Committee Meeting and with the notice shall be stated a list of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

The Chairman of the Society, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at every meeting. In their absence, the members present shall elect a Chairman to preside. The Chairman's ruling on any point shall be binding on the Meeting. In the event of a tie taking place, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8. General Meetings. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Committee shall appoint on or before 31st March for the following purpose: To receive the report of the Committee and Balance Sheet, to elect the President (if vacant), Vice-Presidents, the Officers and other Committee members and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary. 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 the Chairman of the Meeting are urgent.

The election of the Officers and other members of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting shall either be by vote or ballot of those present at the meeting. The President, once elected, shall remain in office during his pleasure. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if six fully paid up members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed or at any time on the Committee giving fourteen clear days notice. No business other than the matters on the Agenda shall be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

Twelve members shall form a quorum at any General Meeting, which must include the Chairman and at least one other Officer. Not less than fourteen days notice of a General Meeting shall be given in writing to every member, together with a copy of the Agenda of the business to be transacted. Items to be included on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be received by the Honorary Secretary by 1st February.

The Rules of the Society shall not be altered except at a General Meeting. Any alterations to the Rules shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations. An audited Statement of Accounts for the last financial year will be forwarded on request by a member who supplies a stamped addressed envelope, otherwise it will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting.

9. Club Property. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist for any cause, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of assets. All the trophies which have not been won outright at the time of the dissolution, shall be returned to the Donors or Heirs or Assigns, all Club funds and non-returnable Trophies will be passed to a similar Club, such Club to be decided at the Meeting of dissolution.
10. Honorary Life Members. A person may be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Society at an Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee. Notice of a proposal to elect as Honorary Life Member must appear on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting. Honorary Life Members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership but shall not be liable to pay subscriptions.
11. Honorary Members. The election of Honorary Members on an annual basis shall be vested in the Committee. Such members shall be exempt from paying the joining fee or subscription but nevertheless shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except the right to vote at General Meetings.
12. Resignation and Exclusion of Members. Any member who ceases to belong to the Society either by resignation or otherwise, shall have no claim upon or be entitled to participate in any of the effects or property belonging to the Society, nor to have any part of his annual subscription for the current year returned to him/her.
13. 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 Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification. 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 conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

14. Final Court of Appeal. The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.
15. The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.
16. 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 the 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, 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.

17. The society will maintain an up to date list of members and their addresses, and if so requested, make the list of names available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the society. A declaration of the number of members will be made with annual returns.
18. No person whilst on undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within the Society.

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