

SHORTHAIK CAT CLUB OF SCOTLAND

Constitution & Rules (revised 2007)

RULES

1. The Club will be called "*Shorthair Cat Club of Scotland*".
2. The Club's objectives will be to encourage an active interest in the care, well-being, and protection of all cats, in particular the Shorthair breeds, and to give help and advice to breeders and owners of Shorthair cats, in all matters relating to their interest. The aim of the Club is to hold shows, exhibitions and functions in connection with Shorthair cats.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3(a) There shall be an unlimited number of members.
- (b) Applications for membership will be in writing, giving details of name, address and the breeds of cats kept. Application will be accompanied by the current annual subscription.
- (c) Membership of the Club will in itself imply acceptance of the Club's rules.
- (d) Honorary membership may be conferred by the members at the A.G.M., but Honorary Members will not be eligible for election to the Committee, nor can they vote at any meetings.
- (e) Joint membership applies to joint prefix holders, and/or husband and wife, or partners.
- 4(a) Ordinary and joint membership fees to be agreed annually by the members present at the A.G.M. and any change to take effect from the next financial year.
- (b) A special rate will be established each year for Senior Citizens, who will be entitled to vote at meetings.
- (c) A special rate will be established each year for junior members (under 16), but they will not be entitled to vote at meetings.
- (d) Any member whose subscription remains unpaid after three months of the renewal date will be deemed to have resigned.
- (e) Subscriptions once paid, cannot be refunded.
5. No one who is involved in breeding of cats for vivisection for financial gain will be admitted to the Club. If a member is found to be involved in this activity, their membership will not be renewed. Medical professionals engaged in their business are excluded from this rule.
6. The offices of President and Vice-President are honorary, and no duties will be required of them, other than that they are in agreement with the Club's objectives. They will be elected at an A.G.M. and appointments are made for life or until resignation by the individual concerned.
- (a) The business of the Club will be managed by a Committee of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus eight other members.
- (b) The Secretary will act under the direction of the Committee, and will, in consultation with the Chairman between meetings, be responsible for the Club's business. The Secretary will keep minutes of proceedings of all special, general and Committee meetings, in a book provided for the purpose. These minutes, after being put to the meeting and agreed as correct, will be signed by the Chairman at the next succeeding meeting.
- (c) The Treasurer will take charge of the Club's funds and receipts, pay all bills, under the authority of the Committee and give a complete account at each examination, and at any interval required by the Committee.
- (d) All officers and members who are in charge of books, documents, records, property or money belonging to the Club will, on request, surrender them to the Committee.
- (e) The officers will be elected every three years by the members at the A.G.M.
- (f) The Committee shall consist of twelve members, including officers, four of whom shall retire annually but will be eligible to seek re-election. Nominations for Officers and Committee, signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee, must reach the Secretary seven days before the date of the A.G.M.
- (g) Nominees for Officers' positions, if not elected, may stand for the Committee without further nomination if they wish. Nominees for Office Bearers shall normally have served on the Committee for at least one year. and assistant Show Manager

- (h) The Committee may co-opt members to fill vacancies on the Committee until the next A.G.M.
- (i) The Committee will elect the Show Managers and assistant Show Manager with approval of the G.C.C.F., and may appoint such sub-committees as it believes necessary, and may co-opt Members on to these subcommittees.
- (j) The election of G.C.C.F. Delegate or Delegates shall take place annually at the A.G.M.

FINANCE

- 7(a) The financial year of the Club will end on 31st December each year, to which date the accounts of the Club will be balanced
- (b) All expenses incurred for and on behalf of the Club, with the approval of the Officers and Committee, will be met out of Club funds
- (c) A bank account in the name of the Club will be opened with such a bank as the Treasurer may decide, and all monies received by the Treasurer for and on behalf of the Club will be paid into this account. All cheques will be counter-signed by either the Chairman or the Secretary, as well as the Treasurer.
- (d) An examiner of the Club's funds and accounts will be appointed at each A.G.M., and will not be a Committee member.
- (e) In the event of amalgamation with another club any surplus funds will pass to the new joint club.

MEETINGS

- 8(a) The A.G.M. will be held not later than 10th May each year. The agenda for the meeting, together with a copy of the examined accounts for the preceding year, will be sent to all members not less than 14 days prior to the A.G.M. The Quorum of all general meetings will be 13 paid up members. Voting will be by show of hands.
 - (b) A special general meeting will be called whenever the Committee, or any 13 members, so request by an individual demand in writing. The members other than the Committee calling such a meeting, will be responsible for all expenses incurred. Not less than 21 days notice will be given to members of an S.G.M.
 - (c) A Committee meeting will be held as often as may be necessary to conduct the Club's business. Whenever possible, Committee members will be given 7 days' notice of meetings. A Committee member who is absent for three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause will be deemed to have retired from the Committee. The Quorum for Committee meetings will be 5 elected members, two of whom must be officers.
 - (d) Each Committee member will have one vote, and when the votes are equal, the presiding officer will have the casting vote.
9. No new rule will be made, nor can any rule be amended, or rescinded, unless notice of the proposed change is given on the agenda of a General Meeting, and unless the proposal will have received the assent of at least two thirds of the members present at the General Meeting.
10. The Club is affiliated to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and the Council has disciplinary powers according to its constitution, over the Club and the members thereof.
11. Any member including life and honorary members suspended under article twelve of the constitution of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and wishing to rejoin the Club after the suspension must apply to the Committee of the Club for re-election.
- 12..Breed Prefix applications will not be automatically countersigned by the Club secretary until the applicant has been a member for at least twelve months.

TROPHIES

- 13(a) Trophies are awarded for one year and must be returned by the date of the next show.
- (b) Ownership of donated trophies passes to the club.
- (c) In the event of the club's being wound up or amalgamated with another club, trophies should be returned to the donors if possible. If this is not possible, the committee may agree to pass them to another club.

WINDING UP OR AMALGAMATION

- 14(a) In the event that the club has to be wound up or amalgamated with another, the decision to take this action must be made at a General Meeting or Special Meeting held specifically for that purpose.
- (b) A two-thirds majority of members is required for dissolution.
- (c) In the event of winding up, any remaining funds will be donated to charity at the discretion of the committee/members.