

SEALYHAM TERRIER BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

2015 RULES

NAME & OBJECTIVE

1. The name of the Association shall be “The Sealyham Terrier Breeders Association”. The objectives are to promote the breeding of typical Sealyham Terriers, to adopt and publish a description of type and standard of points, and to urge the adoption of this type on breeders and judges. Also to protect and advance the interest of the breed by offering Special Prizes, running Clubs Shows and taking any other steps that may be deemed advisable and necessary.

CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

2. The Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary (who will also act as Treasurer), Committee and an unlimited number of Ordinary Members, whose names and addresses shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary for inspection. Any respectable person favourable to the objects of the association shall be eligible as a member. Each candidate shall be proposed by one member and shall be seconded by another, such procedure constituting admission without ballot, unless objected by two of the committee. Immediately on acceptance of membership each member shall be entitled to vote. In the case of joint membership the voting rights will be one vote for each member of the partnership.

3. The annual subscription for members shall be eight pounds single and ten pounds joint, payable on election and in advance on the 1st January each year. Overseas members shall pay ten pounds. No one entitled to the privileges of membership until his or her annual subscription has been paid. The liability of a member ends with the yearly subscription, and the member is not liable for a further call for funds, but may make a donation to the Association for any object approved by the committee. If a member’s subscription lapses more than twelve (12) months then that name shall be automatically removed from the register.

4. The management of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee, not exceeding eight in Number, to be elected from the members. No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the committee or hold any office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society. The President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer to be ex-Officio and additional members of the committee. All Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights. At any Committee meeting four shall form a quorum and it shall be competent for the Hon. Secretary to transact all such business as might be done at a meeting of the Committee by letter, but replies in writing for four of the Committee members must be received before each business shall be considered as having the sanction of the Committee. Meeting of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary. No individual who has been a member for less than two years may be elected onto the Committee. The Officers and Committee members term in office shall be for three years with eligibility for re-election at the end of that time. Voting at meetings, Committee and general, shall be as decided by a majority at that meeting.

5. The Property of the Association shall be vested in the Committee which shall have the power to make By-laws, and arbitrate in disputed matters. They shall have power to deal with any questions not provided for by the rules, and in the event of any vacancy in the offices of President ,

Chairman, Hon. Secretary or Committee, by death, resignation or otherwise, the Committee shall have the power to fill up the same. The co-optee's shall only hold office until the next General Meeting at which an election for Officers and Committee is due.

6. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Association into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid, and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of any two of three named officers, one of whom shall be the Hon. Sec/Treasurer, a second the Chairman, and the third a Committee member. The Accounts must be certified annually and presented to members at the A.G.M.

7. The Financial year shall end on the 31st December in each year. The A.G.M. shall be held within four months of the end of the financial year. The Secretary shall give every member at least eight weeks notice of the place and time at which the A.G.M. shall be held, and the Committee shall have power to convene a Special General meeting if and when deemed necessary.

The A.G.M. will receive the report of the Secretary and Committee, and the statement of accounts. It will discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Hon Secretary. No business shall be transacted at a 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. Not less than eight weeks before the A.G.M. the Secretary shall issue to every member whose subscriptions have been paid a circular inviting nominations (every three years) for the posts of President, Chairman, Hon Secretary/Treasurer and Committee, together with items for inclusion on the Agenda for the meeting (and nominations for the Championship Show judge). Each nominee (apart from the Show Judge) and each proposer must be fully paid-up members of the Association. The nominations and agenda items must be in the Secretary's hand, in writing, six weeks before the A.G.M. Members shall vote on these papers and return them to an independent teller a clear fortnight before the meeting.

8. A Special General meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if fifteen members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The committee is also empowered to call a Special General meeting. No business other than that detailed on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. All members will be notified of such a Meeting by letter and with at least fourteen days notice.

9. Should the "The Sealyham Terrier Breeders Association" ceases to exist as a registered Association for any reason, the Challenge Cups and other property shall be disposed of as follows :-

The committee shall call a General meeting to decide the disposal of the Associations assets and the outcome notified to the Kennel Club. A final statement of Accounts with a record of the disposal of the property shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months, and the Officers and Committee will be held responsible for the proper winding up of the Association.

10. The Committee shall be empowered to draw up, but not alter without the consent of a General Meeting, the Rules of Association, or the By-laws and Regulations in connection with any Cups, Trophies or Medals the property of the Association, but not until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval thereof. The Committee may use its discretion to promote the interest of the Association. However no expense shall be incurred by the Officers or any member of the Committee beyond the funds in hand.

11. 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 Member of the Society for the duration of 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 interest 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 two-thirds majority of 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 date of such meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions to as the Kennel Club may impose.

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

13. 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 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in the Kennel Club Regulations for Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils 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.

14. The Association must produce a list of judges each year. The Association will adopt the consolidated Judging List of the United Sealyham Terrier Judges Committee. This will be prepared by secret ballot of the United Sealyham Terrier Judges Committee, in line with the agreed criteria.

Any person wishing to be added to the Judging List should apply in writing, to the Hon. Secretary of any of the three breed clubs. Any person currently on the Judging List may apply in writing to any of the three breed club secretaries, for consideration of promotion to a higher category.

15. A judge shall be ineligible to be nominated for a Club Championship show until he or she has been placed on one of the "A" lists of the United Sealyham Terrier Judges List.

16. The Kennel Club is the final court of appeal in all cases of dispute.

17. The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by member of the Society or by the Kennel Club.