



# CONSTITUTION OF THE ROUGH COLLIE BREED COUNCIL

## **NAME:**

1. The name of the Council shall be "**The Rough Collie Breed Council**"

## **OBJECT:**

2. The object of the Council shall be to work for the benefit of the breed by co-ordinating the work of its constituent societies in promoting the breeding of Collies for exhibition and pet purposes according to the breed standard.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

3. All Rough Collie Breed Clubs and Societies registered at the Kennel Club shall be eligible for membership.

## **REPRESENTATION:**

4. Each constituent Society shall be entitled to have two representatives on the Council, who will represent that Society only. These representatives should not be officials or committee members of any other of our Breed Societies.
5. As soon as possible after 1 April and not later than the 30th April each year, the Secretary of each constituent Society shall inform the Council Secretary of the names and addresses of its representatives on the Council. For continuity, it is desirable that delegates are not changed, except in exceptional circumstances.
6. The Secretary of a Society is to inform the Council Secretary of any change in its representation.

## **RESIGNATION:**

7. Any Society may resign from the Council at any time by informing the Council Secretary in writing. Such a Society shall not be entitled to the return of any subscription paid, and shall continue to be liable for the payment of any part subscription or charges due to the Council, until the end of the current year.
8. The resignation of a representative of a Society shall be a matter for the Society concerned.

## **FINANCE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

9. In general the affairs of the Council shall be conducted on a non-profit making basis.
10. The financial year of the Council shall commence on 1 January and end on 31 December each year.
11. The (Annual) initial subscription to the Council will be reviewed annually.

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12. Subscriptions shall be paid by Societies annually in advance and shall become renewable on 1 January each year. Any Society whose subscriptions remain unpaid at 30th April in any year shall unless the Council decides otherwise ipso facto cease to be a member of the Council and shall forfeit all membership rights and privileges.
13. The Rough Collie Breed Council shall open a bank account in the name of the Rough Collie Breed Council and shall authorise both its Chairman and Secretary jointly to sign all cheques.
14. Members of the Council shall not be entitled to expenses from the Council for attending meetings. This shall not prevent constituent Societies from paying the expenses of their representatives should they so wish.
15. There shall be two Officers of the Council: Chairman and Secretary. These to be elected from the body of the Council.
16. The Chairman shall be elected by members of the Council for a period of three years which can be renewed. His/Her duty shall be to preside at all meetings of the Council. The Chairman and Secretary to be ex-officio with no voting powers. The Chairman and the Secretary must not be put forward for re-election during the same twelve months period.
17. In the absence of the Chairman, a Vice-Chairman will be elected to preside over the meeting. He/She will be elected for that meeting only by the delegates present.
18. The Secretary shall be appointed by the members of the Council for a period of three years which can be renewed. The duties of the Secretary shall be to summon and attend all Council meetings and to keep a correct record of the proceedings in a minute book which shall be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting. He/She shall conduct correspondence on behalf of the Council and shall transact such business as may be required by the Council. He/She shall also act as Treasurer and keep a proper record of receipts and payments and submit an income and expenditure account and balance sheet to the Council each year. Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.

### **MEETINGS:**

19. The Council shall meet at convenient times as and when necessary, with an agenda procedure, but not less than twice a year.
20. A Special Meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Secretary on the receipt of a requisition signed by not less than one third of the Council members, specifying the business to be discussed. No business other than that specified on the agenda shall be brought before a Special Meeting. Not less than 28 days notice must be given of all Council Meetings. Items for the agenda should be submitted 2 months in advance of the meeting. All member societies of the Council shall be entitled to be represented at Council meetings.

### **QUORUM:**

21. The Quorum of all meetings shall be one third of the members.

### **VOTING:**

22. At all meetings of the Council voting shall be by a show of hands, or by ballot at the discretion of the Chairman. Two votes shall be allowed by each constituent Society. A two-thirds majority is required to carry any proposition.

### **POWERS:**

23. The Council shall not have any power to interfere or intervene in the affairs of its constituent Societies.
24. The Council, may, inter alia, make recommendation to the Kennel Club about the Breed Standard.

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25. **JUDGES LISTS** — The Council must make and publish lists of judges each year, which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Council's Annual returns. Judges lists should be divided into four parts namely, A1, A2, A3 and B and must state the date on which the list will expire. On expiry a new list must be completed. It is recommended that such lists, be prepared by an appropriate ballot of the Breed Council. The Rough Collie Breed Council must clearly state to member Clubs the method by which persons may be nominated for inclusion in the ballot and state the judging experience necessary for inclusion of a person's name on four lists. Such lists are produced by making an amalgamation of all the constituent Clubs lists. It is the responsibility of each individual Club that the names forwarded meet the criteria of the RCBC Judging List.
- 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 as being suitable to award CCs in the breed, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list.
- B List** – Judges who have been approved by Breed Council or Societies to judge at Shows without CCs or Open Shows.
26. The Council may make recommendations to the Kennel Club regarding any applications to register new Breed Societies.
27. The Council may elect a breed representative to the Kennel Club Liaison Council.
28. The Council may consider any matter referred to it by the General Committee of the Kennel Club.
29. A Breed Council is a consultative body and shall not have any executive powers.

### **LIABILITIES:**

30. The Council shall not be liable for any act or action by any of its constituent Societies.

### **PROPERTY:**

31. The Secretary shall be responsible for all property of the Council.

### **ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION:**

32. Any alteration of this Constitution shall be made only by the vote of two-thirds majority of its Council.

### **AMENDMENTS TO RULES:**

33. The Rules of the Breed Council 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 KC has been advised and approved the alteration. New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet the KC requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Breed Council's constitution with effect from the Breed Council's Annual General Meeting.

Notice of intention to make an alteration must be signed by a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be members of the Council, and forwarded to the Council Secretary not later than fifty-six days before a Meeting. The Secretary must inform all members of such proposed alteration at least twenty-eight days before a Meeting. 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 the Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Breed Council's Constitution with effect from the Breed Council's Annual General Meeting.

**DISSOLUTION:**

34. The dissolution of the Council shall be determined as follows:  
On the recommendation of not less than one third of the Council members a Special Meeting shall be called, giving twenty-eight days clear notice of the date and purpose of the meeting, and such dissolution shall take place only when decided on by a resolution carried by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present at the meeting.
35. The Kennel Club may use its powers to dissolve the Council by giving notice to the Council Secretary or the Secretaries of the constituent Societies. In which case a Special meeting shall be called as in Para. 34 above. Unless an appeal to the Kennel Club is to be made, the formal resolution to dissolve the Council shall be carried.
36. On dissolution, the assets shall be realised, and the funds of the Council remaining after the liquidation of all its just liabilities shall be distributed among its constituent Societies on an equal basis.

**INTERPRETATION:**

37. The Council shall submit by 31st July annually: A copy of its current constitution/rules incorporating all approved amendments, the names of its constituent societies, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of its officers, a copy of its judges list and a copy of its annual statement of accounts. The Kennel Club shall be the final authority for the interpretation of this Constitution and in all cases relative to canine or society matters.
38. Any item brought up for discussion by the Breed Council, not on the Agenda, shall on the request of the delegate from any constituent Society, be referred back to the constituent Societies for their observations.
39. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the committee of or should any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.
40. The financial year of the Breed Council shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the April meeting. All constituent societies will be given 28 days notice. A quorum for general meetings will be one third of the constituent societies. The annual subscription/contribution shall be such amount as agreed in General Meeting.
41. The Breed Council shall not join any Federation of societies or clubs.

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