

**GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB  
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**



**BY-LAWS**

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## **GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.**

### **BYLAWS**

#### **BY LAW NO. 1**

Any breeders who wish to have puppies listed on the club's puppy enquiry list and those who wish to appear on the breeders list must comply with the GRCSA Code of Ethics and the following :

- (1) must be a financial member of the club for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years.
- (2) must complete and submit to the Secretary of the club an appropriate Application Form to be listed on either the puppy enquiry list and/or the breeders list.
- (3) all members' breeding stock and any other stock used by them (such as Stud Dogs) must have completed the following hereditary testing PRIOR to any matings taking place:
  - a) Have been DNA tested for PRA 1 & PRA 2, or is clear by parentage for one generation. Where a dog is a carrier for either PRA 1 or PRA 2 it will only be mated to a dog that is clear of the same PRA, to ensure there can be no affected puppies from the mating. In the case of frozen semen from an untested dog it is expected that the semen shall be used only on a clear bitch.
  - b) Have been Hip & Elbow scored by an approved scorer under the ANKC CHEDS scheme, or in the case of frozen semen a recognised scheme by the kennel control in the country where the dogs resides. Breeders shall aspire to only breed from dogs/bitches that have a hip score equal to or lower than the breed average.
  - c) Have a Clear Heart Certificate from a registered Veterinary Cardiologist specialist when the dog is resident in Australia.
  - d) Hold a Clear Eye Certificate for Hereditary Cataract and PRA from a registered Veterinary Ophthalmologist that has been undertaken within 12 months prior to a mating. In the case of frozen semen the sire will have a current Clear Eye Certificate at the time of collection of the semen.

- e) Members shall not allow any bitch owned by them to be mated under 18 months of age, or allow their stud dog to be mated to any bitch under 18 months of age.
  - f) Breeders when evaluating the implications of a dogs health screening results, shall also ensure they give equal consideration to the important factors such as temperament, genetic diversity, conformation and general health of the dog when planning their litters.
- (4) must supply on request copies of all relevant health testing certificates / documents as required by the Code of Ethics.
  - (5) must register every litter and every puppy with the SA Canine Association or similar body in the state where they reside.
  - (6) the club will take no responsibility for the listing of puppies, for the sale of puppies resulting from the listing nor from puppies sold from breeders who appear on the breeders List.

#### **Reciprocal Rights between GRC Clubs**

- (7) The member(s) resides in the State or Territory of the Club for which they are seeking exemption.
- (8) The member(s) has held a continuous membership of the previous Club, which is affiliated with the Golden Retriever National Breed Council and has resided in the State or Territory of the previous Club for a period equal or greater than that prescribed by the present Club.
- (9) There is no break in membership by the member(s) between the previous Club and the Acceptance as a member of the Present Club. ie: There must not be a period during the qualifying or waiting period whereby the Member did not hold a current membership of an affiliated club prior to joining the present Club.

- (10) When seeking exemptions as outlined in this By-Law, documentation supporting the period of past membership is to be submitted in writing, supplied by the Secretary of the previous Club to the Secretary of the Present Club confirming period of membership of the previous Club.
- (11) Where a member comes from a State or Territory that does not have a Golden Retriever Club, but has demonstrated membership of an approved specialist club – but at the discretion of the committee.

## **BY LAW NO. 2**

The Committee members of the Golden Retriever Club of South Australia Inc should be given specific areas of responsibility at the first Committee meeting of each new year.

## **BY LAW NO. 3**

### **3.1 Joining Fee**

That in accordance with Clause 5(3) Application for New Membership, sub clause (iv) a joining fee of \$5.50 be payable for new members. Further, in accordance with clause 5 (4) Subscription and Joining Fees, sub clause (c) that this joining fee of \$5.50 be applied to members whose membership subscription is outstanding for more than three months after the first day of the new financial year (i.e. 1 October) and that such membership will be commenced from the time of payment of the joining fee, realising that the committee may by resolution reinstate such membership if it so deems.

### **3.2 Discounted Club Membership Fee for New Puppy Owners**

Club Registered Breeders have the option of paying a discounted membership fee for people who purchase a puppy from their litter. This shall apply to new memberships only and be reviewed each year at the same time membership fees are reviewed.

The breeder shall organize and submit the required paperwork and pay the discounted first year's membership fee for the new Club member(s) who have purchased a puppy from their litter. A 25% reduction in all membership categories will apply and there will be no joining fee. After the first twelve months it will be the responsibility of the member to renew their membership.

## **BY LAW NO. 4**

### **Code of Ethics**

The Code of Ethics (as per Appendix A of the By-Laws) shall be deemed to be a set of guidelines for members of the Club.

## **BY LAW NO. 5**

### **Club Colours**

The colours of the Club shall be Dark Brown, Champagne and Rust

## **BY LAW NO. 6**

### **Club Logo**

The logos, identified in Appendix B of the By-Laws, prepared exclusively by (1) Mrs L Mansfield (2) Miss L Eatts, (3) Mr Ziegler, (4) Ms Larsen and used by the Golden Retriever Club of South Australia Inc are Copyright.

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## **BY LAW NO. 7**

### **Patrons**

The Annual General Meeting shall have the option of appointing Patrons in accordance with the following conditions

- (a) nominations for the position of a new Patron shall be forwarded to the Secretary in writing not later than one calendar month before the Annual General Meeting
- (b) the appointment of a Patron shall not be for a set period of time, but shall be an ongoing appointment
- (c) The appointment of a Patron shall be approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Club present at such an Annual General Meeting
- (d) The Annual General Meeting may terminate the appointment of a Patron by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Club present at such an Annual General Meeting voting in favour of such a termination

- (e) The appointment of a Patron shall be subject to the acceptance of the position in writing, and the agreement in writing to abide by the Club's Code of Ethics and By Laws, forwarded to the Secretary by the nominated person
- (f) The committee shall from time to time invite the Patron to attend Club Functions, make presentations, and make donations of prizes and/or sponsorship for the use of the Committee in achieving the objects of the Club
- (g) Before each Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall contact each Patron to determine their willingness to continue their appointment.

#### **BY LAW NO. 8**

##### **Auditor**

The members shall, at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, elect a person qualified and considered appropriate to fulfil the requirements of auditing the Club's books.

#### **BY LAW NO. 9**

##### **Honoraria**

The giving of honoraria (cash or gift) to members of the Golden Retriever Club of South Australia Inc for services rendered to the Club, shall be voted on by members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

#### **BY LAW NO. 10**

##### **Club Magazine**

- (a) The Club magazine shall be known as "The Golden Era"
- (b) Every financial membership shall be entitled to receive a copy of "The Golden Era"
- (c) The committee shall appoint an editor and assistant editor/s as required
- (d) The Golden Era shall be published bi-monthly.
- (e) The magazine to contain the statement "Articles in this Golden Era are considered of interest to members but do not necessarily express the opinion of the committee."
- (f) Advertising shall be permitted at rates as determined by the Committee from time to time.

- (g) Small Vale notices shall be free of charge
- (h) Stud dog adverts require copies of all relevant health testing certificates/documents as required by the Code of Ethics to be submitted with advert.
- (i) Full page advertisements not accepted.
- (j) Not all advertising will necessarily be accepted.
- (k) Every issue to include the Code of Ethics of the Club
- (l) Every issue to include the Breed Standard of the Golden Retriever
- (m) Golden achievement results (including Title achievements) are to be submitted by member owner for publication.

Results from the following categories only will be published:

**Championship Shows:**

Challenge, Reserve, Best of Breed, Runner up Best of Breed, Best in Group, Runner up Best in Group, Class in Group, Best in Show, Runner up Best in Show, Class in Show.

**Open Shows:**

Best Dog, Best Bitch, Best of Breed, Runner up Best of Breed, Best in Group, Runner-up Best in Group, Class in Group, Best in Show, Runner up Best in Show, Class in Show, Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Endurance Test, Passes and placings Retrieving, Qualifications and placings.

- (n) All results must be submitted within 60 days of show or trial.
- (o) All results must be submitted to the Editor of the magazine unless otherwise specified.
- (p) Challenge Dog and Challenge Bitch results shall include the number of challenge points awarded. Persons submitting show results shall be obligated to provide this information.

**BY LAW NO. 11**

That all registered owners of a Golden Retriever are required to be financial members of the Club to be eligible for the following membership entitlements

- (a) Reduced entry fees for the Club's Championship Shows, Open Shows, Parades, Retrieving Trials and Obedience Trials and any other officially affiliated event sponsored by the Club.

- (b) To participate in Puppy and Breeder Listings provided by the Club to intending purchasers of Golden Retrievers, provided By-Law No. 1 of the Constitution is complied with.
- (c) To be eligible for Awards presented annually for achievements as documented in the Annual Awards Criteria of the Club detailed in Appendix C of the By-Laws.
- (d) To be eligible to have achievement results printed in the Club's magazine The Golden Era.
- (e) Any other benefits decided upon by the Committee from time to time.

## **BY LAW NO. 12**

### **Annual Awards**

- (a) That the criteria for presentation of the Club's Annual Awards, dated 1 October 2004, and as per Appendix C of the By-Laws, be accepted as the Annual Awards Criteria for the Club.
- (b) Copies of the Annual Awards Criteria to be made available to members upon request and all new members to receive a summary of the annual awards available.
- (c) Annual Awards applications are to be forwarded by members to the Secretary of the Club and to be received no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> October in each year for the preceding financial year 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- (d) A sub-committee of three persons shall be elected from the Committee for the purpose of assessing applications for Annual Awards and determining the recipients.
- (e) These determinations to be presented for ratification to the first committee meeting after the closing date for applications.
- (f) Annual Awards to be presented each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- (g) A listing of all Annual Awards recipients and results to be printed in The Golden Era.

## **BY LAW NO. 13**

### **Committee Members**

In accordance with By-Law No. 2 the following positions and responsibilities are accepted as **By Law No. 13** of the Constitution.



### **13.1 Public Officer**

- (i) The Committee shall appoint a Public Officer who shall be a person considered appropriate to the appointment with the necessary skills and knowledge, and may be from within or from outside the bounds of the Committee
- (ii) Be responsible for the keeping of an up to date record of the constitution and rules, and record any changes made at any Annual General or Special Meeting
- (iii) Offer advice to the Committee regarding compliance with the requirements of the SACA, and Corporate Affairs and regarding its own Constitution and Rules, as required
- (iv) Notify Corporate Affairs of any change of Public Officer within 28 days
- (v) Notify Corporate Affairs of any change to the Constitution within 28 days

### **13.2 Membership Officer**

The Committee may appoint from within the Committee or a Club Sub Committee a Membership Officer who will have the responsibilities of

- (i) Keeping of membership records
- (ii) Receiving of monies received for membership
- (iii) Providing at each Committee Meeting a list of memberships (including names, address and telephone numbers) received
- (iv) Sending an acknowledgement letter to renewing members or letter of welcome to new members after acceptance of membership at each Committee Meeting
- (v) Preparing and sending a current Club membership card and receipt with each letter.
- (vi) Providing to the Treasurer at each Committee Meeting a reconciliation together with monies received
- (vii) Maintaining an up-to-date list of members
- (viii) Pass membership application forms to Secretary for updating official Club records in accordance with Clause 15 of the Constitution.
- (ix) Keeping membership lists confidential and not distributing these unless with the approval of the committee.

### **13.3 Breed Information Officer**

The Committee may appoint from within the committee or a Club Sub Committee a Breed Information Officer who shall

- (i) supply members of the public with breed information guidelines such as the Puppy Information Kit and other breed information as may from time to time be available
- (ii) as directed by the Committee, place regular adverts in the local papers and on social media to increase public awareness of the breed.
- (iii) answer general questions and enquiries about the breed
- (iv) act in an unbiased manner by not answering specific questions, or making recommendations concerning individual breeders, stud dogs, brood bitches or litters, but will supply a listing of litters and breeders in accordance with the Club's policy
- (v) maintain liaison with the Secretary in relation to litter and breeder listings and the compliance with criteria for these listings.
- (vi) report to each Committee Meeting the names of people who have enquired and received a copy of the Puppy Information Kit.

### **13.4 Property Officer**

The Committee may appoint a Property Officer who is a member of the Club and who will

- (i) have the responsibility of storage and maintenance of Club property
- (ii) supply to the Annual General Meeting a written report listing all the Club property
- (iii) ensure the property not be used for any other purpose except for Club activities unless otherwise specified and approved by the committee.  
Insurance of the property to be the responsibility of the Club.

### **13.5 Trophy Officer/s**

The Committee may appoint from within the committee or a Club Sub Committee, Trophy Officer/s who shall be responsible for the following:

- (i) all Perpetual Trophies held by the Club (as per Appendix D of the By-Laws)
- (ii) knowing the whereabouts at all times of these trophies
- (iii) organising the return and cleaning of trophies no less than 28 days before presentation

- (iv) reporting to the committee the condition of the trophies, in addition to the cost of maintenance, repair and replacement if required
- (v) for organising the engraving of all trophies
- (vi) the purchase of other trophies as required for the various functions and events held during the year
- (vii) the purchase of Annual Awards trophies and the engraving thereon
- (viii) the engraving on medallions for Awards
- (ix) organising replicas or mementos for perpetual trophies
- (x) ensuring all engraving is consistent, and is carried out by an engraver approved by the committee.
- (xi) The value of these purchases and services to be determined and approved by the committee.

### **13.6 Sash officer**

The Committee shall appoint from within the Committee or a Club Sub Committee a Sash Officer who shall

- (i) Be responsible for ordering sashes and rosettes as required
- (ii) Ensure all requirements are ordered as early as possible
- (iii) The value and style of these purchases to be determined and approved by the committee.
- (iv) All ribbons and sashes to be in the approved club colours
- (v) Place ribbons to be 1<sup>st</sup> blue, 2<sup>nd</sup> red, 3<sup>rd</sup> green and 4<sup>th</sup> white

### **13.7 Show Manager**

The Committee shall appoint a Show Manager who shall be

- (i) Listed in the Schedule as Show Manager as per SACA requirements
- (ii) The person who on the day has control in terms of our Club Constitution and Rules, and SACA Constitution and Rules
- (iii) Any person considered appropriate to the appointment with the necessary skills and knowledge, and may be from within or from outside the bounds of the Committee and Club.

- (iv) Responsible for the overall organisation and management of every aspect of the show, with prior approval from the Committee.
- (v) Responsible for organisation and setting up for the show and clearing away
- (vi) Responsible (with assistance from the committee) for obtaining manual assistance for the various job allocations on the day
- (vii) Responsible for the efficient running and management of the show on the day, with regard to program management, time management, and announcements via public address system
- (viii) Ensuring one or more persons who will not be handling at the show, but as representatives of the Club will have personal contact with the judge at the time of the show.
- (ix) All these actions must be carried out by liaison with and prior approval of the Committee.
- (x) Financial commitments to be determined and approved by the Committee.

### **13.8 Trial Manager**

The Committee shall appoint a Trial Manager who shall be

- (i) Listed in the Schedule as Trial Manager as per SACA requirements
- (ii) The person who on the day has control in terms of our Club Constitution and Rules, and SACA Constitution and Rules
- (iii) Any person considered appropriate to the appointment with the necessary skills and knowledge, and may be from within or from outside the bounds of the Committee and Club
- (iv) Responsible for the overall organisation, planning and management of every aspect of the trial through liaison and with prior approval of the committee.
- (v) Responsible for organisation and setting up for the trial and clearing away
- (vi) Responsible (with assistance from the committee) for obtaining manual assistance for the various job allocations on the day
- (vii) Responsible for the efficient running and management of the trial on the day, with regard to program management, time management, and announcements via public address system
- (viii) Ensuring one or more persons who, as representatives of the Club will have personal contact with the judge at the time of the trial

- (ix) All these actions must be carried out by liaison with and prior approval of the Committee.
- (x) Financial commitments to be determined and approved by the Committee.

### **13.9 Show and Trial Conveners**

The Committee shall appoint from within the Club membership, Show Conveners for Shows and Trials as required who shall be

- (i) the person to whom all the entries will be submitted
- (ii) responsible for processing of all entries and keeping of all records relating to the show as required by SACA regulations and as instructed by the Committee
- (iii) responsible for supplying all monies and records as required by the Treasurer
- (iv) responsible to liaise at all times with the Treasurer and Secretary in relation to the event
- (v) Ensure that all required stationery is available for the day.
- (vi) responsible for preparing the catalogue or supplying to the compilers of the catalogue, all records as required
- (vii) responsible for handing on to the Membership Officer any records of payment and application forms in relation to renewed or new membership applications received with entries fees.
- (viii) be available at an appropriate time on the day of the event to answer queries and issue tickets, catalogues and certificates as required.

### **13.10 Gun Steward**

The Committee shall appoint from the membership of the Club a Gun Steward who

- (i) Shall be a person who must hold a current appropriate Gun Licence and who must comply with the requirements of the current Gun Laws
- (ii) Must ensure that the guns are not used for any purpose other than for Club approved activities unless otherwise specified and approved by the Committee.
- (iii) Should ensure that the guns are kept in working order and are

available as and when required

### **13.11 Merchandise Officer**

The Committee shall appoint from within the Committee or a Club Sub Committee a Merchandise Officer who shall be

- (i) Responsible for storing the merchandise
- (ii) Responsible for making recommendations to the Committee on the purchase of suitable merchandise for selling by the Club to raise funds for Club requirements and also to have available for the benefit of members
- (iii) When making recommendations, to have available costings and possible profit from sales
- (iv) Responsible for keeping an inventory of stock held
- (v) Responsible for reporting to committee on progress of stock sold, and profit made
- (vi) Responsible for ensuring stock is available for sale at Club functions and for organising assistance as required on the trading table.
- (vii) Responsible for ensuring a cash float is available from the Treasurer as required for the trading table
- (viii) The value of any purchases to be determined and approved by Committee.

### **13.12 Catering Officer**

The Committee shall appoint from within the Committee or a Club Sub Committee a Catering Officer who shall

- (i) Be responsible for the general oversight of the Club's catering requirements
- (ii) Liaise with the organisers of the various Club events to ascertain requirements
- (iii) Be responsible to purchase or delegate the purchasing of supplies as and when required
- (iv) Provide the Treasurer with detailed accounts for purchases for reimbursement.
- (v) Seek assistance as required for cooking the barbecue or attending the refreshment table. This to be done by liaising with the committee or sub committee organising the event
- (vi) Responsible for ensuring a cash float is available from the Treasurer as required for the refreshment table.

(vii) The value of any purchases to be determined and approved by Committee.

### **13.13 Assistant Secretary**

The duties of the position of Assistant Secretary as elected at the Annual General Meeting, (in accordance with Clause 6 (2) of the Constitution) shall be to assist the Secretary as directed.

### **13.14 Minute Secretary**

The Committee shall appoint from within the Committee or a Club Sub Committee a Minute Secretary who shall be responsible for

- (i) Recording the minutes of all General Committee Meetings
- (ii) Circulating these minutes to all committee members as soon as possible after the meeting, but no later than two weeks before the next committee meeting
- (iii) Preparing the agenda for the next committee meeting, taking into account business arising from the minutes and any other items as communicated
- (iv) Circulating this agenda with the minutes
- (v) Recording the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and any other special or general meetings held by the Club.

### **13.15 National Golden Retriever Council Delegate**

The committee shall appoint a person from the membership of the Club to represent the Club at meetings of the National Golden Retriever Council who shall

- (i) be responsible to convey to such meetings the decisions made by the Club in matters relating to the business of the Council
- (ii) not convey to such meetings the delegate's own personal decisions or comments report to the committee as and when required regarding matters discussed at such meetings.

**BY LAW NO. 14**

No amount of money greater than 10% of the club's financial assets can be withdrawn or paid to any one party/business in any calendar year for any purpose without the prior approval of at least a 2/3 majority of members present at a Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting. Any such payments must be at "arms length" and withdrawn from the Club's main working account which should have a balance no greater than \$1000.



**THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
INC.**

(Affiliated with the SACA Inc.)

**CODE OF ETHICS ( carried at AGM 16 Nov 2020)**

Appendix A

**1. Aims of the Club:**

- a) To promote the Golden Retriever and the improvement thereof.
- b) To educate and encourage members, breeders, exhibitors and judges to abide by the requirements of and standards for the Golden Retriever.
- c) To promote and support competition in all practical ways and to hold exhibitions, and club events to promote the breed and responsible pet ownership.
- d) To promote public interest in the Golden Retriever and in all ANKC sanctioned activities.
- e) To promote good fellowship among those interested in the Golden Retriever.

These objects are to be achieved under the requirements of and in a manner consistent with both the Constitution of the Club and the Constitution of the DOGS SA, and any, by-laws of any relevant state or local government body and/or the Dog and Cat Management Board.

**2. Standard of the Breed:**

The Breed Standard is a written criterion developed by the Golden Retriever Club of the United Kingdom and accepted by the ANKC which describes the perfect Golden Retriever. With this in mind members should breed to conform with the standard, always striving to produce a better dog.

**3. SACA Registration:**

Each dog/bitch used for breeding or to be shown or worked must be properly registered with the South Australian Canine Association. All breeders must conform to the rules and regulations of the SACA and must maintain accurate breeding and litter records.

#### **4. Breeding and Hereditary testing:**

All members' breeding stock and any other stock used by them (such as Stud Dogs) must have completed the following hereditary testing PRIOR to any matings taking place.

- a) Have been DNA tested for PRA 1 & PRA 2, or is clear by parentage for one generation. Where a dog is a carrier for either PRA 1 or PRA 2 it will only be mated to a dog that is clear of the same PRA, to ensure there can be no affected puppies from the mating. In the case of frozen semen from an untested dog it is expected that the semen shall be used only on a clear bitch.
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- f) Breeders when evaluating the implications of a dogs health screening results, shall also ensure they give equal consideration to the important factors such as temperament, genetic diversity, conformation and general health of the dog when planning their litters.

#### **5. General Health**

Members should endeavour to maintain the best possible health and care of all their dogs/bitches, and to have their dogs/bitches regularly checked by their veterinarian. Any member found to have been guilty in a court of law of any charge relating to the health and welfare of any animal they own shall immediately be removed as a

member of the club, and shall forfeit any future privileges or approval of membership.

## **6. Selling Puppies**

Members shall not sell or donate puppies to retail, commercial or wholesale outlets, or for raffle prizes etc. They should endeavour to place their puppies in good homes and not be frightened to carefully 'vet' the prospective new owners, and supply them with sufficient information covering diet and care for the first twelve (12) months

## **7. Honesty in Representation**

Members should represent their dogs/bitches as honestly as possible, and not use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising, nor denigrate other owners or breeders. Remember that the welfare of the breed comes before personal benefit.

## **8. Community Relations**

Members should ensure that their dogs are not a nuisance to their neighbours or the community in general, and that they are properly supervised and controlled at all times, and are given basic behavioural training. They should also be registered with their local municipal council.

## **9. Sportsmanship**

Members should show good sportsmanship whether winning or losing at any SACA sanctioned event, or club event, and in no way denigrate the dog or bitches or others.

## **10. Collection of Data Regarding the Golden Retriever Breed**

The Golden Retriever Club of South Australia Inc. acknowledges the ANKC's Code of Ethics Clause 4:

"Members shall constantly strive to improve their knowledge of their chosen breed or breeds, and their knowledge of the requirements for the care, welfare and betterment of dogs. To promote the ideals of Clause 4 that the data and health screening results connected with your dog received by the club will be stored and where relevant used for registration and publication in relevant NGRBC/ANKC documentation. The data may also be used for research and shared with trusted and reputable partners for the sole purpose of undertaking research to improve dog health and welfare."

## **Dogs SA Code of Ethics (Jan 2020)**

### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS**

Each Member shall comply with the following Code of Ethics and any Member who fails to do so shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.

As a Member of the South Australian Canine Association:

1. I shall ensure that at all times all dogs under my control are properly and effectively contained by fencing or enclosure, and are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and given proper Veterinary attention if and when required.
2. I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large, and, when away from home, ensure they are kept fully leashed and under effective control, or otherwise under effective control at all times. **(01/16)**
3. I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the quality of the breed in line with the breed standard and strive to eliminate hereditary diseases in the breed/s that I produce.
4. I shall strive to have all my breeding stock tested, where tests are available, for hereditary diseases.
5. The health and welfare of a bitch being bred from is of paramount importance and I will adhere to the following minimum standards. **(01/20)**
  - (a) Not allow any bitch owned by me and/or under my control to be mated before she is twelve months of age. **(01/20)**
  - (b) Breeding – A member shall not breed with a bitch causing it to whelp more than twice in any eighteen month (18) period without the prior approval of the SACA. **(01/20)**
  - (c) Not permit a bitch to have more than five litters in her lifetime. **(01/20)**
  - (d) Not conduct or permit mother/son, father/daughter or brother/sister matings. Puppies from such matings will not be registered unless approval from the SACA was provided prior to the

mating. SACA will only provide approval where scientifically proven welfare or veterinary reasons exist. **(01/20)**

(e) Not breed a bitch over eight years of age unless at the time of a mating there was a current veterinary certificate stating that the bitch is in good health. The veterinary certificate must be presented at the time of registering the litter resulting from this mating. A current veterinarian certificate is defined as a certificate dated within the three months prior to the mating. **(01/20)**

6. I shall not knowingly permit any of my pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross bred dog, or to an unregistered dog of the same breed, or to a dog of the same breed which is entered on the Limited Register, unless specific permission is given by the SACA.
7. I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination to be given at six weeks of age and thereby allowing for the ten to fourteen days for the vaccine to take effect. Upon the disposal of the dog I shall provide the owner with a current vaccination certificate of that dog issued by a Veterinary Surgeon. Accepted Veterinarian vaccination certificates are C3 12/36 months, C4, C5 or an annual Titre Test accompanied by a Veterinarian letter. **(01/19)**
8. I shall not knowingly sell or otherwise transfer from my care any dog that is not in good health.
9. I shall ensure that any puppy that is to be exported shall be a minimum of eleven weeks of age and micro-chipped. **(01/12)**
10. I shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from me clearly understand their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal as defined in Clause 1 and 2 above. I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog. I shall provide to all purchasers of dogs or those placed by me, written details of all dietary and vaccination requirements and responsible dog ownership and/or an appropriate publication relating to such requirements.
11. I shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly to allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind or to be auctioned. **(01/12)**

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Appendix B

## CLUB LOGOS

NO. 1 – Prepared by Mrs L Mansfield



NO. 2 – Prepared by Miss L Eatts



NO. 3 – Prepared by Alan Ziegler



NO. 4 – Prepared by Hilary Larsen



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Appendix C

**ANNUAL AWARDS**

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