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1. NAMES AND OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The Club shall be called the Western Afghan Hound Club, and its objects shall be;

- (a) To provide a Breed Club for the advancement and enjoyment of our hounds.
- (b) To provide our own Dog Shows and support other shows classifying our Breed.
- (c) To provide additional functions with the aim of protecting and improving our hounds in accordance with the Breed Standard.

2. CLUB STRUCTURE

The Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and a sufficient Committee to run the affairs and events of the Club.

3. COMMITTEE

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee and the following officers- Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, The President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer shall, ex officio, be voting members of all Committees and subcommittees of the Club. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary and five voting members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by co-option till the next AGM or SGM.

No dog wholly owned by any Officer or Committee member will be eligible to be shown at the Club Championship Show.

Any Committee member offering their resignation during the year, is deemed to have resigned for a full twelve-month period from that date of their resignation. A co-opted person is elected to Committee by a majority Committee agreement only and such co-opted members will be entitled to full voting rights. The AGM or SGM shall be chaired by the President or Chairman or in their absence, by nominee duly approved by vote of members present.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- A. One Officer and one Committee member in rotation shall retire annually but will be eligible for re-election without nomination provided they have attended at least 60% of Committee meetings and two of out of the three shows organised by the Club during the year.
- B. No member shall be eligible for election to the Committee who is an Officer or Committee member of another Afghan Hound Club.
- C. No member shall be eligible to the Committee unless they have been a member of the WAHC for complete consecutive year and at the time of the election, current subscriptions and/or any other outstanding amounts due by them to the Club are paid.



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At the election of the Committee, only members whose subscriptions are fully paid shall be entitled to vote and voting shall be by show of hands.

- D. Those wishing to stand for election to the Committee but unable to attend the AGM should send their written intention to stand to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- E. All nominations in addition to those qualified under Rule 4(A) must be forwarded to the Secretary at least seven days prior to the AGM.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription shall be £6 for single membership and £7 for Joint full membership. If the Secretary is not in receipt of subscriptions by the beginning of the New Year, ie; 1st January, then that membership would be assumed to have lapsed. Members renewals on or before 31st December of that year would not require a proposer or seconder by full members.

No-one shall be deemed a member or entitled to any of the privileges until his/her subscription has been paid. All nominations for membership of the WAHC must be approved by the Committee before acceptance.

6. CLUB PROPERTY

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of any assets. All cups & trophies shall be insured by the Club.

All recipients of cups & trophies shall sign for them and will be held responsible for their care and return to the Club.

In the event of any cup or trophy not being returned to the Club, the recipient shall be held liable for the replacement value and the right is reserved to withhold future cups and trophies from that person.

7. EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who shall be suspended by the Kennel Club shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club. If the conduct of any member shall be in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, injurious to the character or interest of the Club.

The Committee of the Club may at a meeting determine that an SGM is called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel them.

Notice of the SGM shall be sent to the accused member giving particulars of the complaint and advising them of the place, date and hour of the meeting, that they may attend and offer an explanation. If at that meeting a resolution to expel them is passed by a two thirds majority of the members present, their name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members and they shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Club except that they may within two calendar months from the date of such a meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose. Any member who for whatever reason is expelled from the Club, will automatically be removed from all Club's judging lists.



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8. GENERAL MEETING

The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Annual General Meeting shall be held prior to 31st July for the following purposes:

- i) To receive reports of the Officers of the Committee and Balance Sheet.
- ii) To elect one Officer and Committee Members and to discuss and resolution duly proposed and seconded, prior notice of at least 28 days having been given in writing to the Hon.Secretary. No business shall be transacted at an AGM or SGM unless notice thereof appears on the agenda or is, in the opinion of the Chairman of the AGM or SGM, to be urgent.
- iii) The election of Officers and Committee at the AGM shall be by secret ballot to those present at the meeting. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon.Secretary if 25 signed a sealed requisition stating the subject to be discussed; no business other than the matter on the Agenda can be discussed at an SGM. Members will receive 28 days' notice of a General Meeting and 12 members shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Any alteration to the rules shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and have given its approval.

9. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee in its conduct of affairs shall have the power to deal with all matters not provided for in the rules of the Club. The Committee shall also have the power to delegate their authority to a sub-committee composed of members of the Club.

10. VOTING POWER

Only full members provided they have paid all subscriptions due to the Club, shall have the power to vote at any AGM or SGM or be eligible for any ballot.

11. ELECTION OF JUDGES

The Committee compiles all lists in accordance with the qualifications and these lists are presented each year to the Kennel Club.

Judges nominated by members, should be sent to the Committee for approval in writing. The Committee will decide by vote if they should be considered for appointment to the appropriate list. Any judge that qualifies shall then be included on the appropriate list.

A judge may only judge one WAHC or WAHC Sponsored Show in any twelve-month period.

No judge on accepting an appointment to judge a WAHC Limited or Open Show should then judge specified Afghan classes at Breed Club Shows or Breed Club sponsored shows within one hundred miles of the venue in the twelve months before the appointment.

12. CLUB ACCOUNTS

A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall be made on the signature of two officers: Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.



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The accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer and audited annually for presentation to the AGM.

13. KENNEL CLUB, THE FINAL COURT OF APPEAL

The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute. The Club shall not join any federation of societies of Clubs. A copy of the rules shall be supplied to all members.

14. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance and 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's 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.

15. The Club shall make available for inspection, if requested, a list of members' names and addresses.