

Rottweiler Breed Council



CONSTITUTION

Approved at AGM May 2006

1 NAME AND OBJECTIVES

- a) The Council shall be called "THE ROTTWEILER BREED COUNCIL"
- b) The objectives of the Breed Council shall be:
 - i To advance the breed of the Rottweiler
 - ii To provide a forum for discussion amongst the Rottweiler Dog Clubs so as to enable them to speak with a united voice
 - iii To set up sub-committees, if required, to look at specific problems associated with any aspect of the breed

2 OFFICERS / REPRESENTATIVES AND MEETINGS

- a) The Breed Council shall have the following officers:
Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Health Co-ordinator
- b) The Breed Council shall consist of as many Kennel Club registered Rottweiler Breed Clubs and Societies as wish to join by payment of an agreed membership fee.
- c) The Chair shall be a representative from the Member Club as per rotation listing. Should a Club be unable to fulfil this position, its name will automatically rotate to the end of the listing and the Club following on in rotation would then be liable for this position. Should any club become ineligible/eligible for Council their name would be deleted/final entry on the listing. The position of Vice-Chair shall be as in Chair, but will fall to the second Club on the rotation listing. Saving exceptional circumstances Clubs shall only be able to take up the position of Chair if it has held the Vice-Chair position in the year immediately preceding and to have attended Council meetings two years previously. The selection for the position of Chair/Vice-Chair will be left entirely at the discretion of the nominating Club.
- d) The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for two years in the first instance and may seek re-election. Nominations for Officers to the Breed Council must be proposed by one Member Club and seconded by another Member Club in writing, on headed notepaper signed and dated and must reach the Breed Council Secretary by the date given in the notice of the AGM. Nominees for office must provide a signed acceptance of their nomination in an honorary capacity to accompany the proposal. The election of Officers shall be by ballot at the AGM.

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- e) Each Member Club shall have one vote only and each club will determine who will vote on its behalf. The Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman have no vote with the exception of the Chairman who has a casting vote if required.
- f) Meetings of the Council shall be held at least twice times per year, the date, time and place to be decided at the previous meeting.
- g) Delegates from each Member Club shall consist of any two members of their elected Committees and Officers thereof or a nominated fully paid-up member of their Breed Club to attend Breed Council meetings in an emergency. The Kennel Club Breed Liaison Officer may be invited to attend as required by any member club but will hold no voting rights.
- h) Delegates from Member Clubs that have not paid their membership subscription may attend one meeting as observers (with permission to speak but not to vote), provided that the Secretary has been notified in advance of their nomination. They may not attend further meetings until their subscriptions have been paid.
- i) The Chairman may call a meeting subject to twenty one days notification in writing to all member clubs at his/her discretion. An EGM may be called by the Secretary, if requested in writing to do so, by at least 75% Member Clubs. No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before the meeting.
- j) A quorum of a simple majority of Member Clubs for Council meetings is required and one Officer before business can commence.
- k) Member Clubs will forward items for the Agenda to reach the Secretary *nine* weeks before the next meeting. The Secretary will consolidate the proposals and circulate simultaneously, a copy of the Agenda to all delegates *seven* weeks prior to the next meeting. The Secretary will place on the Agenda any matter submitted by the Kennel Club for consideration by the Breed Council.
- l) Voting on proposals will be by a show of hands with a simple majority to decide.
- m) Proxy voting will be accepted providing the proxy is in writing to the Member Club prior to each meeting.

3 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The AGM of the Breed Council will be held before the end of May each year.
- b) All constituent Member Clubs will be given *twelve* weeks notice of the AGM.
- c) Items for the Agenda to be received by the Secretary *nine* weeks prior to the AGM.
- d) The Secretary will circulate the Agenda to all delegates *seven* weeks prior to the AGM.
- e) Fully paid up members of constituent Member Clubs may attend the AGM of the Breed Council and if appropriate, contribute to general discussions. They will have no voting rights.
- f) No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting 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.

4 COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

- a) A bank account shall be held in the name of the Breed Council into which all revenue of the Council shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of any two of the elected Officers, one of which will be the Treasurer.
- b) The accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting. Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.
- c) An Auditor will be appointed each year.
- d) The Treasurer shall make available an audited copy of the accounts for circulation with the Agenda of the AGM of the Breed Council.

5 SUBSCRIPTIONS / FINANCIAL YEAR

- a) The financial year of the Breed Council shall run from 1st January to 31st December.
- b) The Breed Council will decide at its AGM what subscription or donation is required for Clubs for the coming year. This amount to be paid by 31st January each year.
- c) Expense of meetings and administration will be met from these subscriptions or donations. Clubs will be directly responsible for the expenses of their own representatives.

6 AMENDMENTS TO RULES

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 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.

7 COUNCIL PROPERTY

In the event that the Breed Council shall cease to exist a final General meeting shall be called. Any money pertaining to the Council, after payment of debts, shall be divided equally among the Member Clubs at cessation. The outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

8 ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

The Officers acknowledge that by 31st July each year, returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club 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 changes of Secretary of the Breed Council which may occur during the course of the year.

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Breed Council in all cases relative to canine or Council matters.

The Breed Council shall not join any Federation of Societies or clubs.

The Breed Council is a consultative body and shall not have executive powers.

