

Constitution.

All members of the Korthals Griffon Club of Great Britain undertake to abide by the following as its constitution:

1. NAME

The Club shall be called "The Korthals Griffon Club G.B.", hereinafter referred to as "the Club", and its objects shall be:
To promote and protect the breed to fit the breed standard and to fulfil its roll as a hunting, pointing, retrieving gundog.

2. OFFICERS, COMMITTEE & MEMBERS

The Club shall consist of:

- a) A President, who shall be elected for a term of 5 years by secret ballot at an AGM of fully paid-up Members, and who shall be entitled to attend meetings in a non-voting capacity.
- b) Vice-Presidents. There shall be as many Vice-Presidents as the members shall determine. All Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting by the members by a simple majority of those present and voting. Vice Presidents shall on acceptance of office automatically become honorary life members of the Club.
- c) The Club shall have the following Executive Officers: Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of 5 years by secret ballot at an AGM of fully paid- up Members.
- d) An unlimited number of Members.
- e) Honorary Life Members. A person may be elected an honorary life member of the Club at a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee. A member who has paid his subscription for 30 or more years may be proposed as an honorary life member by any member of the Club. Notice of a proposal to elect an honorary member must appear on the agenda of a general meeting. Honorary life members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership but shall not be liable to pay subscriptions.
- f) Honorary Members. The election of honorary members shall be vested in the Committee. Such members shall be exempted from paying the entrance fee or subscription but nevertheless shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership save the right to vote at general meetings and eligibility for election to the Committee or any Sub-Committee.

3. COMMITTEE & MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

- a) The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the following Officers of the Club: The President, the Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer and a Committee consisting of a maximum of 9 Members, of whom 1/ 3 shall retire annually on a 3- year rotation. Members of Committee shall be eligible for re-election every 3 years. Any committee member missing more that 50% of the meetings within one year, without good reason, must retire from the committee but may offer himself or herself for re-election at the next AGM. Only fully paid up members of the Club who own

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Korthals Griffon will be eligible to be Officers of the Club or to serve on the Committee with the exception of Presidents and Vice Presidents.

- b)** The Hon Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and the elected members of the Committee shall have full voting rights at committee and general meetings.
- c)** The Committee shall elect from its members a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve annually for the duration of the Committee and until their successors are appointed. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman in his absence) shall have a casting vote in addition to his Committee vote if the need arises.
- d)** The Committee shall elect from its members a Field Trial Secretary to serve annually for the duration of the Committee and until their successors are appointed.
- e)** The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings or to fill any position deemed necessary. Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. Co-opted committee members shall not have voting rights at committee meetings.
- f)** Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but will be at least 4 times in each year one of which will be on the same day as the AGM.
- g)** A quorum for Committee meetings shall be **4** elected members.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Candidates for membership of the Club shall apply for fully paid up membership and shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those present and voting at the appropriate committee meeting and accepted on payment of the annual subscription. The Committee must individually elect each member of a joint membership application. The names of the elected members shall be recorded in the Minutes.

5. MEMBERS INFORMATION

An up to date list of members and their addresses, and those of branch members where appropriate, must be maintained and, if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the Club. A declaration of the number of members of the Club must be made with Annual Returns.

6. VOTING RIGHTS

Each Single Subscription Member and each party of a Joint Subscription Membership shall be entitled to an individual vote, upon acceptance of full club membership.

7. CLUB PROPERTY

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of these assets, the outcome of which will be notified to the Kennel Club.

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8. CLUB ACCOUNTS

- a) A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatory of any two from the Offices of Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.
- b) The Hon. Treasurer shall keep a record of all monies received or paid by the Club. An auditor appointed for that purpose at the Annual General Meeting shall audit the accounts, and a Statement of Accounts circulated to all Club members prior to the subsequent Annual General Meeting together with the Annual General Meeting Agenda. The Hon. Treasurer will produce an ongoing report in whatever format is required by the Committee for each Committee Meeting.

9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The Annual Subscriptions and Classes of Membership shall be in such an amount as agreed by Members at a General Meeting and notified to the Kennel club.
- b) The Annual Subscriptions are payable to the Honorary Treasurer *on the First of January* every calendar year
- c) No Member whose subscription remains unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if the member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions *by the First of February* his /her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependant upon a new application and payment of the annual subscription.

10. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member suspended under **KC Rule A42 (j) (4)** and/or member whose dog(s) are disqualified under **KC Rule A42 (j) (9)** shall immediately cease to be a Member of the Club for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification

If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character, or interest, or Code of Ethics of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a meeting the notice of which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting or at an appropriate part of an AGM, be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her; Notice of the SGM or item at the AGM shall be sent to the accused Member giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of that Meeting in order that he/she may attend and offer an explanation.

If, at that Meeting, two thirds of the voting Members present pass a resolution to expel then his/her name will immediately be removed from the List of Members and he/she will cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Club, except to be able to form an appeal to the Kennel Club within two calendar months from the date of expulsion subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

11. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Club will run *from 1st January to the 31st December* each calendar year.

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12. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM shall be **held before 31st May** of each calendar year for the following purposes:

- a) To receive the Report of the Committee and a Statement of the Accounts.
- b) To elect Officers and Committee Members as required.
- c) To discuss any resolution duly proposed for the Agenda of which twenty-eight days notice has been given to the Hon. Secretary. Such resolutions must be signed by either:
 - (i) Two fully paid up members of the Club or;
 - (ii) The Club Honorary Secretary on behalf on the Committee.

In either case the resolution must be presented by a signatory **'in person'**.

- d) To appoint the Auditors.

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.

- e) Nominations for positions of Officers or Committee should be in writing and received by the Hon. Secretary not later than **28 days prior to the AGM**. The proposer must state that his/her nominee is willing to serve.
- f) All nominations shall be proposed and seconded by fully paid-up Members. Nominations for Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer and Committee Members must, in addition, be current owners of Korthals Griffons.
- g) The Hon. Secretary will give **not less than 42 days notice of an AGM** to all Members.

12a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon Secretary if **10 members** send in a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The Hon. Secretary shall arrange and subsequently give notice to all Members of an SGM to take place **not later than 30 days** from the receipt of the request.

No business other than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

The President shall normally Chair any General Meeting. However, should he/she decline or in his/her absence, the Meeting shall elect a Chairman from those present.

13. AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Rules and Regulations of the Club may not be altered except at an AGM, the Notice/Agenda 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 Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

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14. ANNUAL RETURNS

The Officers of the Club acknowledge that during the month of January each year, the Maintenance of Title fee will be sent by the Club Hon. Secretary to the Kennel Club for the continuance of Club registration and that **by 31st July each year**, other returns as stipulated in Kennel Club regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of a Registered Breed Society will be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers of the Club will also inform the Kennel Club of any changes to the holder of the position of Hon. Secretary of the Club which may occur from time to time

15. KENNEL CLUB FINAL AUTHORITY

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules of the Club in all cases relative to canine or Club matters.

16. The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or clubs.

17. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment with a Kennel club registered Society.

18. The Club shall, when appropriate, produce a list of Judges for the breed in accordance with Kennel Club rules and regulations.

19. CODE OF ETHICS

All members shall endeavour to comply with the **Club's Code of Ethical Practice** and, where appropriate, **the Breeders Code of Best Practice** as amended from time to time, and strive to promote and produce stock sound in mind and body that most fits the breed standard.

