



# SCOTTISH GREAT DANE CLUB

## Rules & Regulations

### Members' Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics applies to all members of the Scottish Great Dane Club. Members, whether owner, keeper or in temporary charge of a Great Dane for any purpose, accept responsibility in that they will undertake:

- i) to abide by *The Kennel Club General Code of Ethics*, and
- ii) to adhere to the *Scottish Great Dane Club Ethical Guidelines* on breeding, selling and general welfare of the breed.

## THE KENNEL CLUB GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

### **Club Members:**

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### **Club member**

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who performs an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
- 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.

- 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties
- 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- 13) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- 14) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by The Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

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## **SCOTTISH GREAT DANE CLUB ETHICAL GUIDELINES**

### **Breeding**

*The Club strongly urges members who intend breeding to join The Kennel Club Accredited Breeders' Scheme.*

#### 1. Betterment of the Great Dane Breed

Breeding of Great Danes should only take place for the betterment of the Breed. To avoid matings, which could be detrimental to the Breed, members are advised to:

- spend at least 3 years in the breed before considering using a dog/bitch for breeding purposes.
- think and check carefully before allowing your dog/bitch to be used for breeding.
- think long and hard about what is going to happen to the puppies' long term welfare. Remember there may be puppies you cannot sell.

- check prospective homes for puppies very thoroughly and check on their welfare after sale
- only established breeders should consider having bitches out on breeding terms.

If you are not prepared to do this DO NOT BREED.

## 2. Sound Stock

Owners should only breed from a sound, healthy dog/bitch, which to the best of their knowledge is free from diseases/hereditary defects and is registered with the Kennel Club. Before considering a mating, the backgrounds of both Danes should be thoroughly investigated.

## 3. Mating of Bitches

A bitch shall only be mated whilst between the ages of 2 (two) years and 7 (seven) years. A first litter should only be produced when under the age of 5 (five) years.

There should be at least 12 (twelve) months between litters.

A bitch should only produce a litter TWICE in any 24 month period.

A breeder should keep accurate, colour marked pedigrees, stud details, breeding records and Kennel Club documentation.

## 4. Facilities

Breeding should not be attempted unless adequate facilities and personal attention are available. Advice from an established breeder and your veterinary surgeon should be sought before embarking on this serious matter.

## 5. Advertising

Advertising must be honest and free from ambiguity. It must not be open to misrepresentation or fraudulent application. It must not contain the name of the Club

## **Selling Danes**

### 1. Before selling

Members should do everything to ensure prospective owners:

- really want a Great Dane and are aware of its adult size, appetite, housing needs and the costs involved.
- are aware of the Kennel Club General Code of Ethics.
- will follow your advice on rearing
- are aware of the advantages of having their Dane insured and micro-chipped.

### 2. Age at which to sell a puppy

Ideally a puppy should not leave its breeder before 8 weeks of age.

### 3. Danes with obvious defects

No puppy which has any known defect or which shows any definite departure from the Standard should be sold without the buyer being made fully aware of such defect or departure from the Standard and its possible consequences.

Members should sell only puppies which to the best of their knowledge are in good health at the time of the sale.

4. Puppy Diet Sheet and Advice

A full diet sheet covering the period from the date of sale to 18 months should accompany each puppy when sold. If the new owner is not a knowledgeable Dane person details and advice should also be given on such matters as worming, exercise, training, showing and useful Dane books to read, together with the breeder's telephone number.

5. Sale Documentation

Full pedigree, confirmation of KC registration and sales receipt should accompany all Danes sold.

6. Pedigrees

All pedigrees must be correct, up to date and colour marked.

## **Welfare of Great Danes**

1. Breeders Responsibility

A breeder must take full responsibility for re-homing a Dane sold by them, which has subsequently become unwanted.

It should be impressed upon the person buying the Dane that the breeder is the first one to be informed if they have problems with the Dane or are no longer able to cope with it.

2. General

All members of The Scottish Great Dane Club shall conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect credit on the ownership of dogs.

They must treat all dogs with such kindness and consideration as to ensure their happiness, dignity and continuing well-being; and to demonstrate to prospective dog owners what standards will be expected of them as members of the Scottish Great Dane Club.

In line with Rule 3.4 of the Rules and Regulations of the Scottish Great Dane Club no member shall give the name of the Club in any advertisement or for business purposes.

# SCOTTISH GREAT DANE CLUB

## Rules & Regulations

### 1. Name

1.1 The Club shall be called the **Scottish Great Dane Club** hereafter called “the Club”.

### 2. Object

2.1 The object of the Club shall be to encourage and foster interest in the breed and its welfare in Scotland.

### 3. Membership

3.1 The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members whose names and addresses shall be recorded by the Secretary/Membership Secretary for that purpose. Candidates must be proposed by one member and seconded by another and elected by the Committee. Four negative votes shall exclude.

All members are required to abide by the Club’s Members’ Code of Ethics as set out in these Rules & Regulations.

3.2 The Annual Subscription for members shall be Single £5.00, Joint Membership £7.00. (no more than any two members of one family). Life Membership £75, and Joint Life £100. Any member who has failed to pay his/her subscription before the 31<sup>st</sup> December may not receive the benefits of the Club.

3.3 All members are required to abide by the Club’s Members’ Code of Ethics as set out in the Ethical Guidelines of these Rules and Regulations.

3.4 No member shall give the name or address of the Club in any advertisement or for business purposes.

3.5 The Club will make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection, if so required, by the members of the Club or by The Kennel Club.

3.6 Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(8) shall, ipso facto, 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 of the club, the Committee of the Club may, at a meeting (the Notice convening which includes as an object, the consideration of the conduct of the member) determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member giving particulars of the complaint and advising him/her of the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation.

If at that meeting a resolution to expel is passed by two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall be forthwith erased from the list of members of the Club and he/she shall thereupon cease, for all purposes, to be a member of the Club, except that he/she 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.

#### **4. Management Committee**

4.1 The Office Bearers shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be invited to hold office by the Committee for a term of office determined by them.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio members of the Committee and shall be ratified at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for two years and be eligible for re-election. To ensure continuity the Chairman and the Treasurer shall stand for election in one year and the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary shall stand for election in the succeeding year. The nomination form denoting the official position the member wishes to stand for must be in the hands of the Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year. All Office Bearers shall have individual voting rights.

4.2 The Management Committee shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and up to nine members, all of whom shall be paid up members of the Club of two or more years standing.

The Management Committee will be elected by a postal ballot of the Club's Membership. All members of the Committee shall hold office for two years and be eligible for re-election. To ensure continuity, half of the members shall stand for re-election annually in rotation.

4.3 No member of the Scottish Great Dane Club Committee may serve on another Great Dane Club Committee.

4.4 No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

4.5 The Committee may invite any person not necessarily a member to attend Committee Meetings to assist with any specific matter.

4.6 In the event of resignation or death of a Committee Member, the Committee shall have power to co-opt a member to fill the vacancy. This member shall serve the unexpired term of the person replaced.

4.7 Any Committee Member who is absent without reasonable explanation from three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned.

4.8 Nomination for re-election or election of new Committee Members must be submitted in writing and be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year. Nomination papers will be sent to all members. Completed nomination forms must state the name and address of the applicant and be signed by the applicant and two other members as nominators.

If the number of members nominated as candidates for election does not exceed the number to be elected, the members so nominated shall, at the Annual General Meeting next ensuing, be declared duly elected members of the Committee. If the number of members nominated as candidates for election is more than the number to be elected, the Committee will be elected by a postal ballot of the Club's Membership.

## **5. Election by Postal Ballot:**

- 5.1 All members will be sent a numbered voting slip 21 days before the Annual General Meeting together with an envelope marked "Voting Paper" and addressed directly to the scrutineer to reach him/her no later than 7 days before the A.G.M. The voting slip will list all nominees and their proposer and seconder.
- 5.2 Each Club member must vote for no more than the required number of vacancies but may vote for less.  
Voting papers will be rejected if they:
- (a) have recorded on them more votes than the number of vacancies required
  - or (b) do not arrive on or before the date specified on the voting paper.
- 5.3 The scrutineer shall have been appointed by the Club at the Annual General Meeting in the year preceding the year in which the election takes place.
- 5.4 In the case of Joint Membership there shall be one vote for each member or partner.

## **6. Meetings**

- 6.1 Committee meetings shall be held as necessary and five shall form a quorum. All committee members must be informed seven days before these meetings. The Chairman shall have the casting vote. In the event of absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Committee shall elect a Chairman from its members for the meeting.
- 6.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the 25<sup>th</sup> March, at which only members who have paid their subscription are entitled to vote. Ten shall form a quorum. Fourteen days clear notice in writing must be given to members to call this or any General Meeting.
- 6.3 A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Committee or by the Honorary Secretary on receiving a written request by not less than 20 fully paid up members or 10% of the Membership (whichever is the greater) of not less than 13 (thirteen) months standing stating the business to be discussed. Fourteen days' notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given to all members in writing and no business, other than that shown on the Agenda, will be discussed.  
The Committee of the Club is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting when required.
- 6.4 Resolutions at General Meetings – The subject matter of any resolution passed by a majority of members at a General Meeting shall not be reconsidered until the next but one General Meeting of members.

## **7. Financial Year and Accounts.**

- 7.1 The financial year of the Club shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> December
- 7.2 The Club will operate two separate bank accounts. One account will hold the Club's Rescue funds (the "Rescue Account") and the other will hold all the other funds of the Club (the "Main Account").

All payments from the Main Account shall be made by the Treasurer whose signature together with that of either the Secretary or Chairman, shall be accepted as authority for withdrawals from the account.

All payments from the Rescue Account shall be made by either two Committee Members who have been appointed Authorised Signatories of the Rescue Account or, by any two of the Treasurer, Secretary or Chairman.

7.3 The Treasurer and Secretary may hold up to £50 cash in hand.

## **8. Auditors**

8.1 An auditor or auditors shall be appointed annually by the Committee and shall certify a statement of accounts, a copy of which will be made available to all members before the start of the Annual General Meeting.

8.2 No gift of money may be made out of Club funds to any Officer or Member of the Club until passed by the Committee.

8.3 In the event of the dissolution of the Club, after payment of any outstanding debts, the residue of the assets shall be donated to a dog charity to be nominated by the Committee.

## **9. Trophies**

9.1 All cups and trophies offered to the Club, if accepted, shall be on the distinct understanding that they are the assets of the Club, although they shall, as far as possible, be awarded in accordance with the donor's wishes.

9.2 In the event of the Club being dissolved, any cups or trophies belonging to the Club shall become the property of the donors. In the event of the donors not being traceable they may be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.

9.3 Any member winning a cup or trophy must sign a receipt of guarantee that it shall be returned in as good order as when delivered, on being given notice by the Cup Steward elected by the Committee. In the event of loss or damage to the cup or trophy while in possession of a member, this member must make restitution.

9.4 The Club Cups and Trophies will be limited to members only and the engraving of the said Cups and Trophies shall be the responsibility of the recipient.

## **10. Breed Society Judges Lists**

10.1 The Club must produce a list of Judges each year, which must be submitted to The Kennel Club as part of the Club's Annual Returns. The purpose of Breed Clubs' Judging Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Club would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the Club must not be a pre-requisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges lists should be divided into five parts namely A1, A2, A3, B and C and must be compiled annually stating the date on which they expire.

**A1 List** Judges who have previously been approved to award CCs in the 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 the Breed for that occasion. A Council/Club must apply to The Kennel Club for approval to promote a judge from its A3 list to its A2 list.

**A3 List** Judges who are recommended by a Breed Council or Breed Club 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 Councils/Clubs to judge at Shows without CCs or Open Shows.

**C List** Aspirant Judges who do not fall into any of the above categories.

10.2 It is recommended that such lists be prepared by secret ballot of the Societies' Committees and Societies must clearly indicate to members the method by which persons may be nominated for inclusion in the Ballot and indicate the judging experience necessary for inclusion of a person's name in the five lists.

## **11 Annual Returns to The Kennel Club**

11.1 The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title Fee will be forwarded to The Kennel Club by the Secretary for the continuance of Registration and that by the end of the month next following that in which the Annual General Meeting is held, other returns as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Registered Societies, Branches of Registered Societies and Breed Councils are forwarded to The Kennel Club.

11.2 The foregoing Rules and Regulations shall not be altered or revised except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. A notification must be given in the Notice calling these Meetings and will have no effect until approved by The Kennel Club.

11.3 The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.

11.4 This Club shall not join any federation or societies of clubs except as laid down by The Kennel Club.

