TLC DOG TRAINING CLUB

RULES

1.Name

The club shall be called "TLC Dog Training Club" (Three-Legged Cross).

2. Objectives

The objectives of the club shall be:

- To instruct handlers with any breed of dog at all levels of obedience
- To foster responsible dog ownership in society
- To promote and encourage participation in RKC competition activities.

3. Club Membership

The club shall consist of the Hon. Chairman, the Hon. Vice Chairman, the Hon Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, (called the Officers), Committee members of not less than 4 in number and not more than 6 and an unlimited number of ordinary members.

4. The Committee

The management of the club shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of the Officers and Committee members of the club, all of whom shall retire annually, but who may stand for re-election. The officers and all Committee members have full voting rights. Meetings of the committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary, but at least every 4 months. A quorum of the committee shall be four. The committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings, those co-opted members holding office only until the next General Meeting. No individual who has been a member for less than one year may be elected to the committee.

5. Election of Members

Members shall be accepted upon payment of the subscription, subject to committee approval. Exclusion shall be by majority vote of the committee.

Membership shall be renewable annually by payment of the membership fee except members enrolling on the beginners/puppy foundation course who shall become members for the duration of the course including the RKC GCDS test held at the end of the course.

Membership may be renewed at the end of the course if the member qualifies to move up to the next class and if there are spaces available in that class. If there are a limited number of spaces available and more handlers wishing to join than spaces – lots will be drawn to determine the available spaces.

Once a beginners/puppy foundation course commences, members will only be accepted in the improver class if there are sufficient remaining spaces for the enrolled beginners.

The club must keep a list of committee members and ordinary members. The club will send the list of committee members, with addresses and contacts and the number of ordinary members to the Royal Kennel Club with the Annual Returns. An up-to-date list

of members should be made available for inspection by members of the Royal Kennel Club if requested.

6. Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to any member of the club for outstanding service to the club or for outstanding achievement in the canine world. Candidates for Honorary Membership are to be formally proposed and seconded, and approval given at a General Meeting by a majority of at least 66% of members present.

7. Voting Rights

Each paid up member shall be entitled to one vote per person at General Meetings after six months membership and attendance at one course of classes. Decisions shall be decided by a simple majority vote at the meetings.

8. Club Property

Responsibility for the club property shall be vested in the committee. In the event of the club totally ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the club's assets, the proceeds of which shall be given to an animal welfare charity at the discretion of the committee. The outcome of the meeting shall be notified to the Royal Kennel Club.

9. Club Accounts

A bank account shall be held in the name of the club in a bank approved by the committee into which all revenue of the club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall be made on the signatures of two from the Hon. Chairman, the Hon. Vice Chairman, the Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer. One qualified or two unqualified Auditors, unconnected to the committee, shall be appointed to audit the accounts annually. The certified accounts will be made available on request to members fourteen days prior to the AGM.

10. Subscriptions

A bank account shall be held in the name of the Club in a bank approved by the committee and notified to the AGM and to the Royal Kennel Club. At present the annual membership subscription is £5.00 single and £3.00 junior, payable in April each year. Membership subscription for the beginner/puppy foundation course shall be £5.00 payable with the course fee. If a beginner/puppy foundation membership is renewed to a full membership within the same club financial year no additional membership fee will be required until the following financial year. No member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any privileges of membership, and if the member shall fail to pay the outstanding subscription by the 31st July, their name shall be automatically removed from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependent upon a new application and paying the annual subscription.

11. Expulsion of Members

Any member who shall be disqualified under Royal Kennel Club rule A11.j.(5) and or Royal kennel Club rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the club.

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 interests 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 be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel them. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that they may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by two thirds majority of the members present and voting, 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 meeting, appeal to the Royal Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Royal Kennel Club may impose.

If the club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, trials or competitions, the club must report the matter in writing to the Royal Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

12. Financial Year

The financial year of the club shall be from 1st April to 31st March. The AGM shall be held no later than the 31st May following.

13. General Meetings

Annual General Meetings will be held to receive the report of the committee and the balance sheet, to elect officers and committee members and to discuss any resolution placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given in writing to the secretary. No business shall be transacted at an AGM unless notice thereof appears on the agenda with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the chairman are urgent. Notice of an AGM will be given to members in writing not less than 28 days prior to the meeting. Items for inclusion on the agenda are to be in writing and are to reach the secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The agenda will be circulated at the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary shall summon a Special General Meeting upon receipt of 20 members signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed. The committee is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting. Fourteen days' notice of such a meeting is to be given to members in writing. No business other than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

14. Election of the Committee

Nominations for the committee are to be passed to the secretary in writing 14 days prior to the meeting signed by the Proposer, Seconder and a Nominee. A list of names proposed should be displayed at classes and/or put on the club website 7 days prior to the AGM. If more than ten names are put forward, the names will be placed on voting forms and a secret ballot taken. There are to be no more than ten votes per person.

Officers shall be chosen from the elected committee by the members at the AGM, by nomination and voting if necessary.

15. Amendment to Rules

The rules of the club may not be altered except at a general Meeting, the notice of which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Any proposed alteration to the rules may not be brought into effect until the Royal Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration.

16. Annual Returns to the Royal Kennel Club

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Royal Kennel Club by the Treasurer for continuance of Registration on bank standing order and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Royal Kennel Club regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Royal Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Royal Kennel Club of any changes of secretary of the club which may occur during the course of the year.

17. Royal Kennel Club Final Court of Appeal.

The Royal Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club in all cases relative to Canine or Society matters.

18. Indemnity

The Club, its officials and its instructors accept no responsibility for any injury or damage to any person, animal or property howsoever caused.

19. Miscellaneous

The Club may not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the committee of, or hold any other office or appointment, within a Royal Kennel Club Registered Society.

Any dog attending class must have protection from the four main infectious diseases:

- Canine Distemper
- Hepatitis
- Parvovirus
- Leptospirosis

All dogs must have undergone an initial course of vaccinations against these diseases, after this dogs must undergo regular re-vaccination or, where appropriate, regular tests to see if vaccination is required, (known as titre tests). Such tests should be undertaken under the supervision of a vet who will advise if further vaccination is necessary.

No unprotected dog, bitch in season or puppy under the age of four months shall be admitted to any training classes, club event or competition.

The minimum age for a dog to work in training classes, club events and competition shall be four months, except for the beginners/puppy foundation class, where dogs may be accepted

from two months old, provided they comply with the club's vaccination requirements as set out above.

The Committee shall decide any matter not covered by these rules.

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As of May 2023 (post AGM)