NATIONAL BEDLINGTON TERRIER CLUB

CLUB RULES

1. NAME AND OBJECTS.

The club shall be called the National Bedlington Terrier Club and its objects shall be to promote the breeding, showing, ownership, appreciation and welfare of Bedlington terriers.

2. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

The club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and a committee of a maximum of seventeen (17) and an unlimited number of full and junior members. Honorary Life Members enjoying full rights of membership may be elected at the Annual General Meeting as a mark of honour. The committee shall have power to elect Honorary Members; such members shall not vote at meetings of the Club nor be eligible to compete for the Club's prizes. No persons whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

3. COMMITTEE.

The Management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and a committee consisting of a maximum of seventeen (17) members, who shall serve a three (3) year term, one third shall retire annually but remain eligible for re-election. Nominations for new committee members must be proposed and seconded by fully paid up members and have the consent of the nominee, who must also be a fully paid up member and be sent to the secretary by a date two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. No individual who has been a member for less than three (3) years may be elected on to the committee. The President, Hon Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex officio members of the committee and shall serve a two (2) year term. Meetings of the committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary and seven (7) shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meeting. 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. The committee shall be responsible for selection of Judges to officiate at the Club shows.

4. Election of members.

Candidates for membership of the Club shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another and elected by or balloted for by the committee at one of their meetings. Two negatives to exclude.

5. VOTING RIGHTS.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote after 12 months membership. Proxy votes are not allowed nor postal votes except for the election of committee and officials. Voting shall be as decided by majority at meeting. Joint membership – one vote each member or partnership. Junior members 6 to 16 years – NO voting rights. All paid up members are entitled to vote at the AGM including Officials, but in committee meetings the Chairman has one vote plus one casting vote, the President, Secretary/ Treasurer have no voting rights.

6. SUBSCRPTIONS.

The annual subscription shall be such amount as agreed by members in General Meeting and notified to The Kennel Club.

No member whose subscriptions is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if the member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by May 1st, the committee shall have the power to erase his / her name from the list of members, but if the committee shall subsequently receive a satisfactory explanation, the member may, at the discretion of the committee and payment of arrears,

Be re admitted to membership.

7. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

Any member who shall be suspended by the 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 member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the committee of the Society be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the committee of the Society may at a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object, the consideration of the conduct of the member determine that 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 the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two - thirds majority of the members present and voting his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for purposes to be a member of the Society except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as

The Kennel Club may impose. If a Society expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog shows, Trials or Competitions, the Society must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

8. MEMBERS ADDRESSES.

The Society must maintain an up to date list of members and their addresses, and if so requested, make a list available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the Society. A declaration of the numbers of members of the Society must be made with the Annual Returns.

9. 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 the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

10. CLUB ACCOUNTS.

A banking account shall be held in the name of the Society into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of two of the following, Secretary Treasurer and Chairman. The account shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary and the Treasurer and two Auditors shall be appointed at each General Meeting who shall audit the Club accounts for the ensuing year.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS.

The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st December to 30th November. The Balance Sheet and agenda shall be sent to members, a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held immediately following the Clubs first show of the year for the following purposes: - To receive the report of the committee and Balance Sheet, to elect Officers and to discuss any resolutions duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Hon. Secretary. No business shall be transacted at the 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. Items for inclusion on the Agenda must be sent in writing to the Secretary a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the A.G.M. and will be called for via the National Bedlington News Bulletin.

11a. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if 25% of the membership sends a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

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

Members will be notified of a Special General Meeting fourteen (14) days prior to the date, by the Dog Press.

12. AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

The Rules of the society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the agenda for which Contains 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.

13. ANNUAL RETURNS to the KENNEL CLUB.

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, the Maintenance of 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 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 Kennel Club. The Officers 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.

14. KENNEL CLUB FINAL COURT OF APPEAL.

The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.

15. The Society shall not join any federation of Societies or clubs.

16. BREED SOCIETY JUDGES LISTS.

Registered Breed Societies must produce a list of judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Societies Annual Returns. The purpose of Breed Society Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Society would support at differing levels of Judging. Membership of the Society must not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges lists should be divided into four parts namely – A1, A2, A3, and B and must indicate that date on which the list will expire. On expiry a new list must be compiled. The lists will be updated annually.

A1 list – for persons who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award C.C's in the breed and have the support of the NBTC.

A2 list – for persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list and have the support of the NBTC.

A3 list – must indicate all persons the Society would support to award Challenge Certificates but, who as yet have not been approved by the Kennel Club.

B list – must indicate all persons the Society would support to judge the breed without Challenge Certificates.

17. JUDGES.

Any persons judging at a National Bedlington Terrier Club show may not do so again until a period of five (5) years has elapsed.