

THE GUERNSEY KENNEL CLUB
Founded 1901

PART ONE
The Constitution

1) Name and Objects of the Club

The Club shall be called The Guernsey Kennel Club. It shall endeavour in every way to promote the general improvement of Pedigree Dogs and Dog Shows, by the following means:

- a) Recognition of Classification of Breeds and Breed Standards approved by The Royal Kennel Club.
- b) Registration of Dogs, Pedigrees, Transfers, Affixes and other relevant records.
- c) Framing and enforcing Club rules governing the exhibition of Dogs.
- d) Arbitration in cases of dispute.
- e) Adjudication on charges of infringement of Club rules and by suspension and/or disqualification of persons guilty of such infringements.
- f) Registration of Associations, Clubs and Societies within the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- g) Maintaining the Reciprocal Agreement with The Royal Kennel Club and honouring the Reciprocal Agreements The Royal Kennel Club has with the Kennel Authorities of other Countries.

2) Patrons, President, Officers, Show Officials and Committee of the Club

The Club may have Patrons to be chosen by the General Committee. Honorary Life Officers and Honorary Life Members may be elected at the Annual General Meeting, lifetime appointments. The following Officers, Show Officials and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting which shall take place in the last quarter of the year. No restrictions on terms of office.

a) President and Officials of the Club

There shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Assistant Registrar chosen by the Registrar and elected at the Annual General Meeting. Should a person hold more than one official position, only one vote will be allowed. No restrictions on terms of office.

b) **Show Officials**

There shall be two Show Secretaries, three Assistant Show Secretaries, a Trophy Steward, an Assistant Trophy Steward. No restrictions on terms of office.

c) **Committee**

There shall be a Committee of not more than ten members. Each of the above elected members (See section A & B) plus Honorary Life Officers and Members, shall be known as The General Committee and shall be entitled to one vote when attending a duly called meeting. 50% + 1 is required to form a quorum to be able to hold a meeting, of which President and or a Vice President must be in attendance to chair the meeting. In the event of the votes of such members being equally divided, the "Chairman" of such meeting shall have the casting vote in addition to their vote as a member of The General Committee.

d) Such Committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting at which intending candidates for the General Committee must be duly proposed and seconded. No restrictions on terms of office. All vacancies on the General Committee occurring within one month from the declaration of the poll shall be filled by the member with the next highest number of votes as on the official ballot list. If any Member of the General Committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings without having given acceptable reasons in writing, they will be disqualified for the remainder of the Club's year.

e) All vacancies occurring on the General Committee after one month following the date of the declaration of the result of the annual ballot, to be filled provisionally by the General Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

f) **Auditors**

Two Auditors to be elected at the Annual General Meeting who may be invited to attend Committee Meetings but do not have a vote, unless they are already on the General Committee. No restrictions on terms of office.

g) **Appeals Committee**

The Appeals Committee shall consist of 5 (five) persons who will be elected from the membership at the Annual General Meeting and not from the newly elected General Committee. No restrictions on terms of office.

Declaration of interests must be made at all meetings, General or Appeals Committee, this by any person attending.

- h) All elected Officers, Committee and an elected person should act in good faith, have a general care of duty and follow the rules and regulations of The Guernsey Kennel Club. Any infringement will be reported to the Committee and dealt with as deemed appropriate. See Rule 7.
 - l) The Code of Conduct to be followed by all elected persons and the membership.
- 3) The Club shall be dissolved only on the vote of three fourths of the Members present at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, and after due payment of the Club's liabilities. The disposition of the remaining assets of the Club to be decided at this meeting.

PART TWO

Rules

- 1) A Special General Meeting may be summoned,
 - a) By the President or the Secretary with the consent of the General Committee.
 - b) At the request in writing of twelve Members.
 - c) As means of appeal against any penalty made under Rule 5.
- 2) The annual subscription, to be determined by the General Committee, will be due on 1st October and will be valid until 30th September. This will coincide with the Club's financial year. Prospective members wishing to join the Club between 1st August and 30th September may be granted up to 14 months' full membership (i.e. from the date of joining until 1st October the following year) at no extra charge.

Membership Classifications:

- a) Junior Membership available to members up to and including 16 years of age.
- b) Single Adult Membership available to members over 17 Years of age.
- c) Joint membership available up to two adult members residing at the same address.
- d) Family Membership to include one or more parent/guardian (up to a maximum of two adults) plus any children up to the age of 18yrs residing at the same address.
- e) Life Membership is available by payment of 10 (ten) times the current Single Adult Member subscription.

All details for Membership should be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer. No Member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club until their subscription has been paid.

3) Property of the Club

All the property and assets of The Guernsey Kennel Club, whether real or personal, shall be vested into the care of the General Committee and shall be safeguarded by them, subject to such control and bank investment as shall be permitted to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will be empowered to deal with the normal day to day expenses essential to the smooth running of the Club. All cheques drawn on The Guernsey Kennel Club account shall be approved by the Treasurer and signed by any 2 of the following, President, Treasurer, Secretary or Vice Presidents, providing they have been set up as signatories on the bank mandate and do not reside together, are not related in any way and do not hold any partnership agreements between them.

The General Committee will be empowered to deal with all transactions whether by purchase, sale or exchange up to and including an amount of £3,000 (three thousand pounds), provided all such transactions are approved by a simple majority of Members attending a General Committee Meeting and for the benefit of the Members of the Club. Any transaction involving an amount of more than £3,000 shall be referred to the Membership at a General Meeting and require the approval of the majority (simple) of the Members present.

No amount shall be pledged or loaned unless approved by the majority of the Members attending a General Meeting and the amount shall not exceed 5% (five per cent) of the total monies of the Club. Any such pledge or loan must be shown to be of no financial loss to the Members of The Guernsey Kennel Club.

- 4) The General Committee shall have the power to enquire into and deal with any charge which may be made against any person for any act or conduct in regard to a dog or any matter connected with, arising out of, or relating to a dog show or events held under Club rules which, in the opinion of the General Committee, is discreditable or injurious to those interested in canine matters.

Complaints may be made by the Secretary of the Club on behalf of the General Committee or by any other person who is not suspended or disqualified. The complaint if made by an individual must be accompanied by the payment of £50 (fifty pounds) and a letter to the Club. This figure may be amended at any time with the agreement of the General Committee. If the complaint is dismissed, the sum so lodged shall become the property of The Guernsey Kennel Club.

The General Committee, if any charge is proved to its satisfaction, shall have power,

- a) To suspend the person charged from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending any Show, Field Trial or event held under The Guernsey Kennel Club rules;
- b) To disqualify from all competition dogs owned by that person or in partnership at the date when the charge was proved;
- c) To disqualify that person or persons from judging or taking part in the management of a Show, Field Trial or event held under Club rules.

The above penalties may be for life or such shorter period as the General Committee shall decide. The General Committee will have the power from time to time to remove or modify any suspension or disqualification. Should any person suspended under this rule attend any Show, Field Trial or event, the General Committee shall have the power to increase the period of suspension or disqualification.

- 5) Persons disqualified or suspended by the Committee of The Kennel Club under its rules or any Club affiliated with or having a Reciprocal Agreement, will not be permitted to take part in or attend any Field Trial, Show or event held under The Guernsey Kennel Club rules.
- 6) The General Committee of The Guernsey Kennel Club will meet to discuss any matter arising from any function held under Club rules and decide a course of action. The General Committee shall, if it feels fit, have the power to call upon any Member, Exhibitor, Judge or Veterinary Surgeon to produce such documentary evidence as it may consider necessary to explain the case. The Member in question may, if they disagree with the decision, appeal to the Appeals Committee, whose decision shall be final. The Appeals Committee shall consist of 5 persons who will be elected from the membership at the Annual General Meeting and not from the newly elected General Committee.
- 7) If the conduct of a Member in the opinion of the General Committee, or of any twelve Members of the Club (who shall certify the same to the General Committee in writing), be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, they shall be subject to expulsion by the decision of a General Meeting, which it shall be the duty of the General Committee to convene. The General Committee shall have the power to suspend such Member until the decision of the General Meeting is taken by ballot. If three-quarters of the Members voting decide the offending Member has merited expulsion, their Membership ceases immediately. A certificate signed by the Club Secretary recording the decision will be issued.
- 8) When a dog is transferred by a Member(s), reserving the right to exhibit it later in their name(s), notice must be given in writing to the Secretary and Registrar, failing which such Member(s) will not be allowed to exhibit the dog. Dogs transferred under this rule will not be eligible for classes confined to "Bred, Registered and Exhibited by Owner".
- 9) No alteration of these rules, except at the request of the Committee of The Royal Kennel Club may be adopted except at the Annual General Meeting. Any proposed change of rule intended to be laid before the General Meeting must be sent in writing to the Club Secretary by the 31st August and circulated to the Membership by 15th September. Following circulation of the above any further proposals to the said change of rule must be submitted in writing to the Secretary by 30th September. The Proposers of the change of rule and amendment/s may then be invited to discuss their proposals with the General Committee, prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The General Committee shall have the power to alter Show Regulations, Registration Rules and any Club Rules in order to prevent inconsistencies.

PART THREE
SHOW REGULATIONS
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1 ELIGIBILITY

- a) Dogs and owners must all be permanent residents of the Channel Islands.
A dog that has yet to be Registered in Guernsey or Jersey may be shown for one Show only, RAF.
- b) The General Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- c) Puppies under six months old on the day of the Show are not eligible for exhibition.
- d) Dogs must be entered in breed classes where these are provided, or in Any Variety Not Previously Classified, where they are not.
Classes will be created for all breeds, excluding Import dogs without interim breed standard as advised by The Royal Kennel Club. Veterans not entered in Breed or AVNPC classes may only compete in Brace or Team (in addition to the Veteran class) and will not be considered for Best of Breed or trophies other than for Veterans.
- e) In counting the number of first places, all firsts in adult breed or AV classes at all Shows, including all Off Island Shows, up to and including the fourteenth day prior to entry closing date are counted. If entered into a class for which it is ineligible and not withdrawn prior to judging, a dog will be disqualified from any award gained and from the entire Show.
- f) A dog missing any class for which it has been entered will be disqualified from any award gained and from the entire Show.
- g) No dog which has been bred by the scheduled Judge shall be shown.
- h) Docked dogs may be shown.
- i) No dog which is totally blind, totally deaf or cropped (ears) may be shown.
- j) Spayed bitches and castrated dogs may be shown.
- k) If a puppy is awarded Best of Breed and is subsequently beaten in the Puppy Group, it is still eligible to compete as Best of Breed in the Group competition. Group winners have the right to withdraw from variety classes on signing a declaration provided by a Show Official. A Group winner withdrawn from variety classes may still compete in Brace or Team and a dog beaten in or missing only a Brace or Team class is still eligible for further competition.

- l) Entry and competition at the Guernsey Kennel Club's Open and Members' Shows for dogs on the Imported Breed Register is limited to Imported Breed Register classes, and only after an Interim Breed Standard has been approved by the Committee of The Royal Kennel Club (UK) and published in the Kennel Gazette. Imported Breed Register dogs with an approved Interim Breed Standard may compete for Group and Best in Show finals plus Matches run by the Guernsey Kennel Club and Companion Dog Shows within the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- m) No dogs, except Guide Dogs, Hearing and Assistance Dogs those entered for competition and entered Not For Competition will be allowed on the Show premises, except where an outside venue allows free and unrestricted access to the public.

2 CONDUCT IN THE RING

- a) No person under any pretext whatever other than the Judges, Ring Stewards, Show Official and the person(s) handling the dogs shall be allowed in the judging ring while judging is taking place, nor shall anyone be allowed in the ring other than when his or her class(es) are being judged. Any infringement may lead to disqualification of the person(s) and dog(s) involved from any award gained and from the entire Show.
- b) Exhibitors shall not wear any official badge or kennel/affix identification when handling dogs in the ring. No rosettes, prize cards or awards shall be worn in the ring, except when challenging for Group or Best in Show, neither shall Island identification be worn. Any infringement may lead to disqualification of the person(s) and dog(s) involved from any award gained and from the entire Show.
- c) No substance which alters the natural colour or texture of the coat may be used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition either before or at the Show. Any other substance used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition must not be allowed to remain in the coat. A Show Official may order the examination of any dog at the Show and, should it be deemed necessary, samples may be taken for further examination or analysis.
A Veterinary Surgeon may be called and any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the owner(s).
- d) The attracting of any exhibit's attention by any method either from the ringside or outside the ring is prohibited. It is the duty of the Judge or Steward noticing such attraction to ensure it ceases.
- e) If any prize winning dog be disqualified, the dog(s) placed next in order of merit by the Judge shall take the higher positions in the prize list provided it/they have been awarded no less than "Very Highly Commended", and the win or wins shall count in every respect as if they had been the original awards.

3 SAFETY AND WELFARE

- a) The General Committee is concerned for the care and safety of all exhibits, but it must be understood the exhibitor/guardian is responsible for any injury, loss or damage to persons, property and other exhibits, caused by themselves, their exhibits or their children. A Guardian's signature is required on all entries submitted by a minor (16 years and under).
- b) All dogs must be on a lead or securely caged/penned and under control at all times within the precincts of the Show.
- c) A Show Official shall have the power to remove any dog that is not in a fit state for exhibition, or for any other cause. The case must be reported to the General Committee at its next meeting.
- d) In assessing dogs, judges must penalise any features or exaggerations which they consider would be detrimental to the soundness, health or well-being of the dog.
- e) If any dog be formally objected to during the Show for being cropped, tampered with, for blindness or deafness, or for showing any form of contagious or infectious disease, a Veterinary Surgeon will be called to examine the dog and report to a Show Official, who may then order the removal of the dog. Any expenses incurred may be the responsibility of the owner(s).
- f) All accidents or untoward incidents involving club members or members of the public must be reported to a Show Official. Full details of the circumstances, including any injuries and action taken, are to be recorded in the Incident Book and the entry signed by 2 Show Officials, the subject of the incident and up to two witnesses.
- g) Remedial action will be taken in the event of dogs left in vehicles being found in a distressed condition.
- h) Dog fouling and any grooming waste within the precincts of the Show must be removed immediately by the person in charge of the dog.
- i) The mating of bitches within the precincts of the Show is prohibited.

4 COMPLAINTS

- a) Any objection may be made by any exhibitor or Committee Member of The Guernsey Kennel Club and must be made to a Show Secretary on the day in writing or within seven days of the Show to the Club Secretary. The objection must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of £50 (fifty pounds). If the complaint is dismissed, the deposit remains with the Club. The objection must be brought before the General Committee by the Club Secretary within fourteen days of receipt of the complaint. Any person concerned shall have due notice of the meeting and will be sent a copy of the objection. They will be allowed to provide a relevant written

statement in reply, which must be received by the Club Secretary in advance of the said meeting. The owner(s) have the right to lodge an Appeal with the Appeals Committee within fourteen days from receipt of the General Committee's decision.

5 GENERAL

- a) The General Committee reserves the right to add any features to the Show which may be beneficial to the Club.
- b) Show rules may be amended or introduced by the General Committee at any time.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Guernsey Kennel Club (GKC) is committed to encouraging a friendly atmosphere at all events, Shows, and Matches: Members must at all times act in a responsible and professional manner.

As such the Membership & participants will adopt and abide by this Code of Conduct:

a) Personal Conduct.

At any organised GKC event:

- Persons must abide by the show rules/regulations as published and amended from time to time by the GKC.
- Persons must act at all times in a manner which shows sportsmanship.
- Persons must endeavour to be friendly & welcoming at events so to create a safe and pleasant atmosphere.
- Courtesy and co-operation is to be shown to all Officials during the execution of their duties.
- Abusive or aggressive behaviour or inappropriate language towards anyone at events - including the Judge, other participants, Committee or Officials - will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Harassment or bullying will not be tolerated.
- **The GKC has a zero-tolerance approach.**

In and around the ring:

- Competitors will only answer Judge's questions while competing in the show ring & not initiate conversation.
- Any further communication with the Judge must only take place after all judging has been completed, and will be done so in a polite and professional manner.
- Do not distract or interfere with any dog that is being judged in the ring. (Show Rule 2d).
- Do not interfere with any dog that is not in your care.
- Do not pick a dog up by its collar & tail at any time inside or outside the ring.
- Do not leave titbits in the ring that may affect another dog's performance.
- Mobile phones should be turned off whilst exhibiting and on silent when ringside.
- Cameras should not be used with flash facilities.

Children:

- If you have any children in your care, do not allow them to touch any dog unless you have the permission of the owner/handler for them to do so.
- Be aware of where all children in your care are, and what they are doing at all times.
- Parents/guardians/persons responsible for said children will be held accountable for their actions.

b) Conduct when using social media related to GKC:

- Remember you are personally responsible for what you post.
- Do not post confidential or libellous information.
- Do not discuss a situation naming or picturing individuals without their permission.
- Check the content is acceptable i.e. would you say this face to face, remember it may be there for many years to come.
- Remember there is no such thing as private social media: search engines turn up posts and pictures many years after they were posted.
- Be sure that what you post today will not come back to haunt you.
- If you make a mistake correct it at the earliest possible time.
- Make sure that what you post is accurate and not based on hearsay, or posted in anger.
- If you feel angry or passionate about a subject, it may be wise to delay posting until you are calm & clear-headed.
- Be respectful of others and their feelings: consider how you would feel if the post was about you.
- Photographs / Videos of exhibitors, their dogs, or children or spectators should only be posted onto social media, websites, etc. with permission of the individuals concerned and in the case of children that of parents or guardians.

The GKC reserves the right to remove anyone from a GKC event who fails to act in accordance with this Code of Conduct.

The Committee of the Guernsey Kennel Club has the right to amend and change this Code of Conduct as and when required.

c) Procedure for dealing with complaints made under the Code.

1. All Members of the GKC are entitled to report a situation they consider to be a breach of this Code. Any such report should be submitted in writing (not email), together with a payment of £50.00, to the Secretary of the GKC. In the event that the complaint is found to be upheld, the payment will be returned to the complainant within 14 days of the finding.
2. The Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 2 working days where possible.
3. The Code of Conduct Committee, comprising 2 Officials and 3 Members of the General Committee of the GKC, will meet to consider the complaint within 7 days of its receipt by the Secretary.
4. Within 3 working days where possible following this initial meeting, the complainant will be notified, in writing, of the subsequent course of action.
5. If deemed appropriate by the Code of Conduct Committee, the defendant(s) will be notified of the complaint made against them and invited to submit a written response. The time frame for such response will be dependent upon the nature of the complaint, but should not exceed 14 days unless there are exceptional circumstances, which would be agreed by the Code of Conduct Committee.
6. The Code of Conduct Committee will reconvene to consider any written response and may invite any witnesses as it deems appropriate in order to reach a fully informed decision, following which it will notify the defendant(s) and complainant accordingly, in writing.
7. In the event that the defendant wishes to appeal a decision of the Code of Conduct Committee, then the matter should be referred to The Appeals Committee which will comprise of independent Non-Members of the General Committee, as elected at AGM. Any such appeal will need to be lodged in writing within 14 days of the Code of Conduct Committee's decision.

Any Member of the Guernsey Kennel Club, or person at a GKC event, found to be in breach of these provisions may receive disciplinary action by the Club and/or be reported to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

The GKC reserves the right to remove anyone from a GKC event who fails to act in accordance with this Code.

The Committee of the Guernsey Kennel Club has the right to amend this Code as and when required.

The GKC has a zero tolerance approach to any form of harassment or intimidation which could cause a person distress or anxiety. Any report related to the above will be dealt with by the Show Committee at the time or the General Committee should that be deemed necessary.

PART FOUR

Registrations

Extract from The Royal Kennel Club Regulations for Reciprocal Agreements with Overseas Clubs,

- 1) *A Club making application for Reciprocal Agreement with The Royal Kennel Club must send with its application a copy of its rules and must also satisfy the General Committee that it is in control of all matters concerning the breeding, registration and exhibition of all pedigree dogs in the country or area over which jurisdiction is claimed.*
- 2) *Every registered dog exported from the one country to the other must be registered in its adopted country under the name by which it is registered in the country of its birth except that the owner may be permitted to add his registered affix to the name. Before any such registration is completed the Club making the registration shall require to see an Official Pedigree issued by The Kennel Club of the country from which the dog was exported.*

The Registration Rules have been compiled to comply as closely as possible with the Reciprocal Agreement. Full details appear on the relevant application forms. The following extracts are for your guidance. The Registrar will assist with any further information needed.

- 1) The aim of The Guernsey Kennel Club being at all times to improve the standards in all breeds of dogs recognised by The Royal Kennel Club.
- 2) Only breeds recognised by The Royal Kennel Club can be registered with The Guernsey Kennel Club.
- 3) All dogs to be shown must be registered with The Guernsey Kennel Club and all breeding stock should be registered.
- 4) The owner(s) of a registered dog shall be entitled to require The Guernsey Kennel Club to place either or both of the following endorsements on its record of the dog and to make the relevant registration and/or transfer certificate accordingly:

R Progeny not eligible for registration

X Not eligible for issue of export pedigree

The Guernsey Kennel Club requires that the dog be in the physical possession of the endorser and that they obtain a written agreement, ideally in the form of a private contract, signed by the new owner(s) to acknowledge that they have been informed that an endorsement has been placed. It is helpful to both parties if the contract mentions why these endorsements have been placed and under what conditions (if any) they would be removed. The contract must be dated and signed by both/all parties prior to the sale of the dog.

An endorsement will be normally only lifted at the written request of the endorser, or of a person with due authority from the endorser (in the event the endorser cannot give permission due to death or incapacity), or by resolution of The Guernsey Kennel Club Committee.

The Guernsey Kennel Club reserves the right to impose, remove or maintain any endorsement.

In particular, the Guernsey Kennel Club reserves the right to impose an additional endorsement: Not eligible for entry in any event held under Guernsey Kennel Club Rules and Regulations’.

REGISTRATION OF A DOG BRED WITHIN THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY (THE BAILIWICK)

- 5) Anyone wishing to register a puppy or a litter of puppies must first apply to the Registrar for an official registration form. The Guernsey Kennel Club will not accept for registration any progeny from a bitch which has already had four litters registered or if the dam has whelped another litter within the twelve month period preceding the date of birth of the litter which is the subject of the application.

The Guernsey Kennel Club will not accept for registration any litters born when the dam was under the age of twelve months at the date of mating, or when the dam has reached the age of eight years at the date of whelping. Also, The Guernsey Kennel Club will not register progeny produced from a close mating (i.e. brother x sister, son x dam, sire x daughter).

The Guernsey Kennel Club reserves the right to refuse the registration of a litter when previous offspring of the sire or dam, or littermates of the sire or dam have been proved by accredited laboratory tests to have been afflicted with any debilitating inherited disorder.

The Guernsey Kennel Club will not except for registration any dogs bred in the Bailiwick which are not of the accepted colour(s) for their breed as described in The Royal Kennel Club Breed Standards.

- 6) A registered name must be given to each puppy and this name will be the only one permitted on all entry forms for shows and official forms for breeding purposes including pedigrees. A name may be refused if to the Registrar's knowledge a dog or bitch has already been registered by that name and affix. A registered name cannot be changed except by the addition of the owner's registered affix.

The Guernsey Kennel Club retains the right to change the name of a registered dog in the event of a compliant being lodged by the owner of the dog and this compliant being upheld by the Committee.

The Guernsey Kennel Club also reserves the right to refuse any name which it considers inappropriate or offensive.

- 7) A dog may also be registered by the person buying it from the breeder or owner provided that the dog has not already been registered. Application for the registration must be made on the same official form as in Rule 5.
- 8) The Registrar must be notified of all cases of sale and transfer of ownership of registered dogs. Failure to comply with this rule will disqualify all dogs from competing for any prize or trophy.
- 9) When a bitch is sent out of the Bailiwick for mating, an Official Three Generation Pedigree issued by the canine authority of the stud dog's country of residence must be obtained, together with written confirmation from the owner of the said stud dog stating the pedigree does refer to the dog used. Both the above items must accompany the official application form for the registration of progeny - this is intended as a safeguard for the owner of the bitch and also enables The Guernsey Kennel Club to maintain accurate registration records.
- 10) A dog bred and resident within the Bailiwick need not be registered with The Royal Kennel Club, **unless** the dog is to be shown in the United Kingdom. In this case the application to The Royal Kennel Club for registration should be made on an Official Royal Kennel Club Form and must be accompanied by The Guernsey Kennel Club registration card together with an Official Three Generation Pedigree as issued by The Guernsey Kennel Club. All forms are obtainable from The Guernsey Kennel Club Registrar.
- 11) When a dog registered with The Guernsey Kennel Club is sent permanently out of the Bailiwick, it should be registered by the Canine Authority of its adopted country. Registration applications will normally have to be accompanied by an Official Three Generation Pedigree as issued by The Guernsey Kennel Club which is obtainable from the Registrar.

Note: In the case of a male dog being exported, the application form for the Official Three Generation Pedigree normally requires a Veterinary Surgeon's signature certifying the dog is entire. If such a signature is not obtained, provided the applicant confirms he is willing to accept the dog without such certification, the Official Three Generation Pedigree may be endorsed to this effect.
- 12) All dogs born within the Bailiwick must be registered with The Guernsey Kennel Club before registration can take place in any other country. This includes Jersey and the U.K.
 - a) **ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI)**
 - 1 All AI Litters are subject to the same regulations as natural litters.
 - 2 The AI offspring of a maiden bitch must have at least one natural litter registered.
 - 3 Stud dogs as semen donors must have produced a natural litter.

DOGS IMPORTED INTO THE BAILIWICK

- 13) If a dog or bitch is imported into the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the owner wishes to show or use it for breeding purposes, the dog must be registered as an **imported dog** (dual registration) with The Guernsey Kennel Club.

For this purpose, an Official Three Generation Pedigree issued by the Canine Authority of the country of origin of the imported dog (or Export Pedigree where there is no Reciprocal Agreement) must accompany the Official Guernsey Kennel Club application form which is obtainable from the Registrar.

- 14) Once registered with The Guernsey Kennel Club notice of sales and transfer of ownership must be given to the Registrar, otherwise dogs may be disqualified from receiving awards as in Rule 8 relating to dogs bred within the Bailiwick.

REGISTRATION OF AN AFFIX

- 15) The registration of an affix affords protection of that affix to the grantee/s who may thereby have the sole use of that affix when registering puppies or when changing the name of a registered dog, see Rule 19.

The Guernsey Kennel Club reserves the right to reject any application to register an affix and may cancel or suspend any registration, transfer or grant of an affix already made.

- 16) The Guernsey Kennel Club will protect a suitable affix upon completion of the relevant form and payment of the appropriate fee.
- 17) Although every application will be carefully considered on its merits, it may on occasions be necessary to refuse granting an affix because of its similarity to one already registered.
- 18) The Guernsey Kennel Club does at all times work in close co-operation with The Royal Kennel Club and The Kennel Club of Jersey to ensure affixes are not duplicated but protection is only guaranteed to grantees of affixes registered with the Guernsey Kennel Club.
- 19) The only time an alteration to a registered name is permitted is when the owner's registered affix is added to the original name. The registered name may only be changed once. The appropriate Official form is obtainable from the Registrar.
- 20) The Guernsey Kennel Club shall keep a register of Companion Dogs (i.e. pedigree dogs with no registration documents). These dogs will be ineligible for showing, but may attend Ringcraft, Matches or other social events held by The Guernsey Kennel Club.

On the infringement of any of the above rules the General Committee will be the sole arbitrator in deciding what action will be taken, but Members should take notice that the breaking of these rules could lead to total disqualification of the said Member or Members from all the Club's activities and those directly concerned with The Royal Kennel Club and any club with which The Royal Kennel Club has Reciprocal Agreements.

PART FIVE
Breed, Training Clubs and Societies

- 1) All Breed, Training Clubs or Societies within the Bailiwick must be registered with The Guernsey Kennel Club. Thereafter that club or society subject to the approval of The Guernsey Kennel Club may be registered with The Royal Kennel Club or become a branch of any Breed, Training Club or Society recognised by The Royal Kennel Club.
- 2) A club applying for registration must send with its application a copy of its rules for approval. Any rule alteration must be submitted for approval by the General Committee of The Guernsey Kennel Club.
- 3) No application for registration will be considered unless the proposed club has a membership of at least twenty.
- 4) All applications for any activity and dates thereof must be approved by The Guernsey Kennel Club and any events must be conducted in accordance with the rules of The Guernsey Kennel Club if applicable or The Royal Kennel Club.
- 5) Any club or society accepted for registration will be required to pay an annual fee to be determined by the General Committee of The Guernsey Kennel Club.
- 6) All dogs participating in the activities of a registered club must be registered with The Guernsey Kennel Club, with the exception of dogs participating in obedience/training club activities only. This rule shall not prevent the owners of **imported dogs** not yet registered with The Guernsey Kennel Club from applying in writing on the appropriate form to the Registrar of The Guernsey Kennel Club for permission to attend club activities for a period of one month for the sole purpose of socialising. The Registrar shall have discretionary power to approve the application **PROVIDING** proof is given that every effort is being made by the owner(s) to complete the registration with The Guernsey Kennel Club. The Registrar shall notify the General Committee of the name of applicants who are in such attendance. If after one month the registration(s) is (are) not complete, then any extended period for such attendance shall be decided upon by the General Committee whose decision shall be final. Proper application to register or transfer **locally** bred dogs must be in the hands of and confirmed by The Guernsey Kennel Club Registrar **before** participating in any club activity.
- 7) An obedience/training club will be required to maintain a register of its dogs which shall be available for examination by The Guernsey Kennel Club should they so wish.

- 8) All registered Clubs or Societies will be required to submit a register of members to The Guernsey Kennel Club annually. This register must include names and registration numbers of all dogs owned by members.
- 9) No more than three serving Officers or Committee Members of any registered club will be permitted to serve on the Committee of The Guernsey Kennel Club and any such members will be required to withdraw from matters of jurisdiction over their respective breed or obedience/training club.
- 10) Any breed or obedience/training club must furnish The Guernsey Kennel Club with names of Officials and Committee within fourteen days of an Annual General Meeting.
- 11) Any complaint against any club or member thereof may be investigated and discussed by The Guernsey Kennel Club, the person or club being permitted to attend to defend such a complaint.
- 12) The Guernsey Kennel Club shall have the power to sever its connection with the registered club if it should see fit.