

MIDLAND CAIRN TERRIER CLUB RULES

1. NAME AND OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

That this Club be called "The Midland Cairn Terrier Club" hereinafter called "The Club". Its objects shall be;

- a) To encourage an intelligent interest in the Caim Terrier.
- b) To protect and advance the interests of this breed by Promoting shows and other events to be held under Kennel Club rules in the Midlands, i.e. Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire, or as permitted by the Kennel Club.
by guaranteeing classes and providing special prizes in cash or otherwise as authorized by the Committee.
- c) To adopt and publish a description of type and standard of points as herein stated.
- d) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed.

2. ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTITUTION

- a) The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of Members, whose names and addresses shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary, and published in The Club Year Book. All overseas Members shall be listed separately in The Club Year Book and they shall have no powers of voting, the exception to this being those members who have been resident in the U.K. at any time.
- b) Candidates must be proposed by one Member, seconded by another, both being fully paid up Members of The Club, and elected by the Committee either by Meeting or Postal Vote, one negative vote in four to exclude. No Member may use his connection with the Midland Caim Terrier Club for advertising or publicity purposes.
- c) The Committee shall consist of 17 elected Members, including a President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer who shall be ex-officio members of the committee and as such are entitled to all the privileges of a full member. At least one of the President, Chairman or Secretary must be resident in the Midlands or bordering counties.
- d) No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the committee of or hold any other office or appointment within the Kennel Club Registered Society.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE AND JUDGES

- a) It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to ensure that an advertisement is placed in Our Dogs and Dog World by 31 December in each year inviting nominations for the posts of Office Bearers, viz, President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Committee. Existing Office Bearers may stand for re-election without being proposed or seconded each year but if an Office Bearer does not wish to stand for re-election, notification must be given to the Honorary Secretary by 1st August. Each nominee for Officer or Committee must, at the time of nomination, have been a fully paid up Member of The Club for a minimum of three consecutive years. Each nominee or each proposer and seconder must be fully paid up Members of The Club. All nominations must be agreed to by the parties concerned. Nominations made in accordance with the foregoing must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary by 31 January.
The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be elected by the Committee, all of whose term of office shall be one year from the date of the Annual General meeting. All other officers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for committee must be sent to the Honorary Secretary by 31 January.
The offices of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and the offices of Honorary Assistant Secretary and Honorary Treasurer may be held by one person.
- b) Nominations for new Judges or applications for places on a Judging List should be sent to the Secretary of the Joint Cairn Terrier Clubs Working Party. Judges for the A1, A2, A3, B and C Lists shall be elected by the U.K. Caim Terrier Club's Working Party.

4. ENTRANCE FEES & ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription, Single and Joint, shall be as determined by the Committee and approved by the Annual General Meeting. For partnerships with 3 or more Members the third and further Members shall each pay an additional 60%. Junior Members (under the age of 14 years) may elect to pay an Entrance Fee of 50p plus 50p Annual Subscription, but shall have no right to vote. The liability of the Members is limited to the amount of their subscriptions. One shall be deemed to be a Member or entitled to the privileges of Membership until his or her Entrance Fee and Membership shall have been paid.

No Member shall be entitled to Specials at any show held after 31st January unless the Annual Subscription has been paid prior to the closing of entries.

The Financial Year runs from 1st January to 31st December.

- b) Members wishing to resign from The Club shall express their wish in writing to the Honorary Secretary one month prior to 31st December in any year in which they wish their membership to cease. Otherwise they shall be held to continue their Subscription for the then current year.
- c) In the event of a Member failing to pay the Annual Subscription on or before the 31st December in any year, his or her name shall be omitted from the List of Club Members in the Club Year Book for the following year, and providing the Subscription is unpaid on 30th June following, it would be necessary, upon his or her desiring again to enter the Club, that he or she should be re-elected and pay on re-election the entrance fee as well as the Subscription for that year.

Life Membership shall be deemed an honour, bestowed by Members in Annual General Meeting, upon a person in recognition of great services to the Club and/or the breed. Nominations, giving brief details of such services, must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary by 31st December. Such nominations shall be proposed and seconded by fully paid up members of the Club.

The above-mentioned procedure shall also apply to the election of Honorary Life Office Bearers. Honorary Life Office Bearers shall be entitled to all the privileges of Office Bearers, i.e. they may be present at Committee Meetings, they may speak and vote at such meetings

Honorary Life Office Bearers may be elected by the Committee, and on approval by the Annual General Meeting, they shall be entitled to all the privileges of Membership without further payment, of any annual or other subscription. This shall only be done in recognition of great services to the Breed and/or the Midland Caim Terrier Club.

5. MANAGEMENT

- a) The affairs and management shall be vested in the hands of Officers and Committee of the Club. Seven shall form a quorum throughout Committee Meetings of The Club, of which fourteen clear days notice shall have been given by the Honorary Secretary.
- b) The Chairman shall have a casting vote only.
- c) In the event of a vacancy arising in the Offices of President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor or Committee by death, resignation or otherwise, the Committee shall have the power to fill the same by co-option. Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and committee takes place.
- d) The Committee shall have the power to deal with any questions not provided for in these rules.

6. MEETING AND ACCOUNTS

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the first Midland Club Show in the year, which failing, as may be arranged by the Committee. If the Meeting is to be held at any other time other than at the Midland Club Show, 56 clear days notice must be given in *Our Dogs and Dog World*.

The Honorary Secretary shall call a General Meeting, fourteen clear days notice of all General Meetings being given in writing, such notice to contain an agenda.

The annual statement of accounts duly audited, shall be available to members on request. The annual statement of accounts shall be printed annually in the Club Year Book. Copies of the accounts shall be available at the Annual General Meeting and the accounts shall be open to inspection at that Meeting.

- b) Committee Meetings shall be held as often as it is thought necessary, but at least twice a year. The venues to be by mutual agreement of the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall have the power to transact any business by post, email or telephone with Officers and Committee.
- c) The Committee shall have the power to call additional General Meetings at any time deemed necessary.
- d) On receipt of a requisition signed by twelve members of The Club, the President or Honorary Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting giving at least 28 days notice for the purpose of conducting the matters on the agenda only.
- e) The President, or in his absence any person designated by the Committee, shall be invited to chair the Annual General or Special General Meetings.

7. **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 any assets, all subject to reversionary interests stipulated by donors.

8. CUPS, SPECIAL PRIZES, ETC.

The Club cups and trophies valued over £100 shall be insured by the Honorary Secretary through an appointed firm of jewellers. They will be offered for competition at Shows at the discretion of the Committee or as the donors stipulate. These shall be claimed by the winners immediately after the Show if they wish to receive them. Members winning cups etc. which are only held by the winner for a given period of time, shall return same as directed by the trophy steward appointed by the Committee, whom failing by the Honorary Secretary, on receiving notice from him Club specials shall be allocated at the discretion of the Committee.

The Club will support all the other Club's Judges by guaranteeing Shows to an equal extent, providing that the other Clubs accept the Midland Cairn Terrier Club's Judges' *"parri passu."*

9. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two authorised committee members/account holders; the same condition to apply to security deposits. No two members of one family or partnership may hold signing authorities simultaneously.

Interest bearing deposits may be made in Building Societies or other institutions at the discretion of the Committee.

Identical signing authority will apply for withdrawals from Building Societies etc.

10. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(5) and/or whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society.

If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of The Club, be injurious to the character or interests of The Club, the Committee of The Club may, at a meeting, the notice convening which included 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 purposes of passing a resolution to expel him or her.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint, and advising the member of the place, date and hour of the meeting that he or she may attend and offer an explanation.

If at that meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his or her name shall be forthwith erased from the list of Members, and he or she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of The Club, except that he or she may within 2 calendar months appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as The Kennel Club may impose.

11. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Rules and Regulations, or the Standard of points shall not be altered, rescinded or added to, unless due notice is given to the Honorary Secretary by 31st December together with the signatures of proposer and seconder.

12. FEDERATION

The Club shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs.

13. FINAL COURT OF APPEAL

The Club shall recognise The Kennel Club as the final Court of Appeal in any matter of dispute.

14. RULES

A copy of these rules shall be sent to every person on becoming a Member of The Club.

15. MAINTENANCE OF TITLE

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 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, will 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.

- a) The Club must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by Members or by The Kennel Club.

16. THE KENNEL CLUB GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All breeders who register their puppies, and new owners who register ownership of their dogs with the Kennel Club, accept the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club and undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Breeders/Owners:

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 performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, 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. 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.
10. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
11. 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.
12. 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).
13. 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.
14. Before breeding a litter, equal consideration should be given to type, temperament, health and soundness. Nervous or aggressive dogs should not be bred from.
15. All owners, irrespective of the number of litters they breed, must comply with the following: no bitch to be mated under one year old no more than six litters from any one bitch no bitch to be mated who will have reached the age of eight at the date of whelping without special dispensation from the Kennel Club (see KC Year Book B22 c(2))

In addition the following applies to breeders of five or more litters per year:
no more than one litter per year per bitch

Owners need to acquaint themselves with the relevant legislation in their country and Kennel Club requirements.

16. All breeding should be aimed at the improvement of the Breed. Members do all in their power to discourage breeding from clearly inferior specimens and those members who own stud dogs should refuse stud service to such specimens. Breeders should inform any person/persons prior to the use of their stud dog(s) or mating of their bitch(es) of any known problems that may affect the future health of the breed. Particular care should be taken where the owner of the bitch is not a member of a Cairn breed club registered by the Kennel Club.
17. No Member should breed a litter unless he/she has the time and facilities to devote proper care and attention to the rearing of the puppies and the well-being of the dam and no Member should provide stud services unless he/she is satisfied that the owner of the bitch has such time and facilities.
18. No member should breed a litter unless he/she is reasonably sure of finding homes for the puppies. No puppies should leave the breeder before the age of eight weeks.
19. Puppies/adults cannot be exported unless the DEFRA guidelines have been followed regarding age and health regulations for the country of import and, where age is not specified, not before twelve weeks of age.
- 19a Members will when breeding dogs adopt as a minimum standard the principles, requirements and recommendations as embodied in the Kennel Club's Assured Breeder Scheme. It is recommended that, if appropriate, members who breed should apply to join the scheme.

20. No Cairns should be sold to countries where they are not protected by anti-cruelty laws. (If in doubt consult DEFRA, RSPCA or The Kennel Club)
21. No Cairns should be sold to laboratories, pet shops or dealers in dogs, or to persons known to sell stock to any of the above, nor should stud services be provided for such persons. (A dealer is defined as any person who regularly buys stock for sale at a profit. A person who buys a Cairn as an agent for a known individual is not necessarily a dealer).
22. Prospective buyers of Cairns should be screened for suitability and should be advised of the characteristics of the Cairn Terrier as a breed with the need for grooming and exercise. Cairns should not be sold to homes where they will be on their own all day.
23. No Cairn which has a physical 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.
24. Any deliberate cross-breeding will be considered to be detrimental to the breed and is contrary to the Breeders' Code of Ethics.
25. Where appropriate The Kennel Club documents should be provided as soon as possible. It is undesirable that unregistered stock should be used for breeding. No Cairn that is unregistered or is from unregistered or partly unregistered parentage should be sold without the buyer being aware that he/she will be unable to register it with The Kennel Club.
26. It should be impressed on buyers that they should contact the breeder in the event of any problem with the Cairn. Breeders should make every effort to be of assistance in these circumstances.
27. Advertising by Members should be as factual as possible. Misleading exaggeration or unfounded implications of superiority should not be used. Members should refrain from making unfair or untrue statements about dogs or practices of others.
28. Officers or Committee Members of the Cairn clubs are always ready to help with any queries or problems.

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.