



## **CLUB RULES & CODE OF ETHICS**

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### **1. NAME AND OBJECTS**

The Club shall be called "THE BASSET FAUVE DE BRETAGNE CLUB" and its objects shall be:

- (i) To promote the welfare of the Basset Fauve de Bretagne and to encourage its breeding in accordance with the Standard laid down by the Kennel Club.
- (ii) To hold shows, promote classes for the breed at other shows, and to promote the breed's involvement in other KC regulated activities.
- (iii) To assist and facilitate the involvement of all members in KC regulated activities and to advise those members who have no previous experience of the breed.

### **2. MEMBERS AND ELECTION**

The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members who shall be elected in accordance with the following conditions.

- (i) There shall be three categories of membership, which shall be Honorary, Single or Joint, and the latter shall consist of two individuals of the same family or two individuals who shall have joint interest in the breed.
- (ii) The names of persons applying for membership after the acceptance and approval of these rules shall be brought before the Committee for its consideration. Prospective members who have applied and paid their subscription shall be entitled to exercise all rights of membership except that of voting at meetings until their application has been approved by the Committee. In the event of any application being refused the subscription shall be refunded and they will cease to be entitled to exercise any rights of membership.
- (iii) The Committee shall have the power to elect Honorary Members who will have the rights of subscribing members.
- (iv) At General Meetings Honorary and Single Members shall have one vote and Joint Members shall have one vote each. There shall be no entitlement to any member to appoint a proxy for voting purposes.
- (v) A Member may resign from membership of the Club by giving notice to the Honorary Secretary but such member shall be liable for all outstanding subscriptions including that for the year of resignation and for any other sums due to the Club.
- (vi) Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Club.
- (vii) 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 him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be sent to the accused 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 a two thirds majority of the members present and voting,



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his/her name shall be forthwith erased from the list of members, 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 meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

(viii) Any member who is awarded a Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club Cup or Trophy and does not return it in time to be awarded to the winner the following year shall not be allowed to take possession of Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club Cups and Trophies in the future although their name will be recorded in the club records. If they wish their name to be engraved on a Cup or Trophy this will be arranged by the Cup Steward on receipt of the appropriate payment.

(ix) When a member is expelled for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Club shall report the matter to the Kennel Club in writing within seven days and shall supply any particulars required.

### **3. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

(i) The annual subscription for Single, Joint and Overseas membership shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and such subscriptions shall be due and payable on 1st January of each year. If a subscription has not been paid the Committee may, after giving fourteen days' notice in writing by ordinary post, cancel such membership except on payment of the outstanding subscription they may subsequently re-admit that person to membership.

(ii) To be entitled to vote at the AGM in the current year, members must have been fully paid up in the year previous.

(iii) Subject to their acceptance to Rule 2(ii) above new members joining on or after the first day of October in any year shall be entitled to exercise the benefits of membership up to 31st day of December in the following year.

### **4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Officers and Committee who shall be elected in accordance with the procedures laid down in Rule 5.

(i) The Officers shall be Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer who shall be ex officio members of the Committee.

(ii) In addition to the above, the Committee shall consist of nine Members elected by proposal ballot in accordance with the Rules for election under Rule Five below.

(iii) A Patron, a President and an unlimited number of Vice-Presidents may be elected by the members in Annual General Meeting and these Offices shall be held for a minimum period of five years. These Officers, who shall also be entitled to hold Honorary Membership, may attend meetings of the Committee but shall not be entitled to vote thereat.



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(iv) Any Officer or Committee member failing to attend three consecutive Committee Meetings shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Committee unless there are exceptional circumstances which can be agreed by the majority of the Committee.

### **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

(i) Only members of the Club shall be eligible for nomination for election or re-election to any office or for membership of the Committee.

(ii) A candidate may seek simultaneous election/re-election as an officer and election/re-election to the Committee. Should the candidate be elected as an officer and an additional Committee position fall vacant this may be filled by election in accordance with 5(iii).

(iii) Nominations in writing of candidates, proposed and seconded by members of the Club and indicated as accepted by the nominee shall be submitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Club to be received no later than 31st January. All Officers and Committee members to be elected at the AGM. The names of candidates shall appear on the agenda together with the names of proposers and seconders. The names of retiring Officers, and members of the Committee, who are willing to stand for re-election shall be also be published in the agenda for the AGM but do not require to be proposed and seconded. Persons who have not been Club members for one year, up to the end of the year immediately preceding the AGM, are ineligible for election as an Officer. All voting will be by show of hands or secret ballot, as decided by the majority of the meeting. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have a deciding vote. No postal or proxy votes are allowed.

(iv) All Officers and Committee members shall be elected for a term of three years. Should they wish, they may seek re-election at the end of this period in accordance with Rule 5(iii).

(v) The Committee may fill a casual vacancy arising from death, resignation or other cause until the next Annual General Meeting when the vacancy will be added to those normal for that Meeting as set out in clause (iv) above. Any person elected under these terms will hold office only until such time as that office would come up for re-election in the normal course laid down by these Rules.

(vi) In the event of a tie in the ballot or vote at an Annual General Meeting the Chairman at that meeting shall either have a casting vote or put the matter to the members present for a further ballot as he/she shall decide.

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

(viii) In the event the number of candidates for the posts of Officer or Committee member be less than or equal to the number of vacancies available these shall be elected en bloc by a majority vote. In the event that the meeting votes against en bloc appointments there shall be an individual election for each appointment. Only candidates receiving a majority of votes in favour of their appointment shall be elected. All voting will be by show of hands or secret ballot, as decided by the majority of the meeting. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have a deciding vote.



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### **6. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Without prejudice to confirmation with the principles laid down elsewhere in these Rules the powers and responsibilities of the Committee shall be:

- (i) To elect such of its members or other Club members as it sees fit to constitute from time to time sub-committees to exercise such powers as may be decided in specialist matters pertaining to the Club or the Breed and such subcommittees must consist of at least two elected members.
- (ii) To invite members or non-members of the Club to attend any meeting to give specialist advice or information but without the power to vote.
- (iii) To compile and publish at Annual General Meetings the list of judges as specified in Rule Eight below and such lists shall be compiled by a simple majority vote or by secret ballot.
- (iv) To accept and hold in trust on behalf of the Club members and for the benefit of those members all property vested in the Club.
- (v) To determine the nature and value of all prizes to be awarded. To draw up rules for the award of such prizes and to determine thereon.
- (vi) To organise Shows in accordance with Kennel Club Rules.
- (vii) To deal with any matter not specifically dealt with or provided for in these Rules but always in accordance with Kennel Club regulations prevailing at the time.

### **7. MEETINGS**

- (i) Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least three times a year or more often if deemed necessary by the Committee. The Chairman of the Club shall be the Chairman of the Committee. A quorum shall consist of at least six persons; one of whom must be an Officer.
- (ii) The date and venue of the AGM will be announced at least 30 days in advance by an announcement on the Club's website and/or inclusion in the Club's publication Fauve News. The Agenda for the Meeting will be placed on the Club's website at least 21 days in advance of the Meeting; copies will be available by post on request to the Hon. Secretary.
- (iii) A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time by the Hon. Secretary within sixty days of receiving a requisition signed by at least ten members setting out the purposes of that meeting. No business other than laid down in the requisition shall be discussed at the Special General Meeting so convened.
- (iv) The members shall be notified of the intention to hold a Special General Meeting at least forty-two days in advance.



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### **8. JUDGING LISTS**

The Committee shall be responsible for compiling judging lists, presenting them to the Members at the Annual General Meeting as follows:

A(1) Those persons supported by the Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club and approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates.

A(2) Those persons supported by the Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club and thought capable of awarding Challenge Certificates, having judged a Breed Open show, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates.

B Those persons supported by the Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club capable of judging the breed without Challenge Certificates.

Persons for the above lists may be considered by the Committee from their own nominations or from receipt of nominations from individual members of the Club.

### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

(i) The financial year of the Club shall be from the 1st January to the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

(ii) The Annual General Meeting shall:

(a) Receive reports from the Committee and the balance sheet and accounts of the preceding financial year.

(b) Discuss any proposed resolution on matters duly placed on the Agenda which the Hon. Secretary has been given at least thirty-five days before the meeting.

(iii) Voting at General Meetings shall be by a show of hands or (if any member shall so require) by secret ballot to be taken at the Meeting.

### **10. BANK ACCOUNT**

An account or accounts shall be maintained in the name of the Club at such bank as the Committee shall decide; and such account shall be operated on the signature of any two of the following, viz.: The Chairman, Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretary.

### **11. ACCOUNTS**

Proper accounts and records shall be kept by the Hon. Treasurer and the accounts for each year shall be certified before the next Annual General Meeting in accordance with Kennel Club Regulation Part C 3.a (15). A copy of the annual statement of accounts to be made available on request to Members 14 days prior to the AGM.



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### **12. NOTICES**

Notices may be served on any Honorary Member or Member either personally or by sending the same by post addressed to such Member at his/her registered address and shall be deemed to have been received in the ordinary course of post. Notices under Rule 2(vii) shall be sent by registered post to the member concerned.

### **13. WINDING UP**

If the Club shall for any cause cease to exist, all cups, trophies and other property of the Club shall be disposed of as the Members and General Meeting may decide. The Committee shall ensure compliance with Kennel Club Regulation Part C 3a. (10).

### **14. KENNEL CLUB AUTHORITY**

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

### **15. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB**

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Hon. 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 be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Hon Secretary of the Club which may occur during the course of the year.

### **16. MEMBERS LIST**

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

### **17. FEDERATION OF CLUBS**

The Club shall not join a Federation or any other Club, Clubs or Societies.

### **18. ALTERATION OF RULES**

The Rules of the Club shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting notice of which gives details and any such alterations shall not be effective unless and until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of them. Any alteration made accordingly will be notified to all members in writing within three months of such alteration being confirmed.



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### **All members of the Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club undertake to abide by its general CODE OF ETHICS**

#### Club members:

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 operations 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 rehoming 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
15. Bitches under 2 years not to produce a litter.
16. Bitches not to produce more than one litter within a 12 month period.
17. Bitches not to produce more than three litters in their lifetime.
18. It is recommended no stud dog to be used under 18 months of age.
19. Breeders should adopt breeding plans that over time seek to improve genetic diversity of the breed in the UK.
20. The DNA test for Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (POAG) of breeding stock is recommended.
21. Breeders are encouraged to take advantage of Kennel Club endorsements on registrations.
22. Members should not exhibit bitches in full season.
23. Members should always act in a respectful, courteous and sporting manner.

***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.***