

The CELTIC CHOW CHOW CLUB

This club shall be called the <u>Celtic Chow Chow Club</u>, and its objective are to promote the interest and welfare of the breed as detailed in the breed standard. Hereafter The Celtic Chow Club shall be referred to as the Club.

Officers and Committee

The Club shall consist of a committee limited to 12, positions in this committee can include President, Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer along with an unlimited number of members.

Committee

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Officers and a Committee consisting of a maximum of 12 members.

To be eligible for an Officer, an individual must have been a committee member. To be a committee member an individual must have been a member of the Club for a minimum of 1 year leading to your proposal.

Nominations for Officers and committee must be made in writing to the Hon Secretary giving the name of the nominee, together with the signatures of the Proposer and Seconder, both of whom would be fully paid up members of the Club and have obtained consent of the nominee to act if elected at least 7 days before the AGM.

The following Officers and all committee members have full voting rights, Chairperson, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasure and Committee members. The Chairperson may only give the deciding vote where voting is tied.

Meetings of the committee shall be 4 committee members, including officers for a quorum.

The committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the committee in the event of a position becoming vacant between General Meetings.

In the event of any temporary vacancy in the Office of President, Chairperson, Hon Secretary, or Hon Treasurer, the Committee have full power to fill any such vacancy until the next General Meeting.

The election of any Officer and or Committee member will be conducted by a vote.

Election of Members

Candidates for the membership shall be accepted on payment of the full subscription.

Life Membership

Life membership will be automatically offered for any individual who has served on the committee for 25 years, other life memberships will be on an individual basis.

Member list

The Club must maintain an up to date list of members and their addresses, if requested the club must make the list available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the club, in accordance with any GDPR guidelines. A declaration of members of the club must be made with the annual returns.

Voting rights

Each member is entitled to one vote in person immediately upon acceptance of membership. If there are joint members, each member of the partnership may vote.

Club Property

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. 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 will be notified to the Kennel Club.

If the club is wound up or ceases to be a registered society under these regulations a final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within 6 months. In addition, the persons named as Officers and the Committee responsible by the proper winding up of the club, shall be declared.

Club accounts

- 1. A bank account shall be held in the name of Celtic Chow Club at a bank or building society acceptable to the Committee, into which all revenue of the club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signature (s) of Hon Treasurer, and/ or Hon Secretary, and/ or a nominated Committee member or Chairperson (any 2 to sign cheques).
- 2. The club Treasurer is responsible for keeping the accounts and producing a Balance Sheet. Certification of the accounts must be carried out by an appropriately identified individual. A qualified accountant or an unqualified individual, with accountancy experience, shall be appointed at each AGM to audit the accounts for the ensuing year and prepare a report for presentation at the next subsequent AGM.
- 3. At least 21 days notice of the meeting will be given
- 4. Items are required by the Hon Secretary for inclusion on the Agenda at least 14 days before the meeting
- 5. Agenda will be circulated at the meeting

Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon Secretary (or another appointed club official in the event of a secretary not being available) if a minimum of 50% of the paid up membership send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The committee of the Club are also empowered to call a Special General Meeting at any point.

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

Notice of Special General meeting will either be given in writing or by notice through appropriate channels.

Amendment to the rules

The rules of the Club may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the agenda for which contain specific 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.

Annual Returns to the Kennel Club

The officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, maintenance of the title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club, by direct debit, for continuance of registration. In addition, by 31st of July each year, other returns as 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 Secretary of the Club which may occur during the course of the year.

Kennel Club final court appeal

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

Other matters

The Club shall not join any federation of societies or club, unless deemed appropriate by 75% of the current membership.

All meetings including SGM, AGM are able to be conducted in person and virtually. Any member attending may vote regardless of their method of attendance.

Subscriptions

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

Expulsion of a member

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club rule A42j(4) and/ or any member whose dog(s) is disqualified under Kennel Club rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the club for the duration of the suspension and/ or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club injurious or likely to be injurious to the character of interests of the Club or the breed, the Committee of the Club may expel them form the Club. A Special General Meeting of the Club can be called for the purpose of passing a resolution or to continue with their expulsion.

If a Special General Meeting is required notice shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place and time of the meeting that they may attend and offer a full 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 all purpose to be a member of the club, except that they may, within 2 calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club impose.

Persons allowed to serve on the committee of hold office

No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any office or appointment within a Kennel Club society.

Financial year/ AGM

The financial year of the club shall be from 1st of January to 31st of December.

The AGM shall be held in annually each year, on the date of a Club Show where possible. If this is not possible the AGM will be held before March each year online or in person.

General Meetings

- To receive the report of the Committee and the Balance Sheet to elect officers and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Hon Secretary. No business shall be transacted at the AGM unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairperson of the meeting are urgent.
- 2. Notice of the meeting will be given in writing or by notice as necessary.

Breed society Judge list

Judge lists will follow in accordance with the Breed Council and Kennel Club requirements.

21 September 2025

The Celtic Chow Chow Club Secretary