

1. Name and Objects:- The club shall be called the Northern Tibetan Spaniel Club and its objects are to unite breed enthusiasts residing within the area of the Club. To promote every aspect pertaining to canine activities for the benefit of its members and will not be classed as a trading business.

2. The Area of the Club:- The area of the club to include the counties of Lincolnshire, Rutland, Leicestershire, Staffordshire, to include City of Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell (all formerly part of Staffordshire) and Shropshire. Powys (north of the latitude immediately south of Knighton) and Sir Ceredigion (north of the same latitude) and all counties north in England, Wales and Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

3. Officers and Committee:- The Club shall consist of Patrons, President, Honorary Presidents (confined to past Presidents only), Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, a committee of ten and an unlimited number of members.

4. Committee:- The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the following Officers of the Club and the Committee all of will sit, once voted on, for a minimum period of two (2) years and thereafter shall retire annually and will be eligible for re-election.

The following Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights at Committee and General Meetings: Patrons, President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but one at least every four (4) months

A quorum for Committee meetings shall be five (5) members of which two (2) must be Officers. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings. 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. Co-opted members shall have voting rights at committee meetings. No individual who has been a member for less than two (2) years may be elected on to the Committee.

Officers and Committee must reside within the area of the Club as detailed above.

5. Election of Members:-Candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two (2) existing fully paid up members.

An up to date list of members and their addresses, must be maintained and, if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the Club. A declaration of the number of members of the club must be made with Annual Returns.

6. Voting Rights:- Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. Two votes per partnership. Postal votes are allowed. Minimum voting age is sixteen (16) years.

7. Club Property:- The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the club ceasing to exist, a final 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.

8. Club Accounts:- A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of two (2) of the three (3) Officers (Treasure/ Chairman/ Secretary).

A qualified auditor or alternatively two (2) auditors to be appointed at the AGM shall sign a balance sheet as correct before it is published or reported at the AGM or to the Chairman if unable to do so. The accounts to be audited according to Kennel Club rules.

9. Subscriptions:- The annual subscription shall be Single Membership Five Pounds (£5.00). Joint Membership Seven Pounds (£7.00). Junior Membership Fifty Pence (50p). Due on or before 1st February each year. No Member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any privileges of Membership. If the Member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions his/her name be automatically

erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment of back arrears.

10. Expulsion of Members:- Any member who shall be suspended under the Kennel Club rule A42j (5) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club rule A42j (9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club for the duration of the suspension or disqualification. 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 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 his/her name 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 condition as the Kennel Club may impose. If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

11. Annual General Meeting:- The financial year of the Club shall be from January 1st –December 31st. The Annual General Meeting shall be held early in the financial year at a time and place selected by the committee to receive the report of the Committee and Balance sheet, to elect Officers and 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 an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are important. Notice of the A.G.M. together with requests for nominations for Officers, Committee and resolutions shall be sent out at least forty two (42) days prior to the meeting. Such nominations and resolutions to be in the hands of the Secretary at least twenty eight (28) days before the meeting. The Secretary shall send out the agenda, ballot papers for the Committee, minutes of the previous A.G.M. and all other relevant matters at least fourteen (14) clear days before the meeting. The Officers shall be elected by secret ballot of all fully paid up members of the Club; when standing for re-election the attendance of members at the previous years committee meetings be recorded on the ballot paper. All nominations shall be signed by two (2) members of the Club other than the nominee, whose consent shall be in writing. Judges nominated to judge at the Clubs Shows will be voted on by postal ballot of all members and the result be announced at the A.G.M. All voting papers to be counted by an independent scrutineer appointed by the committee.

12. Special General Meeting:- A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon Secretary to be discussed if at least one third (1/3) of all Club members send 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.

13. Amendments to Rules:- These rules shall not be amended or added to except at a General Meeting called according to 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. New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

14. Annual Returns to the Kennel Club:- The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January the Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by the 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in the Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed

Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities shall 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.

15. Kennel Club Final Authority:- The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules of the Club in all cases relative to canine or club matters

16. Code of Ethics:- Members are required to observe the Kennel Club Code of Ethics. Members of the Club should only use pure bred Tibetan Spaniel stock in their breeding programme.

17. 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.

18. Breed Judges Lists:- The Club must produce a list of Judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Club's Annual Returns.