

Bedlington Terrier Association Rules
as discussed and accepted at SGM on 6th October 2007

1 Name and Objects

- a The Association shall be called the Bedlington Terrier Association.
- b The objects of the Association shall be to promote the ownership, breeding, showing, working, appreciation and welfare of Bedlington Terriers.

2 Membership

- a The Association shall consist of President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a Committee of ten and an unlimited number of Full Members, Overseas Members, Junior Members, Honorary Life Members, Honorary Members and a Patron.
- b Patron – a person who in recognition of outstanding services rendered to the Association, breed or canine world, may be invited to become a Patron of the Association, on recommendation of the Committee to the Members and by a paper ballot at a General Meeting of Members, having been nominated in accordance with the Rules of the Association, and appearing on the Agenda of the General Meeting.
- c The appointment of the Patron is for life, or for as long as the holder of this post may so wish. This ultimate honour accords the right to attend General meeting at his or her discretion, without the power to vote, but may speak at the Annual General Meeting with the permission of the chairman. The post may be left vacant if no suitable candidate is forthcoming.
- d Honorary Life Members, enjoying full rights of membership, may be elected at the Annual General Meeting as a mark of honour and have full voting rights..
- e Honorary Members may be nominated by the Committee and elected at the Annual General Meeting, such Honorary Members shall not vote at Meetings of the Association, nor be eligible to compete for Association prizes
- f Candidates for membership must be proposed by a BTA member, complete a membership application form and submit it to the Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer together with the appropriate membership fee.
- g The application shall be considered at the first Committee Meeting after its receipt. A simple majority of those committee members present shall elect a new member.
- h Any member may withdraw from the Association by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary
- i Any person elected as a member of the Association shall be deemed to have read the Rules and Standing Orders of the Association and be prepared to abide by them.

3 Committee

- a The Management of the Association shall be in the hands of the following Officers of the Association: The President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Committee of ten members.
- b Officers and Committee Members shall be elected for three years and shall retire on a three year rotation.
- c The Committee shall elect from their Members by ballot at the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary.
- d Meetings of the Committee shall be held as necessary, but not less than four times a year. All Officers and Committee members shall have full voting rights.
- e The chairman shall have a casting vote at both Committee and General Meetings.
- f A Quorum shall be five members, one of whom shall be an Officer.
- g The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee to fill vacancies between Annual General Meetings. Those co-opted shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

h No person who has been a member for less than three years may be elected onto the Committee. The Committee may at their discretion, co-opt a Member with less than three years membership for a specific purpose, but who must stand down by the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

i An elected member of the Committee who fails to attend at more than two successive meetings of the Committee, and does not notify the Secretary of his inability to attend, shall cease to be a member of the Committee.

j The Honorary Secretary, with the Chairman's consent, shall have the power to call a Committee Meeting at no less than seven days notice.

k The minutes of the last Committee Meeting shall be read and passed, if correct, at the next Committee Meeting.

l The offering of prizes, cups at any show shall be decided by the Committee who shall satisfy themselves as to the classification and generally decide on all matters connected with the show.

m All Sub-Committees shall report to the General Committee and shall have a minimum of three general Committee Members (other than the Judges Sub-Committee).

n The Judges Sub-Committee shall include all those members of the Association who have been approved by the Kennel Club to Award Challenge Certificates to Bedlington Terriers and appear on the Bedlington Terrier Association Judges List and who are willing to serve and are not members of any other Bedlington Terrier Club Judges Sub-Committee. The function of the Judges Sub-Committee is to consider and advise on the suitability and availability of persons to judge Bedlington Terriers at Bedlington Terrier Association Open and Championship shows and other shows. The Sub-Committee shall consider and advise on the Bedlington Terrier Association Judges Lists and consider names put forward by the Kennel Club. The Judges Sub-Committee will consider personal applications for inclusion on the Judges Lists.

o Committee Standing Orders are attached as an appendix to this constitution and are there for the guidance of the Committee and Members at all meetings.

4 Membership list

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 Association. A declaration of the numbers of Members of the Association must be made with the Annual Returns. (K. C.)

a The membership list shall be published by the Association each year. Addresses shall be withheld on receipt of a written request.

b Members are protected by the Data Protection Act 1998 and are assured that any data held will only be used for the purposes of the Association and not sold or given to any commercial body.

5 Voting Rights

a Each Member shall be entitled to one vote immediately on acceptance of membership.

b Joint Members shall have one vote each.

c The Patron, Honorary Members, Junior and Overseas Members do not have a vote.

d Junior Members are under the age of 18 on 1st January

e Postal ballots shall be allowed for the election of Officers and Committee Members only.

f. Proxy votes not allowed.

6 Club Property

a The property of the club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Association ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Association's assets and the outcome notified to the Kennel Club.

7 Club Account

a A bank account shall be held in the name of the Association, into which all revenues of the Association shall be paid. Withdrawals shall only be made on the signatures of two of the following, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, or one Officer or Committee Member.

b All payments over £50 shall be paid by cheque or if appropriate by Direct Debit.

c The Committee may authorise the holding of an account in connection with a special activity carried out under the control of the Committee and operated by a named person. Such accounts shall be supervised by the Honorary Treasurer, who shall ensure that such accounts are certified annually, and presented with the Annual Report to Members at the Annual General Meeting.

d All expenses incurred by the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for and on behalf of the Association shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Association.

8 Subscriptions

a Membership shall be by annual subscription.

b The membership year shall run from 1 January to 31 December annually.

c No Member whose subscription is unpaid by 28th February is entitled to any prize, vote or other privilege of membership and if he fails to pay his subscription by the 28th February, his name shall be automatically erased from the register.

d The annual subscription shall be discussed and set at the Annual General Meeting.

e Two Members of a partnership or bona fide members of the same family are eligible for Joint Membership.

f Overseas Members are required to pay membership fees in Sterling.

9 Expulsion of Members

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42.j(5) and any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42.j(9) shall ipso facto, cease to be member of the Association for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Association, the Committee of the Association 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 Association shall 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 he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Association 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 Association expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, trials or competitions the Association, must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required. (K.C.)

10 Financial Year/Annual General Meeting

The financial year of the Association shall be from 1 January until 31 December.

11 Annual General Meeting

a The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 1st June, at a venue determined by the Committee. The Committee shall publish in the Spring edition of the Bulletin, the date for receipt of nominations, proposals for rule changes, any other proposals and the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.

b An Official Notice of the Annual General Meetings shall be sent to Members at least four weeks before the Annual General Meeting. That notice will include the Agenda, the Treasurers Report, the Balance Sheet and postal ballot papers as required.

c The Annual General Meeting shall read/pass the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and receive the reports of the Committee and a balance sheet, decide on payments towards expenses, receive the results of ballots for Officers and Committee, shall elect judges for the Associations shows, and

discuss any resolution placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary.

d The President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Committee shall be elected by a postal ballot of Members of the Association.

e Nominations for Officers and Committee shall be proposed and seconded and accompanied by a letter of acceptance by the nominee and must be sent to the Honorary Secretary by 28th February.

f Members shall receive postal Ballot papers for the election of Association Officers and Committee, when necessary and curriculum vitae as provided by the nominees, at least four weeks before the Annual General Meeting

g No business shall be conducted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, except those which, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting, are urgent.

h The independent scrutineer for the postal ballot shall be the Association's Auditor or the Kennel Club.

i The Rules of the Association may not be altered except at a General Meeting.

j The Committee shall have the power to make Regulations and Bye laws in accordance with these Rules. The Committee has no power to rescind, alter or ignore these Rules.

k Alteration of Rules approved by the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting shall not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration. (K.C.)

l New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately. (K.C.)

12 Special General Meetings

a A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if forty Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The Special General Meeting shall be called within four weeks of the Secretary receiving the request.

b The Committee is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting and shall give four weeks notice.

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

d Notice of such a Meeting shall be by letter to all Members.

13 Annual Returns to the Kennel Club

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, the Maintenance of title fee will be forwarded to Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registrations and Maintenance of Titles 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 Association which may occur during the course of the year. (K.C.)

14 Kennel Club Final Authority

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules of the Association in all cases relative to canine or association matters. (K.C.)

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a The Association shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs.

16 Disqualification from office

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

17 Breed Society Judges Lists

a A list of approved Judges must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Association's Annual Returns.

b The Bedlington Terrier Association's Judges Lists will be compiled by the Judges Sub-Committee and presented to the Committee and Annual General meeting for ratification.

c The purpose of Bedlington Terrier Association Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons it would support at differing levels of judging.

d Consideration of persons for inclusion on the Bedlington Terrier Association Judges Lists shall be by personal recommendations from Members of the Association or by personal letter from an applicant and completion of the Bedlington Terrier Association application form.

e Membership of the Association is not a prerequisite for inclusion on the lists.

f The Bedlington Terrier Association's Judges Lists list shall be in five parts, namely A1, A2, A3, B and C

g The minimum judging experience for inclusion on the lists shall be as follows plus the agreement to **write a critique and submit it for publication to the Canine press and the Bedlington Terrier Association Bulletin.**

A1 list Persons who have previously been approved to award CC's to Bedlington Terriers by the Kennel Club, have carried out the appointment and have the support of the Bedlington Terrier Association (*K.C.*)

A2 list Persons who, fulfil the requirements for the A3 list, have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements, have the support of the Bedlington Terrier Association and, if invited to judge by a Society would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award CC's in Bedlingtons for that occasion.

A3 list **Breed Specialist.**

1. To have a **minimum of 7 years experience** judging Bedlington Terriers and have the support of the Bedlington Terrier Association.
2. To have judged at **1 Bedlington Terrier Association Club Show or 1 Championship show without CC's**
3. To have judged Bedlingtons at **5 Open Shows.**
4. To have judged a **minimum of 30 classes of Bedlington Terriers**
5. To have judged a **minimum of 60 dogs**
6. To have bred and or owned a **minimum of 3 Bedlington Terriers** when they obtained their first entry into the **Kennel Club Stud Book.** (Save in exceptional circumstances)
7. To have attended at least **one Bedlington Terrier specific seminar** run in accordance with the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice.
8. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and have passed the relevant examination on **Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures.**
9. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on **Conformation and Movement.**
10. To Have attended a **Conformation and Movement "Hands on Assessment"** conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and **passed the assessment.**
11. To have **stewarded over a minimum of 12 days** at shows.
12. To have been actively involved in **breeding/exhibiting Bedlington Terriers** for a minimum of 10 years.

A3 list **Non Specialist**

1. To have a **minimum of 7 years judging experience in any breed (to include 5 years judging Bedlington Terriers)** and have the support of the Bedlington Terrier Association.
2. To have judged at **1 Bedlington Association Club Show or 1 Championship show without CCs.**
3. To have judged Bedlingtons at **5 Open Shows.**
4. To have judged a **minimum of 40 classes of Bedlington Terriers**
5. To have judged a **minimum of 80 dogs**
6. To have awarded **CC's in at least one other breed**
7. To have attended at least **one Bedlington Terrier specific seminar** run in accordance with the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice **and have passed an examination and /or assessment where applicable.**
8. To have **stewarded over a minimum of 12 days** at shows.
9. To have **bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs of any breed** when they obtained their first entry into the **Kennel Club Stud Book.** (save in exceptional circumstances)

B list For judges who have been approved by the BTA to judge at shows without CC' s or Open Shows and be suitable to judge at least four classes of Bedlingtons Terriers

Breed Specialist

1. To **have 7 years experience owning and exhibiting Bedlington Terriers** and have the support of the Bedlington Terrier Association Committee.
2. To have judged **12 classes of Bedlingtons at Open Shows or Championship Shows without CCs.**
3. To have **judged 24 Bedlington Terriers.**
4. To have attended **1 Bedlington Terrier judging seminar and passed an assessment.**

Non Specialist

1. To have a minimum of **7 years judging experience in any one breed, 3 years in Bedlington Terriers**, and to have the support of the Bedlington Terrier Association.
2. To have judged **16 classes of Bedlington Terriers at Open Shows or Championship Shows without CCs.**
3. To have judged **32 Bedlington Terriers.**
4. T have **attended 1 Bedlington Terrier judging seminar and passed an assessment.**
5. To have attended Bedlington Association Shows would be considered an asset

C list Aspirant Judges who have shown an interest in the breed, have attended Bedlington Terrier Association Shows and have the support of the Bedlington Terrier Association.

Dated 6th October 2007

Notes

Association has replaced Society where it appears in Kennel Club requirements.

Association: - A body of people organised for a joint purpose.