



HUMBERSIDE CAT CLUB

Rules

Amended April 2013

1. The Club shall be called The Humberside Cat Club and shall be affiliated to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy.

2. The Objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) to promote the welfare of all cats;
- (b) to help in all aspects of breeding and showing of pedigree cats and the showing of non-pedigree cats;
- (c) to encourage the responsible ownership of all cats.

3. Membership

(a) Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Hon. Membership Secretary and may be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Committee.

(b) Members shall pay an annual subscription. Special subscription rates shall apply to Joint Members (any two members living at the same address), Junior Members (under sixteen years) and Senior Citizens.

(c) The application for membership and the payment of the annual subscription fee shall be considered as implying acquiescence in all the rules of the Club and in the rules and Bye-Laws of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. Members of the Club shall agree to abide by all disciplinary actions of the Council. Any member suspended under article 12 of the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and wishing to rejoin after expiration of the suspension must first be accepted by the Committee.

(d) It is the member's responsibility to inform the Hon. Membership Secretary of any change of their address or any other details on the application form.

(e) The amounts of annual subscriptions shall be reviewed by the Committee each year before the AGM and any suggestions to change them shall be voted on by the Members at the AGM. Changes approved at the AGM shall come into force on the following January 1st.

(f) The annual subscriptions shall be renewable on 1st January each year. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is not renewed within four calendar months of the renewal date. Life membership shall be suspended if the address is not known for two years.

(g) Members resigning for any reason whatsoever shall renounce all claims to the property and facilities of the Club.

(h) A copy of these rules shall be given to every member on joining the Club.

4. Committee

(a) The Club shall be managed by the Officers (comprising Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer) and the Committee.

(b) A committee of eleven members including the Officers shall be elected at the AGM by the Members. Any member elected to the Committee agrees to serve on not more than two other Cat Club committees. The Committee Members shall serve for two years then retire. Retiring Committee Members may stand for re-election. The Chairperson and Officers shall each serve for two years and be elected from the Committee by the Committee Members at the AGM. The Chairperson and Hon. Secretary shall retire on alternate years to the Vice-Chairperson and Hon. Treasurer. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually by the Members at the AGM. The GCCF Delegates shall serve for one year and be elected annually by the Members at the AGM.

(c) The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Committee, read over the minutes of previous meetings preserve all documents and copies of official correspondence, and write and reply to all communications on behalf of the Club. At the expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall deliver up to his/her successor all books, documents and property in his/her custody belonging to the club.

(d) The funds of the Club shall be administered by the Honorary Treasurer. The funds shall be deposited in a bank or special investment account in the name of Humberside Cat Club by the Hon. Treasurer or other persons authorised by the Committee. Signatories shall be two out of three Officers or named people one of which shall be the Hon. Treasurer. Every receipt given on behalf of the Club shall be on an official form signed by the Hon. Treasurer. All reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Club shall be defrayed out of the Club funds. The Hon. Treasurer shall be authorised to loan, donate, or otherwise allocate specific sums to the treasurers of sub-committees, subject to prior authorisation by the Committee. At the expiration of his/her term of office he/she shall deliver up to his/her successor all books, documents and property in his/her custody belonging to the Club.

(e) The accounts of the Club shall be examined annually by an independent person who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The Hon. Treasurer shall compile a report showing the result of the examination and any necessary information as to the financial position of the Club, which shall be read at the AGM.

(f) The property and management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, who shall have the power to administer all aspects of the Club and to propose or amend rules, subject to the approval of a General Meeting.

5. Annual General Meeting

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year before the end of April, for the receiving of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year and for the transaction of such business as may be stated on the agenda accompanying the notice of the Meeting.

(b) Nominations for Committee, rule changes and any other items for the Agenda shall be received in writing by the Hon. Secretary from either committee members or ordinary members no later than the date indicated on the notification of the AGM which shall be not less than six weeks prior to the AGM. All nominations for committee shall include the signatures of the proposer, the seconder and the nominee and all shall be fully paid up members of the Club. Rule changes and agenda items may be proposed without a seconder by any paid up member of the Humberside Cat Club. Notification of the AGM date will be published on the GCCF official website and on the club website. Any member requiring a paper copy by post must contact the Honorary Secretary before the 1st January of that year.

(c) The Hon. Secretary shall ensure that at least 14 days notice of the meeting, together with an agenda and lists of both retiring committee members and of all nominees standing for

election to the committee, are published on the club's internet site. Any proposed changes to the rules to be published no less than 4 weeks prior to the AGM. Any paid up member who wants this information sent on paper by mail should contact the Honorary Secretary by the 1st January each year.

(d) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be a quorate committee (5 members including officers) plus 2 general members. If any General Meeting is inquorate, it shall be adjourned until a further meeting, to be held within two months, notice of this meeting to be published on the club's internet site promptly and on the GCCF official website. Also notification by post to attendees at the inquorate meeting and committee members. No quorum shall apply to the adjourned meeting.

(e) The minutes of the General and Committee Meetings shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. A report shall be drawn up annually by the Hon. Secretary relating to the business of the Club and shall be presented to the AGM.

(f) Only fully paid-up members shall be eligible to vote at the AGM, but Junior Members shall not be eligible to vote. All voting shall be in person there will not be proxy or postal ballots.

(g) Additions to or alterations of Club rules must have a two-thirds majority of members present and voting. All other matters shall be decided by a simple majority vote.

(h) Nominations for Committee may be accepted or rejected by members at the AGM. Members of the Committee shall be elected by a majority vote by members. Committee members have the right to vote.

(i) Immediately after the counting of the votes the new Committee will adjourn to elect the Officers and this will also be announced before the close of the AGM. So far as is possible, the Officers should have previous service on the Committee. In the event of an Officer not completing his/her term of office, the Committee may appoint a replacement.

6. Committee Meetings

(a) The quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be five members including at least one of the four Officers. In the Chairperson's absence the Vice Chairperson shall take the chair. In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson the Committee shall elect an acting Chairperson for the ensuing meeting.

(b) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than two additional members for any specific purpose or to fill a vacancy caused by the retirement of a committee member before the end of his/her term of office. Such members shall relinquish office at the next AGM following their co-option.

(c) The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees or working parties to advise on particular matters or to execute specific activities on behalf of the Club. At least one of the four Officers of the Club shall sit on any sub-committee or working party.

(d) The Committee shall have the right to discuss in camera the activities of members where these may be related to the interests of the Club.

(e) Committee members should divulge vested interests in any matter under discussion in Committee.

(f) Decisions of the Committee shall be by majority vote of members present and voting. (But see Rule 8a). In the event of an equal vote of committee members present and voting the Chairperson shall have the casting vote in addition to a personal vote.

(g) No committee member shall be entitled to vote in absentia.

(h) Any committee member being absent from three consecutive committee meetings failing to provide an explanation acceptable to the Committee shall relinquish his/her place on the Committee.

7. Special Meetings

(a) A Special General Meeting shall be held at any time at the direction of the Committee or on receipt by the Hon. Secretary of a request stating the exact business for which the meeting shall be required, signed by at least fifteen fully paid-up members and accompanied by the sum of £60. This sum shall be refundable at the absolute discretion of the Special General Meeting. The Hon. Secretary shall give at least fourteen days notice of a Special General

Meeting in writing to all members specifying the business to be discussed. No business other than that specified in the notice shall be brought before the Special General Meeting.

8. General

(a) Any member of the Club who violates the rules of the Club or who shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to have in any way misconducted himself or herself in regard to cats, cat shows or other members of the Club or to have acted in any way in opposition to the rules of the Club shall be requested to resign from the Club, provided that:-

(1) The member shall first have had the opportunity to state his/her case to the Committee either in person or in writing.

(2) A resolution requesting the resignation of such a member has been passed by a two-thirds majority of the Committee.

(b) No member of the Club shall sell any kitten(s) or cat(s) to, or pass into the keeping of, the proprietor of a pet shop or store for sale, resale or display by him/her. Nothing in this rule shall prevent a member from selling any kitten(s) or cat(s) direct to a purchaser introduced by the proprietor of a pet shop or store or from paying him/her a commission for such introduction so long as any kitten(s) or cat (s) so sold is/are not taken on to the premises of the pet shop or store proprietor.

(c) Members have the right to request the removal of their own details from any computer record file operated by the Club.

(d) It is the policy of the Club that breeding prefix applications will not be countersigned by the Secretary until the applicant has been a member of the Club for 12 months.

9. Dissolution of the Club

Any proposal to dissolve the Club shall be considered only at a Special General Meeting, and shall be accepted only upon a vote of assent from two-thirds of the members present and voting. If such a resolution shall be passed, then the assets of the Club shall be dissolved as follows:

(1) Cups and trophies, if any, be returned where possible to the donors or their next of kin.

A notice to this effect shall be placed on the official website of the G.C.C.F. and a period of six weeks shall be allowed following publication for the claiming of cups and trophies.

Thereafter any remaining cups and trophies shall be added to the Club's general property for disposal.

(2) All remaining goods and property of the Club shall be sold and the proceeds paid into the account of the Club.

(3) The liabilities of the Club shall be discharged.

(4) The balance of funds if any shall be divided equally among all those who are fully paid-up members at the time of the Special General Meeting after which the Committee shall have no further liability or responsibility towards any member of the Club.

These Rules were updated by Miss H Collings, Hon. Secretary, Humberside Cat Club following agreement to replace references to 'Our Cats' with details of the GCCF official website at the 2013 Annual General Meeting