



Rules/Constitution

1. NAME

The Society shall be called The Central and Southern German Shorthaired Pointer Society.

2. OBJECTS

To promote and encourage high standards of breeding and improvement of German Shorthaired Pointers in accordance with the Kennel Club Breed Standard maintaining health, temperament, conformation and working ability.

To encourage the showing, working and training of German Shorthaired Pointers under the rules and regulations of the Kennel Club.

To help form and encourage friendship amongst people with a common interest in the Breed.

To be run for the benefit and further education of its members, including Breed Specific Seminars.

To support research that may promote the future health of the breed and encourage members to use the KC/BVA schemes relevant to the Breed.

To encourage sportsmanlike behaviour.

3. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The day-to-day management of the Society shall be the responsibility of the following:

A President (non voting), who shall be elected every 5 years, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and a committee of upto 12, of whom 3 shall retire annually on a 3 year rotation and who shall reside in the area of operation, and have a full vote. Five members of the committee including two officers shall form a quorum. The Chairman shall have a casting vote when necessary. The Secretary, Treasurer and three committee members shall retire annually, but on signifying their agreement, be eligible for re-election. At the first meeting after the AGM the Committee shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year, by secret ballot if necessary. If at any time the Committee should drop below the required number, it has the power to co-opt members, who shall stand until the next AGM.

Committee business is private and should not be discussed with third parties.

No member shall be considered as an Officer or Committee Member if he/she serves on any other German Shorthaired Pointer Breed Club.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees.

Nominations for Officers and Committee, duly proposed and seconded, and with the written consent of the Nominee, shall be in the hands of the secretary not later than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting.

Nominees for Officers and Committee must have been fully paid up members of the Society for one year prior to the closing of nominations.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The Society has four types of membership: Joint, Single, Junior (up to age 16 inclusive) and Family Membership (to include a maximum of 2 Adults and 2 children up to and including 16 years of age). The Committee reserve the right to refuse membership applications. The Society has a limited number of Life Memberships subject to approval by the Committee.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

Memberships are due on 1st April each year. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if any member shall fail to pay the annual subscription by 1st June in each year his/her name shall automatically be erased from the register. If members are asked to resign, acceptance back as a member shall depend upon the discretion of the Committee.

6. LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

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 Society. A declaration of the number of members of the Society must be made with Annual Returns.

7. VOTING RIGHTS

Each Member shall be entitled to one vote after one month's membership. Voting shall be by a show of hands and decided by a simple majority unless a secret ballot is necessary for officers and committee members. One vote for each member of a partnership present at the AGM.

8. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

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

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society 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 Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. 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.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the member of 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 Society 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.

If the Society expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Society must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

9. SOCIETY PROPERTY

The property of the Society shall be vested in the committee and in the event of the Society ceasing to exist, a general meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of any assets, and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

10. SOCIETY ACCOUNTS

A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Society, into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid, and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signature of two signatories, one of which is an Officer. The Bank will hold authorisation of three signatories determined by the Committee one of whom is the Hon. Treasurer, any two signatories can authorise payment by cheque or transfers.

The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the accounts. One qualified Accountant, or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience, who shall not be members of the society, shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting to certify the Society's accounts. The accounts shall be certified before the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep a record of all monies received and paid by the Society. The accounts shall be certified and tally. A statement of accounts shall be available for inspection by all Society members, by request to the Treasurer or Secretary, fourteen days prior to the AGM no less than fourteen days prior to the AGM.

11. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st April to 31st March. The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than July each year.

12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To receive the Chairman's Report

To receive the Treasurer's Report

To present the Annual Accounts

To elect Officers and Committee Members

To set subscriptions

To elect an auditor/s

To discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda, of which 28 days prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary.

No business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting unless notice there of appears on the agenda. Only urgent business, approved by the Chairman may be discussed.

Notice of the Meeting will be in the canine press, and on the Society's website. Not less than 6 weeks notice should be given to members.

Items for inclusion on the Agenda must be in the Hon. Secretary's possession 28 days prior to the meeting.

A copy of the Agenda will be circulated at the meeting and posted on the Society's website 14 days before the meeting.

13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 20 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 the matter on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

Notification of a Special General Meeting shall be by advertisement in the Dog Press and the Society Website a minimum of twenty-eight days notice of time and place of meeting shall be given.

14. AMENDMENT TO RULES

The Rules of the Society may not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting. Proposed Rule changes must be sent in writing to the Hon Secretary of the Society and shall be signed by two Members of the Society. Any proposed alteration to the rules may not be brought into effect until The Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations. New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

15. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUBThe 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 continuance of Registration, and that by 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 and Municipal Authorities, shall be forwarded to The Kennel Club. The officers also acknowledge their duty to inform The Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Society, which may occur during the course of the year.

16. THE KENNEL CLUB FINAL AUTHORITY

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules of the Society in all cases relative to canine or Society matters.

17. FEDERATIONS

The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs

18. INSURANCE

The Society shall have Public Liability Insurance to cover all activities organised by the Society

19. JUDGES LISTS

The Society Committee shall produce the Judges Lists annually which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Society's Annual returns.

The Society shall maintain an approved list of judges in the format required by the Kennel Club and according to criteria determined by the Committee incorporating mandatory Kennel Club policy. Any changes to the criteria will be published to members of the Society, to new members and to others who request them.