

KVGTS RULES & REGULATIONS

Version February 2025 as approved by Members at AGM 10TH February 2024, amendments having been given prior approval by the Kennel Club 11th February 2025.

1. NAME & OBJECTIVES. The Society shall be called THE KENNET VALLEY GUNDOG TRAINING SOCIETY and its objective shall be to foster the working ability of Gundogs by holding training classes and working tests.

2. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE. The Society shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, an unlimited number of members from whom a Committee of not more than twelve (12) members shall be elected, to include a Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Working Test Secretary (ex officio).

3. COMMITTEE. The management of the Society shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Society and a Committee who shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Members wishing to make any other nominations for the Committee shall forward the name in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting together with an endorsement by the candidate that he/she is willing to serve if elected. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as is deemed necessary but at least every 12 months. A quorum for Committee meetings shall be 5. If any Committee member fails to attend three consecutive Committee meetings without good cause, that person may be deemed to have resigned. In such circumstances, should the Committee member be an elected Officer the Committee shall have the power to co-opt an interim Officer to act until formal election at the next AGM.

In the event that a Committee member wishes to attend a Committee meeting but, for exceptional and valid reasons, is unable to attend in person, then subject that the face-to-face meeting is quorate, that Committee member may participate in the meeting by means of Zoom if facilities allow.

4. VOTING RIGHTS. Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership, excepting Junior members (under 18) and Honorary members. Voting shall be as decided by majority at meeting.

5. SOCIETY PROPERTY. The property of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Society ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Society's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club

6. SOCIETY ACCOUNT. A Bank Account shall be maintained 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 signatures of any two of the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary or the Working Test Secretary, only three of which shall be registered with the bank at any one time. The accounts shall be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting. Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or by two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience, independent of the committee. The certified accounts will be made available on request to members fourteen days prior to the AGM.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS. The annual subscription shall be agreed at the AGM. Subscription is due on 5 January each year payable by Standing Order or by cheque. Members failing to renew their subscription by 1 March or at the Annual General Meeting whichever is the earlier will cease to be members of the Society. Subscriptions received from members joining after 1 October will be valid up to 31 December of the following year. No member whose subscription is in arrears may participate in activities of the Society or vote at meetings. Joint membership is not permitted. Honorary Membership may be bestowed at the discretion of the Committee in recognition of an individual's contribution to and on-going support of the Society.

8. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS. (i) Any member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(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 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 explanation. If at the Meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two third majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of Members and he/she 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 condition that The Kennel Club may impose. (iii) 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.

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9. FINANCIAL YEAR/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The financial year of the Society shall be from 1 January to 31 December. The Annual General Meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the end of the Society Training year.

10. GENERAL MEETINGS To receive a report of the Committee and Balance Sheet and discuss any business on the Agenda, notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be forwarded to all members no less than three weeks beforehand. Members wishing to have any items included on the Agenda must put request in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least two weeks before the Annual General Meeting. The agenda will be circulated at the Meeting. A quorum for general meetings shall be 5.

11. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS A Special General Meeting shall be convened by a written request to the Honorary Secretary signed by at least ten members and stating in detail the matter for discussion. The Committee 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. The Members will be notified of the meeting by post. A quorum for special general meetings shall be 5.

12. AMENDMENTS TO RULES The Rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the Rules. Such alterations shall not be brought into force 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 and be included in the Society's Constitution with effect from the Society's annual meeting. 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 which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent.

13. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Honorary Secretary for the continuance of Registration and that by 31 July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club regulations or 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. Officers acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Honorary Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

14. KENNEL CLUB FINAL COURT OF APPEAL The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules of the society in all cases relative to canine or society matters.

15. The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

16. A list of members names and their addresses shall be maintained by the Societies Membership Secretary and the list of names shall be made available for inspection, via the Honorary Secretary, if requested by members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.

17. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office.