

BOMBAY & ASIAN CATS BREED CLUB

THE RULES

Amended 2023

1. NAME

The Club shall be called "Bombay & Asian Cats Breed Club", hereinafter referred to in these rules as the Club.

2. AIMS

- a) To promote the welfare of all cats.
- b) To serve the interests of all Asian cats, especially Self and related Burmese Colour Restriction cats.
- c) To further the correct breeding and care of above cats.
- d) To disseminate information on the development of the above cats and generally to guide breeders, judges, exhibitors and pet owners.
- e) To promote the above cats to the general public.
- f) To represent the interest of Club members at the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and at the relevant Breed Advisory Committee.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

- a) The Club shall agree to be bound by the constitution of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. Membership provides that the Council shall have disciplinary powers in relation to members of the Club
- b) Any member (including long term and Honorary members) suspended under article 12 of the constitution of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and wishing to rejoin after expiration of the period of suspension must apply to the committee of the Club for re-election.
- c) Delegates shall be eligible for re-election. In the event of resignation or death, the committee shall have the power to appoint a replacement.

4. MEMBERSHIP, PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES OF THE CLUB

- a) The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of annual, honorary and long term members. Junior members shall not be more than 16 years of age.
- b) Applications for membership shall be in writing and shall be signed by the applicant and countersigned by two existing members of the Club, or failing that by a Veterinary Surgeon.
- c) The Committee has the right to refuse membership applications and is not required to supply an explanation.
- d) Long term membership - 10 years membership – is available to adult members who pay the appropriate subscription.
- e) Honorary membership may be granted at the discretion of the Committee, these members have no voting rights.
Junior members shall enjoy all the rights and benefits of membership, except that they shall have no vote, or be eligible for election to the Committee or Office.
- f) Life membership will be at the discretion of the committee and subject to an appropriate payment.
- g) Membership of the Club shall imply acceptance of the rules and aims of the Club.
- h) Every fully paid up member shall have the right to:-
 - ☐ Attend and vote at any Annual or Special General Meeting.
 - ☐ Raise any matter in connection with the Club and its management.
 - ☐ Propose and second other persons as candidates for membership.
 - ☐ Propose and second motions.
- Stand for election to the Committee. i) Every member shall try to promote the aims of the Club. Any member shall bring to the notice of the Committee all matters contrary to those aims, of which he or she becomes aware.
- j) If a member wishes to resign from the Club then he/she will forfeit any rights and claims upon the property of the Club
- k) The Committee shall have the power to refuse to renew membership and to suspend or expel any member violating the Rules of the Club or whose conduct in the opinion of the Committee has been prejudicial to the welfare, breeding or exhibiting of cats, or is injurious to the character, reputation or interest of the Club. The member shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting, where a majority vote of those present will be necessary to confirm the Committee's decision.

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5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The Club subscriptions and other fees shall be decided by the Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) Annual subscriptions are payable on 1st January each year. People joining after 30th September shall be deemed to have paid their subscriptions for the following year.
- c) Membership shall lapse after a reminder has been given if the subscription has not been paid within 3 months of the renewal date.

6. MEETINGS

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31st July each year.
- b) Notice of the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be circulated to all members no later than 42 days before the date of the meeting, together with a request for items for the agenda, nominations proposing and seconding persons for elections as Officers or Committee members; together with the written acceptance of the nominee. These should reach the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting.
- c) The Agenda of the meeting, together with any relevant papers, shall be circulated to all paid up members no later than 14 days before the meeting. Copies of the statement of accounts which have been examined and signed by a suitable independent person for the preceding year ending 31st December shall be made available at the Annual General Meeting or despatched by post on receipt of a written request together with a s.a.e.
- d) A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the Committee thinks it expedient, or by demand whenever 12 individual Club members, in writing with a surety of £10 per member, delivered to the Honorary Secretary, (this money will be used towards the cost of holding the meeting).
- e) The demand shall specify in writing the exact business for which the Special General Meeting is requested, no other business shall be on the agenda.
- f) Not less than 21 days notice of any Special General Meeting shall be given.
- g) At all General Meetings of the Club, any member present and entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion, in the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson, (or if absent the Vice Chairperson) shall have the casting vote. If both are absent a deputy, agreed by the meeting, shall have the casting vote. Postal votes will be accepted concerning motions on major rule changes, votes on Committee members, and any other matters for which the Committee deems it appropriate. Voting by proxy shall not be permissible.
- h) The quorum for any General Meeting shall be a minimum of 4 fully paid up members and at least two more than the number of Officers and Committee members present at the meeting.
- i) The Committee shall meet no fewer than 4 times a year and at any such meeting the quorum shall be 4 to include one Officer. Notice of each Committee meeting and its agenda shall be sent to each member at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- j) Any amendment to the rules of the Club may only be made at an Annual General Meeting and must appear in full on the agenda for that meeting. Postal votes shall be accepted and two thirds of those voting shall carry the vote.

7. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- a) The Officers of the Club shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The business of the Club shall be conducted on behalf of the Club by a Committee of at least 10, consisting of 4 Officers and a minimum of 6 Committee members. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the Committee may elect a deputy for that meeting only.
- b) The Club may have a President and Vice President, who shall be elected for 3 years at an Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. The President and Vice President may attend meetings in a non-voting capacity.
- c) The Chairperson shall be elected by the members and serve for a period of 3 years and shall be eligible for immediate re-election for one further term of office. Committee members shall normally serve for 3 years and shall be eligible for re-election.

- d) The Vice Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the Committee at the first Committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting, and shall serve for a 3 year period and be eligible for re-election.
- e) In the event of more than one nomination being received for any vacancy, voting shall be by postal ballot. Voting papers shall be sent to all fully paid up Club members, who shall each have one vote and the papers shall be returned not less than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting to an independent scrutineer named thereon. The scrutineer shall be appointed by the Committee and shall not be a member of the Club. Persons nominated for the Committee are required to be fully paid up members for a year prior to nomination. All nominations must be proposed and seconded by members of the Club who have been adult members for at least one year. Brief Biographical details of each candidate shall be circulated with voting papers at that time.
- f) The Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it thinks necessary, these shall be either standing sub-committees or temporary sub-committees, these sub-committee delegates may be invited to attend Committee meetings at which relevant matters are being discussed. There will be a maximum of 3 co-opted members on the Committee at any one time. These members will be co-opted for their specific skills or to ensure the required number of Committee members is maintained. They will serve until the next Annual General Meeting, and then must stand for election to the Committee. They may be co-opted again if not elected. Co-opted members are entitled to vote at Committee meetings.
- g) The Honorary Secretary shall act under the discretion of the Committee and shall, in consultation with the Chairperson, be responsible between meetings for the conduct of the Club's business.
- h) The Honorary Treasurer shall take charge of all funds and of all receipts of the Club, pay all demands under the authority of the Committee, and shall render a full account at each Annual General Meeting, and whenever required to do so by resolution of the Committee, by a suitable independent person as required by the GCCF constitution.
- i) If any member of the Committee misses 3 consecutive meetings of the Committee, without valid reason, which is acceptable to the Committee, it will be deemed that that person has resigned from the Committee.

8. FINANCE

- a) The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st December each year, to which date the accounts of the Club shall be balanced by a suitable independent person. This person will be proposed and elected by members at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The signatures of any two of three named officers or Committee members shall authorise payments of the funds of the Club.

9. TROPHIES

- a) Trophies shall only be presented to members at the annual show who are fully paid up at the time of presentation.

10. SURRENDER OF BOOKS AND RECORDS

- a) All Officers or members of the Club, who under these rules or in pursuance of these rules, have in their possession any books, documents, records, property, monies or trophies belonging to the Club, shall on request surrender them to the Committee.

11. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- a) Twenty eight days notice of any proposal to wind up the Club shall be given in writing, and a Special General Meeting shall be called to consider the question. If the motion to dissolve the Club is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those voting, the Club's liabilities shall be discharged and any balance of funds shall be divided equally among fully paid up members. Postal votes of fully paid up voting members will be accepted and overseen by an independent scrutineer. The scrutineer shall be appointed by the Committee. be divided equally among fully paid up members. Postal votes of fully paid up voting members will be accepted and overseen by an independent scrutineer. The scrutineer shall be appointed by the Committee.