

THE BULL TERRIER CLUB (UK) WELFARE TRUST CONSTITUTION

The Name of the Trust

1. The Trust shall be named The Bull Terrier Club (UK) Welfare Trust.

The Object of the Trust

2. The object of the Trust shall be to relieve the suffering and distress of Bull Terriers. To give care and protection to Bull Terriers which are in need by reason of sickness, maltreatment or poor circumstances.

In furtherance of the above object but not further or otherwise the Trust may:

- a. Accept gifts; raise funds provided that no trading of a permanent nature shall be undertaken for this purpose.
- b. Rehome dogs within their care and to provide where necessary and pay for temporary kennelling.
- c. Provide authorised veterinary treatment.
- d. To do all such other things including holding property as may be deemed necessary for the attainment of the Trust.

The Trustees

3. There shall be a Secretary of the Trust, a Treasurer of the Trust and four Trustees at least one of whom shall not be a member of The Bull Terrier Committee, collectively known as the Managing Trustees appointed by the Committee of The Bull Terrier Club, of whom one shall be appointed Chairman annually by the Managing Trustees in Committee. Three shall form a quorum. The Chairman or person presiding at any meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to their own vote. There is no requirement for a person appointed as a Managing Trustee to be a member of any Bull Terrier Club. The term of office for a trustee shall be three years. One trustee shall retire annually.

Membership

4. United Kingdom Membership of The Bull Terrier Club shall be synonymous with membership of the Trust and the members of one shall automatically become members of the other.

Annual General Meetings

5. There shall be a General Meeting held annually at the same place and immediate later the Annual General Meeting of the Bull Terrier Club. The notice for this meeting shall be published in 'Dog World' and 'Our Dogs' weekly journals at least eight weeks before the date of the meeting. Ten persons shall form a quorum. At such an Annual General Meeting the business shall include:

The receiving of the annual report of the Managing Committee.

To receive the annual audited statement of accounts.

To confirm the appointment by The Bull Terrier Committee of their nomination for the Secretary of the Trust, Treasurer of the Trust and Trustee(s) for the ensuing year.

To appoint the auditors for the ensuing year.

Whenever necessary of voting on a proposal to amend this constitution in accordance with Clause 10.

Vacancies

6. The Bull Terrier Club Committee shall have the right to fill any vacancy by co-option until the next Annual General Meeting.

Special General Meeting

7. A Special General Meeting of the Membership of the Trust may be called following a vote of the Managing Committee and approval from the Committee of The Bull Terrier Club or upon requisition in writing signed by 50 Members of the Trust and specifying the business for which such a meeting is required, summon a Special General Meeting of the Trust. The Secretary of the Trust shall within six weeks of receipt of the request for a Special General Meeting shall call such a meeting and issue a notice of the meeting and an agenda which shall be sent to all paid up members at least 14 days before the date of the meeting which must be held within three months of the original request.

Policies

8. The day-to-day administration of the Trust shall be in accordance with the policies of the Managing Trustees who shall report at intervals to the Committee of The Bull Terrier Club.

Finance

9.
 - a. The financial year of the trust shall run concurrently with that of The Bull Terrier Club.
 - b. The income and property of the Trust wheresoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the object of the Trust as set out in Clause 2.
 - c. The monies of the Trust shall be held in bank accounts in the name of the Trust and administered by the Treasurer of the Trust.
 - d. All cheques shall bear two signatures of the Managing Trustees.
 - e. At the end of each financial year the accounts shall be audited by a suitably qualified auditor who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
 - f. An audited statement of accounts for the previous financial year shall be submitted by the Managing Trustees to the Annual General Meeting.

Amendments to the Constitution

10. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Members present at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting provided that the necessary notice has been given for the calling of such a meeting. An agenda stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed there at, shall be sent to all members fourteen days prior to the meeting and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment or deletion or addition to the Constitution the effect of which would cause the Trust at any time to cease to be a charity in law. No alteration to Clause 2, or this Clause may be made without previously consulting the Charity Commissioners.

Dissolution of the Trust

11. If the Managing Trustees by a two-thirds majority decides at any time on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary to dissolve the Trust it shall be with the consent of The Bull Terrier Club Committee call a meeting of all members of the Trust who have the power to vote of which meeting no less than one month's notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed there at) shall be given. If such a decision shall be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at such meeting the Managing Trustees shall have

the power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Trust. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts or liabilities shall be given or transferred to such charitable purposes for canine welfare as the Managing Trustees may decide.