

GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the North of England Weimaraner Society undertake to abide by its General Code of Ethics.

Club members:

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
- 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- 13) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- 14) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.



NORTH OF ENGLAND WEIMARANER SOCIETY (N.E.W.S.)

Club Rules

1. NAME AND OBJECTS The Society shall be called The North of England Weimaraner Society and its objects shall:
(a) Promote, foster and protect the interest of the Weimaraner and the Society in every possible way.
(b) Accept, subject to review, the Standard of the breed and urge the adoption of such type by Judges, Breeders and exhibitors as the Standard of excellence by which the breed should be judged.
(c) Appoint a panel of breed Judges, to be selected by the Committee and submitted to the Kennel Club.
(d) Support Field Trials and adopt any other means as may be deemed advisable for the improvement and encouragement of the breed.
(e) To help and encourage people new to the breed.

2. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE The Society shall consist of Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a Committee, Life Members and an unlimited number of members.

3. COMMITTEE The management of the Society shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Society and a Committee consisting of maximum 12 members of whom one third shall retire on a three year rotation. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election every three years. All Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least every six months. A quorum for Committee meetings shall be eight. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings. Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Society at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. No individual who has been a member for less than six months may be elected on to the Committee.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS Candidates for membership shall be proposed by one existing fully paid up member.

The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.

5. VOTING RIGHTS Each member shall be entitled to one vote after three months membership. Voting shall be as decided by majority at a meeting. No Junior Members (i.e. under 18 years of age) may stand for office bearer or committee or be entitled to full voting rights. In the event of a tie on any vote the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Postal votes are allowed on items relating to the election of Officers and Committee only. Postal votes should be forwarded and scrutinised by an independent member of the Society appointed by the Committee but who is not a Committee member.

6. CLUB PROPERTY The property of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Society ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club. If the Society is wound up or ceases to be a Registered Society under these regulations, a final statement of audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Society shall be forwarded to the Kennel club within six months, and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Society on the last return furnished by the Kennel Club will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Society.

7. CLUB ACCOUNTS A Banking Account shall be held 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 the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary of the Society. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep full and proper accounts and shall prepare annually a statement of accounts which shall be audited by an approved Auditor appointed annually by the Committee for this purpose, a copy of which will be distributed at the Annual General Meeting and copies available to all members who are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting. The Financial Year of the Society shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS (a) The Annual Subscription shall be such an amount as agreed by members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. There will be annual subscription rates for Single Membership, Joint Membership (consisting of 2) and Junior Membership (up to 18 years). (b) No member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership, and if the member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by two months after the due date his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment of back arrears. (c) A member may resign on giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, and any member whose resignation has been accepted or whose membership has lapsed and who wishes again to become a member, must be proposed in the ordinary way, as if he or she had never been a member. A member leaving the Society shall not be entitled to receive back any money which may have been paid to the Society or on account of the Society, during his or her membership, or have any claim against the Society.

9. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS Any member who shall be suspended by the Kennel club under Kennel Club rule A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification. 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. Notice of the 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 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 condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 30th June each year.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS The nature of business is to receive the report of the Committee and Balance Sheet, to elect Officers and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary. 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. Notice of such Meetings will be given to members by notice in the "Dog World" and "Our Dogs". At least 28 days notice will be given of meetings. In addition a written notice of the AGM should be sent to all Members of the Society at least 28 days prior to the meeting date. Items are required by the Honorary Secretary for inclusion on the Agenda 21 days prior to the Meeting. The Agenda will be circulated 7 days before the Meeting.

12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 30 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 that detailed on the Agenda will be discussed at a Special General Meeting. Members shall receive 14 days written notice of a Special General Meeting.

13. AMENDMENT TO RULES The Rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the Agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules. Any proposed alteration to the Rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration.

14. 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 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of the Society be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Honorary Secretary which may occur during the course of the year.

15. KENNEL CLUB FINAL COURT OF APPEAL The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.

16. The Society shall not join any Federation or Societies or Clubs.

17. No person, whilst an undischarged bankrupt, may serve on the Committee of or hold any office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.