

## CLWYD RETRIEVER CLUB RULES

1. The name of the club shall be CLWYD RETRIEVER CLUB.
2. The object of the club shall be to encourage the breeding of retrievers, i.e. Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Flatcoat Retrievers; Curly coated Retrievers, and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, of dual purpose type, suitable for work and of a type conforming as nearly as possible to the standards already laid down by the Kennel Club.
3. The Club must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the club or by the Kennel Club.
4. The Club shall consist of a President, unlimited Vice-Presidents, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, an Hon. Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, an Hon. Field Trial Secretary, an Hon. Treasurer, and a Committee of not more than ten, and an unlimited number of members.
  - a. As part of their commitment to The Club, Officers and Committee Members shall undertake to regularly attend committee meetings, and to assist with the running of the Club's training sessions, Working Tests and Field Trials.
5. The annual subscription shall be £10.00 for single and £12.50 for joint members and junior members under 16 years old are free, payable in January in any one year.
6. Any junior member attending training classes must have a parent or known adult with them.
  - a. Members are required to conduct themselves in an appropriate fashion and should display good manners and respect towards other participants, Club officials and to the judges.
  - b. To qualify for members preference in any Field Trial draws membership must have paid in full before 31st March.
  - c. **Persons wishing to become members must be proposed and seconded by fully paid up members of the club**
7. Any member not paid by 31st March will be 3 months in arrears and shall be deemed to be no longer a member of the Club and shall cease to benefit from any advantage accruing from membership, but may be reinstated on supplying to the Committee a satisfactory explanation together with arrears in subscriptions should such be demanded. No members whose subscriptions are in arrears should be allowed to vote at a meeting or win any prize offered by the Club and confined to members. Any member may withdraw from the Club on giving notice to the Secretary. Such member retiring shall have no claims on the Club, providing always that such a member shall be liable for his or her subscription for the year in which notice is given.
8. The financial year of the Club shall end on December 31st.
9. A Banking Account shall be opened in the name of Clwyd Retriever Club into which all revenue shall be paid and from which transactions shall be approved on the authority of any one of the three signatories nominated by the Club.
10. The entire control and management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, who shall have the power to make by-laws and decide upon all matters of dispute not provided for by these rules (subject to final appeal to the Kennel Club).
11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than August 31st. in each year when six shall form a quorum, the Chairman giving the casting vote. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Hon. Secretary, and shall be called upon the written request of six members at which Meeting six shall form a quorum, the Chairman having the casting vote. No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before a Special General Meeting.

- a. Training Classes will be held for the benefit of Retrievers but other gundog breeds will be accepted on the understanding that training will be confined to recognised Retriever standards.
  - b. Open events shall be restricted to Retrievers only.
12. The Club shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs.
13. Any member who shall be suspended 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 Club for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club 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 Club 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.
14. 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 there upon 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.
15. The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club and in all cases relative to Canine and Club matters.
16. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Club.
17. The Committee or Officers of the Club shall have power to deal with any questions relating to the management of the Club not provided for by the rules, and all financial matters, including the purchasing of prizes, voting of any Club funds towards any matter connected with competitions.
18. Officers and Committee shall be elected for a period of two years, at an Annual General Meeting, notice to be given to the Secretary in writing of all nominations at least 7 days prior to the A.G.M. There shall be not less than 14 days' notice given in writing to Members of a General Meeting. No business shall be transacted at an A.G.M. 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.
19. Rules of the Club may not be altered except at an Annual 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 has given its approval.
20. In the event of the Club being wound up any Challenge or other Cups and Trophies which have been provided for competition and presented to the Club shall be returned to their respective donors or their heirs if transferable, if not, they shall be disposed of by the Committee and a statement sent to the Kennel Club.
21. In the event of the dissolution of the Club the free assets and property of the Club shall be disposed of as directed by a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, and shall preferably be to a named Charitable Institution such as Guide Dogs for the Blind.
22. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for 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 Society and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be Forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Club which may occur during the course of the year.