

# CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Council is the "Canine Control Council (Queensland)" and shall be known as the "C.C.C."
2. The office of the C.C.C. is to be at the Frank Nicklin Pavilion at 5 - 9 Costin Street, Fortitude Valley, for the time being.

## OBJECTS

3. To promote in every way the general improvement of the standard, breeding, and exhibition of pure bred registered dogs.
- 3a To set minimum standards for the conduct of Members in their dealings with other Members, Judges and with Members of the public in dog related activities.
4. To draw up and provide rules:-
  - (a) Under which 'the C.C.C. or any duly elected Committee or Sub-committee may grant permission to hold shows and parades of dogs.
  - (b) For the carrying out of Field or Obedience Trials.
  - (c) For regulating all such shows, parades, and/or trials.
  - (d) For any purpose connected with the objects of the C.C.C.
5. To protect the interests of exhibitors at shows and parades of dogs, and owners of working field dogs at Field Trials.
6. To keep a Register of dogs and ownership thereof, and prefixes, and to make Regulations therefor.
7. To compile and publish stud books.
8. To draw up rules for the affiliation of kindred bodies, and to grant or withhold affiliation in accordance with the rules of the C.C.C.
9. To either give, or contribute towards, prizes, medals and awards in connection with Shows and/or Parades of Dogs, Sporting Dog Trials, Obedience or Field Trials, Competitions, and/or Matches, and to promote and support displays and entertainments.
10. To afford means of reference for the amicable settlement of disputes and to prevent illegal and dishonest practices.
11. To purchase, hire, make, provide, and maintain all kinds of real and personal property for the carrying out of the objects of the C.C.C. or any of them.

12. To "hire" or employ Secretaries, Clerks, Managers, Servants, and Workmen, and to pay to them and other persons, in return for services rendered to the C.C.C., salaries, wages and gratuities.
13. To subscribe to, and become associated or affiliated with, any other bodies whose objects are kindred to the objects of the C.C.C.
14. To legislate, to make Rules, Regulations and/or By-laws, to publish a Code of Ethics and to do all other acts, matters, and things, as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or any of the objects of the C.C.C., or matters incidental thereto.
15. To levy fees for membership, registration of dogs, prefixes, transfers of ownership, or for any other purpose which is desirable to carry out the objects of the C.C.C. or any of them.
16. To award Challenge Certificates, Championships, to allot titles, and to make Regulations therefor.
17. To hear appeals from exhibitors or from members of affiliated bodies, owners of dogs who are themselves, or whose dogs have been disqualified or penalised by affiliated bodies.
18. To appoint Committees and Sub-committees and to delegate such powers as are considered expedient for the carrying out of the objects of the C.C.C., or any of them, and pursuant to the Constitution and Rules of the C.C.C.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

19. Any person shall be eligible to be submitted for election as a member of the C.C.C. on payment of the sum set out in the Scale of Charges.
20. Application for membership shall be made on such form or in such manner as may be from time to time prescribed by the Committee.
21. The name of every person applying for membership shall be submitted to the Committee for election or otherwise, but any three members of the Committee may demand a ballot, and if such ballot be held, one adverse vote in three shall exclude such person from membership and his or her subscription shall be refunded.
- 21A. The Committee may grant Life Membership to any members of the Canine Control Council who have rendered outstanding or special services.
- 21B. The Committee may grant the title and status of Honorary Councillor to any member of the Committee of the Canine Control Council who has completed ten years of service as a member of the Committee.
22. The Committee shall have power to refuse applications for membership without assigning any reason.
23. On election the applicant shall become possessed of the rights and privileges of membership until the day following the General Meeting of members in March of the following year, provided that he or she shall not receive the rights and privileges specifically set out for financial members at any time whilst member's subscription is due and unpaid (subject to clause 27). The privileges of membership shall not include the right to vote for the election of the Committee of the C.C.C.

24. All members' subscriptions shall become due and payable on the first day of January in each year.
25. The financial year shall end on the thirty-first day of December.
26. A member ceases to be a member when his or her annual subscription remains unpaid on the second day after the General Meeting of members in March first ensuing after the close of the year in which he or she was a financial member.
27. In the case of a person suspended or disqualified or otherwise ineligible to take part in exhibitions held under the Rules of the C.C.C., he or she shall cease to be a member for the term of such suspension, disqualification or ineligibility or for a longer period as the committee may decide.

### **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

28. A General Meeting of the members of the C.C.C. shall be held in the month of March in each year on such date as shall from time to time be fixed by the Committee.
29. A circular summoning such General Meeting shall be sent to each member at his or her last known address or place of abode not less than seven clear days before the day appointed for such meeting. Such notice shall contain a list of the business proposed to be transacted and shall be accompanied by a report of proceedings and an audited balance sheet and statement of receipts and expenditure for the past financial year. Notice of business for discussion at this meeting must be lodged in writing with the Secretary on or before the twenty-fifth day of January preceding.
30. A Special General Meeting of the members of the C.C.C. may be summoned by the Committee, and shall be so summoned by them at the request of the President or five members of the Committee.
31. The summons shall be by notice in writing stating the business proposed to be transacted.
32. The Secretary or his deputy shall convene the said Special General Meeting within twenty-one days after receipt of a requisition for such Meeting, pursuant to clause 30 hereof, and each member shall have posted to his or her last known address a circular summoning the said Special General Meeting, not less than seven clear days before the day appointed for such meeting.
33. The President, a Member of the Committee, or, in their absence, a Member from amongst those present, may in this order be elected to the chair.
34. All such meetings shall have power to adjourn their proceedings from time to time to any date fixed by such meeting.
35. At all General Meetings of the C.C.C. no business shall be considered or discussed other than that of which notice has been given on the circular summoning the meeting, or any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting, shall arise out of such business.
36. At all General Meetings of the C.C.C. when questions of order or practice arise, the ruling of the Chairman of the meeting shall be accepted as final, and in all cases of

equality of voting on any question he shall have a casting vote in addition to his won vote.

### **OFFICERS AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

37. The Committee of the C.C.C. shall consist of the President, the Secretary and a minimum of ten nominees. These nominees shall be appointed each year by the Council of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland at its last meeting held in February. The nominees shall thereupon take office and shall remain members of the Committee until the next appointment of such Committee takes place by the Council of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland, subject to the approval of that Council, which shall have full power to revoke the appointment of any nominees at any time.
38. **RESERVED**
39. Any vacancy in the Committee may be filled only by a nominee approved and appointed by the Council of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland. Such nominees shall hold office for the balance of the period of office of, and on the same terms and conditions as his predecessor.
40. The President of the C.C.C. shall be such member of the Committee as the Council of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland shall from time to time appoint.
41. The Council of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland shall have power from time to time to appoint a member of that Council to be an ex officio member of the Committee. The said Council shall have power at any time to revoke such appointment and to appoint another member of that Council in the place of the person whose appointment has been so revoked.
42. **RESERVED**
43. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all books and accounts of the C.C.C. and attend, by himself or his deputy, all meetings of the Committee, all General Meetings, and any other Meetings at which his presence may be desired, to keep minutes of all such meetings, and generally to perform all such duties as are usually performed by any such officer in a like position.
44. The Secretary shall keep and maintain the Register of Affiliated Bodies, Members' Rolls, Register of Prefixes, Change or Ownership of Dogs, and a Register of all Dogs, in such manner as may be from time to time prescribed by the Committee and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations therefor.
45. The Secretary shall pay or cause to be paid all moneys of the C.C.C. into the bank account of the C.C.C., and to its credit, and shall keep proper accounts of all moneys received and disbursed.
46. All Accounts exceeding \$50 shall be paid by "Order" cheques and signed by one member of the Committee and countersigned by the Secretary or other person from time to time authorised by the Committee of the Canine Control Council (Queensland). No person shall have any authority to incur any expenditure on behalf of the C.C.C. except with the sanction of the Committee.

47. Except under special circumstances of which the Committee shall be the sole judge or by authorisation of the Committee or Finance Committee. Accounts shall be passed, before payment, by the Committee or a Finance Committee, and the Secretary shall be empowered by the Committee or the Finance Committee as it deems fit to provide for and meet sundry items by way of petty cash. Such approvals be ratified at the next Meeting.
48. The Bank Pass Books, Account Books, Accounts and Vouchers, and any other books directly or indirectly connected with the financial position of the C.C.C. shall be the property of the C.C.C., and shall be produced to the Committee or the Finance Committee whenever it shall so desire.
49. All funds, fees due, or moneys due to the C.C.C. shall be payable at the Office of the C.C.C.
50. No receipt shall be valid unless on the official receipt form of the C.C.C.
51. All property, real or personal, owned by the C.C.C. shall be vested in four Trustees provided that they shall deal with the property of the C.C.C. as directed by Resolution of the Committee of the C.C.C. of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence and they shall be indemnified against risk and expenses out of the property of the C.C.C.
- 51A. Trustees of the C.C.C. shall be:-
1. the President of the C.C.C.; and
  2. three other members of the Committee of the C.C.C. as nominated by the Committee of the C.C.C.
- A Trustee shall hold office until his death or resignation or the sequestration of his estate in bankruptcy, or until he ceases, for whatever reason, to be a member of the Committee of the C.C.C..”
52. The affairs and undertakings of the C.C.C. shall be managed by the Committee in accordance with the Constitution and Rules.
53. The Committee shall have power to make, repeal, vary or add to any Rules, By-laws, or Regulations for the carrying out of the objects of the C.C.C. or any of them including power to make Regulations or Rules governing any matters referred to in the Constitution as subject to or governed by any Rules, and/or Regulations **PROVIDED THAT** any such Rules, By-laws or Regulations shall not be repugnant to or inconsistent with this Constitution.
54. The Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-committees to deal with any object, matter, or thing within the Constitution, and to delegate to such Sub-committees any of the functions and powers of the Committee relating thereto on any terms satisfactory to the Committee.
55. The President, the Secretary and any person appointed by the Council of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland pursuant to Clause 41 hereof shall be ex officio members of all Sub-committees.
56. All acts done by the members of the Committee or of a Sub-committee duly authorised in that behalf shall, notwithstanding that it afterwards be discovered that

some person or persons were ineligible to act on such Committee or Sub-committee, be as valid as if such person or persons were eligible to act on such Committee or Sub-committee.

57. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore or hereinafter stated, the Committee of the C.C.C. may in its absolute discretion temporarily suspend the operation of the Rules, or any of them, at any time.
58. The Committee shall have absolute power from time to time to fix the amount of annual subscription payable by members.
59. The Committee shall meet as often as it is deemed necessary.
60. The Secretary shall call all meetings of the Committee by posting to the address of each member a notice in writing giving at least 48 hours notice of such meeting.
61. The President, the Secretary or any two members of the Committee, shall have power to call Committee Meetings.
62. At all meetings of the Committee one half the number thereof or if their number is not multiple of two then the number nearest to but exceeding one half shall form a quorum. For the purpose of calculating the number of members of the committee a person appointed under Rule 41 shall not be counted.
63. The President shall take the chair and in his absence the Members of Committee shall elect a Chairman from those present.
64. Accurate minutes of the business of all Committee Meetings shall be recorded, and at the next Committee Meeting such minutes shall be read, received for discussion, confirmed or otherwise, and the Chairman of the meeting shall sign his name and the date of such confirmation, and the Committee shall then transact such business and discuss such matters as may be brought forward by the Secretary or any member present.
65. No resolution affecting the Constitution, Rules or Regulations of the C.C.C. shall be submitted at a meeting of the committee unless fourteen days prior to the date of that meeting a copy of the resolution has been lodged with the Secretary.
66. If in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting any matter of urgent importance has arisen which requires immediate discussion, a member may, with the consent of three-fifths of the members present, propose any motion without having given the notice required under clause 65.
67. The method of voting shall be open voting.
68. All Members of the Committee other than the Secretary present at the meeting shall be entitled to a vote, and the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member of the Committee in all cases of equality of voting on any question.
69. The ruling of the Chairman of the meeting on any matter of order or practice shall be considered final.

## AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

70. This Constitution shall come into force forthwith and shall be the Constitution of the C.C.C., and no part of the Constitution shall be varied, altered, repealed or amended, save at a meeting of the Committee, by a resolution on that behalf carried by a majority of seventy five percent of the members present, and provided such variation, alteration, revocation or amendment is approved of by the Council of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland.
71. The income and property of the C.C.C. whensoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the C.C.C. and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit or gain to the individual members of the C.C.C. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant or to any member of the C.C.C. in return for any services actually rendered to the C.C.C. and shall not prevent the payment for out of pocket expenses, interest on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by an officer or servant of the C.C.C. or member of the C.C.C.
- If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property, whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company but shall be given or transferred to some other Company having similar objects of the Company and which shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property amongst its members to an extent at least as great as it imposed on the Company, such organisation to be determined by the members of the Company at or before the time of dissolution and in default thereof by such Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland as may have, or acquire, jurisdiction in the matter.
- 72(a) Every member of the Committee shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the C.C.C. against all losses or liabilities which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of his office or otherwise in relation thereto.
- 72(b) No member of the Committee shall be liable for any loss and damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by C.C.C. in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto.
- 72(c) Every member of the Committee shall be indemnified out of the assets of the C.C.C. against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings whether civil or criminal in which Judgement is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with which relief is granted to him by the Court in respect of any negligence default breach of duty breach of trust or other Act or omission in or about the execution of his office or in relation thereto.
- 72(d) No suit action claim or demand whatsoever shall lie against the C.C.C. or any Committee Member by a Member in respect of any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly out of the execution by the C.C.C. of its powers and duties under this Constitution or Rules, Regulations or By-Laws for the time being or by any Committee Member of the duties of his office or in relation thereto **AND** such Member shall indemnify and hereby indemnifies the C.C.C. and such Committee Member or Committee Members accordingly.

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**UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL  
AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL  
ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND**

CONSTITUTION

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**AS AMENDED TO 1997**