

Northern Samoyed Society

Founded 1962

**Constitution and Rules
Standard of the Breed
Code of Ethics**

THE NORTHERN SAMOYED SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The name of the society shall be the "NORTHERN SAMOYED SOCIETY".
2. The objects of the society shall be:
 - a) To promote the breeding of Samoyeds and to maintain the established standard for the breed, which shall be accepted as the sole standard.
 - b) To urge the adoption of this standard upon Breeders, Judges and Show Committees as the only recognised standard by which Samoyeds are to be judged.
 - c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by supporting approved shows.
 - d) To advise, assist and help all Members in matters concerning Samoyeds.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The Society Membership shall be open to all persons interested in Samoyeds.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

4. Application for Membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary. Every candidate for election shall be proposed by one fully paid up member of the Society and seconded by one other fully paid up member, and subsequently elected by the Committee by vote.

All members upon election shall be bound by the Rules of the Society. All fully paid up members shall be eligible to compete for Specials, Cups, etc. offered by the Society at any approved show.

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

VOTING RIGHTS

5. Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. Postal votes are allowed. Voting shall be by secret ballot, show of hands, or as decided by majority at meeting.

Note: Joint Memberships are accepted and are entitled to one vote for each Member of partnership.

RESIGNATIONS.

6. Members wishing to withdraw from the Society shall express their wish to the Secretary in writing prior to the 1st January of any year in which they wish to cease their Membership.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

7.
 - a) The annual subscription shall be such an amount as agreed by the members at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b) The Annual subscription shall be payable at the time of application and thereafter renewed annually on the 1st of January each year.
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 the 28th February his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register.
 - c) Partners, or any two Members of the same family or household, may pay a joint subscription and each shall be deemed a Full Member.
 - d) Associate Members shall not be entitled to the privileges of Full Members.

Any person wishing to pay subscriptions after the 28th of February will not be accepted as a rejoining member until the Committee Meeting after the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)

EXPULSIONS OF MEMBERS

8. 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 Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.
If the conduct of the 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 convening of 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 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.

FINANCIAL YEAR

9. The Financial Year of the Society shall be from the 1st of January to the 31st December.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS

10. Accounts will be certified annually and presented to the Members at the A.G.M.

Note: Certification of accounts will be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified persons with accountancy experience.

11. The A.G.M. of the Society shall be held not later than the 31st of March in each year, at a time and place to be decided upon by a Committee for the following purposes:
- a) To receive the Committees accounts.
 - b) To adopt the certified accounts.
 - c) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
 - d) To discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Hon. Secretary. No business shall be transacted at the A.G.M. unless notice thereof appears on the agenda or those, which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent.

At least 28 days in writing shall be given of a General Meeting and with the notice of the A.G.M. shall be sent minutes of the last A.G.M. and an invitation to send in nominations for the election of Officers and Members.

Items for inclusion in the agenda of the A.G.M. must reach the Secretary 21 days before the date of the meeting. Copies of certified accounts will be distributed to members attending the A.G.M. and made available to members not present.

COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY

12. The affairs of the Society shall be under the sole control of the committee, whose decision shall be final and binding upon all matters.

PATRON

13. The Society may have a Patron. The Patron shall be elected at the AGM or any Special General Meeting held for such a purpose and shall not be part of the committee or have any voting rights. The Patron shall remain in office at his / her pleasure.

VICE PRESIDENT(S)

14. The Society may carry any number of Vice Presidents. Vice Presidents shall be elected by nomination and ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The position shall be honorary for the life of the Vice President. The Vice President shall be welcome to attend meetings but not have any voting rights.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE

15. The committee shall consist of the President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to sixteen members elected by the Society.
The President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall have full voting powers in Committee.
The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of equality voting.

METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

16. At the A.G.M. all Officers and Members of the Committee shall retire from office, and shall be eligible for re-election.
- a) The election of Officers and Committee shall be by ballot.
 - b) Nominations to the Secretary 21 days before the A.G.M. A nominee must on the 1st of January last preceding the date of the A.G.M. have been a member for at least one year and for the purpose of this rule he or she shall be deemed to have become a member on the date of his or her application.
 - c) Nominees, who shall be full paid up Members, must give their consent in writing to the Secretary 21 days before the AGM
 - d) Candidates to be proposed by one fully paid up Member and seconded by another Member other than the candidate.
 - e) A copy of the agenda for the meeting and if necessary a voting paper shall be sent to each member not later than 14 days before the meeting and the voting paper shall be returned to an independent party with a postmark not later than 7 days before the meeting.
 - f) Two scrutineers shall be appointed to open and count the ballot papers and the result announced by the President.
17. The President shall be the Chairman of all A.G.M.'s, but if absent, or the President requests, a Chairman shall be chosen from amongst the members present.
18. The Officers of the Society shall be ex-officio Members of all Committees.
19. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.
20. Any member of the Committee who absents himself from attending three consecutive meetings, without good reason, shall be removed from the Committee and may not stand for any office or committee for the ensuing year.
21. The Quorum of the Committee shall be a minimum of five committee members.
22. Any casual vacancy in the Officers or members of the Committee may be filled by a candidate appointed by the Committee.
23. Members may be co-opted to the Committee for any one meeting for any specialised reason.
24. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least every four months.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

25. a) The rules shall not be altered, rescinded, added to or suspended except at the Annual General meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Society and provided that two thirds of the members present are so agreed.
- b) Any alteration of the Rules shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised of the alterations and given its approval.
26. The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

27. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Secretary if 20 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 can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

At least 14 days notice must be given to all Members of the Society of the date, time and place of the meeting and of the agenda.

CLUB PROPERTY

28. The property of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Society ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Society's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

If the Society is wound up or ceases to be a Society under these regulations, a final statement of 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 will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Society.

A written acknowledgement shall be obtained from donors of Cups and Trophies given to the Society to the effect that they are outright gifts to the Society.

CLUB ACCOUNTS

29. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society, into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid. Cheques drawn on the Society's account shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other Officer of the Society i.e. the Chairman or Secretary.
30. The Society should not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

31. 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 the 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club regulations for Registration and Maintenance of Title of, Societies, Breed Councils, 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 Society, which may occur during the course of the year.

SOCIETY JUDGES LIST

32. A list of judges each year should be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Society's Annual Returns.

The Judges Lists will be compiled and reviewed as per Kennel Club mandatory requirements and recommendations in force at the time.

CODE OF ETHICS

33. Members are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics. If there is a breach of the Code of Ethics by a member, then disciplinary action could follow.

SAMOYED STANDARD

A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal Characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures the breed is fit for function. Absolute soundness is essential. Breeders and Judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions or exaggerations which would be detrimental in any way to health, welfare or soundness of this breed. From time to time certain conditions or exaggerations may be considered to have the potential to affect dogs in some breeds adversely, Judges and Breeders are requested to refer to the Kennel Club website for details of any such current issues. If a feature or quality is desirable it should only be present in the right measure.

GENERAL APPEARANCE	Most striking. Medium and well balanced. Strong, active and graceful, free from coarseness but capable of great endurance.
CHARACTERISTICS	Intelligent, alert, full of action. "Smiling expression".
TEMPERAMENT	Displays affection to all mankind. Unprovoked nervousness or aggression, highly undesirable.
HEAD & SKULL	Head powerful, wedge shaped, with broad, flat skull, muzzle medium length, tapering foreface not too sharply defined. Lips black. Hair short and smooth before ears. Nose black for preference, but may be brown or flesh coloured.
EYES	Almond shaped, set slanted, medium to dark brown, set well apart when alert, intelligent expression. Eyelids unbroken black. Light or black eyes undesirable.
EARS	Thick, not too long, slightly rounded at the tips, set well apart and well covered inside with hair. Fully erect in adults.
MOUTH	Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite i.e. Upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaw.
NECK	Strong, not too short, and proudly arched.
FORE QUARTERS	Shoulders well laid, legs straight and muscular with good bone and not too short.
BODY	Back medium in length, broad and very muscular with exceptionally strong loin. Chest deep but not too broad, well sprung deep ribs, giving plenty of heart and lung room.
HINDQUARTERS	Very muscular, stifles well angulated, viewed from the rear, legs straight and parallel, with well let down hocks. Cow hocks or straight stifles highly undesirable.
FEET	Long flattish, slightly spread and well feathered. Soles well cushioned with hair. Round cat feet highly undesirable.
TAIL	Long, profusely coated, carried over the back and to side when alert, sometimes dropped when at rest.
GAIT/MOVEMENT	Moves freely with strong, agile drive, showing power and elegance.
COAT	Body should be well covered with thick, close, soft and short undercoat, with harsh but not wiry hair growing through it, forming weather resistant outer coat, which should stand straight away from body and be free from curl.
COLOUR	Pure white, white and biscuit, cream, outer coat silver tipped.
SIZE	Dogs 51-56 cm (20-22ins) at shoulder. Bitches 46-51 cms (18-20ins) at shoulder. Weight proportional to size.
FAULTS	Any departure from the foregoing should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.
NOTE	Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, 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.
15. Breeding: There should be a demand for puppies before embarking on breeding a litter. When considering breeding, equal weight should be given to type, temperament, health and soundness. Breeders should not knowingly breed from any stock which has hereditary diseases. It is advised that all breeding stock be X-rayed for Hip Dysplasia by a qualified veterinary surgeon and that all plates should be submitted to the BVA for hip scoring under the KC/BVA Scheme, even if the hips are poor so that a true picture of Hip Dysplasia in the breed can be assessed.
16. No dog should be used at stud unless it has been hip scored and is over 12 months of age. Only entire dogs should be used at stud and owners of Stud Dogs should refuse stud services to inferior specimens of the breed and to owners who have neither the time nor facilities to rear litters.
17. Bitches should not be mated before 15-18 months of age and not before the second season. No bitch should be mated at every season. Bitches should not have litters on consecutive seasons. No bitch should have more than 3 or 4 litters, and should not be bred from beyond her 8th birthday.
18. No puppy should leave the breeder before 7 weeks of age. Breeders should be prepared to replace/refund the purchase price should the puppy develop a defect to such a degree that it has to be put down. After two independent vets have advised this and the breeder has been properly notified. It is advisable for breeders to take out insurance cover on any puppy they breed for the first six weeks in its new home and encourage the new owners to continue this cover.
19. Advice should be given to new owners on the need for exercise, family contact and grooming.
20. It is advisable for new owners to read books on the breed and join a breed club. All officers and committee members are always ready to help with members' problems wherever possible.

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.

