

If any Member of the Committee shall fail to attend three consecutive Meetings for any cause other than illness, the Committee may, after due enquiry, request the said Member to resign from the Committee and the said Member shall upon receiving such request be bound to resign.

The Honorary Treasurer shall provide an up to date statement of the Club's finances at each Committee Meeting.

A quorum shall consist of five Committee Members including Officers.

The Agenda for the AGM shall be sent to each Member twenty-one days before the Meeting. Items for the Agenda must reach the Honorary Secretary not less than four weeks before the date fixed for the AGM. All motions must be proposed and seconded by Members.

An SGM shall be held whenever twelve Members so request, by individual demand in writing, delivered to the Honorary Secretary. The Members calling such a Meeting shall be responsible for expenses incurred. Not less than twenty-one days notice shall be given to all Members of any SGM. Only business for which the Meeting is called may be discussed at the said Meeting.

#### **9. AMENDMENT OF RULES**

No new rule or amendment shall be made unless ratified at the AGM or at a SGM by two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting. The Committee shall have the power to decide on all matters for which no rule is provided.

#### **10. FINANCE**

The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st January each year to which date the accounts of the Club shall be balanced.

All cheques or withdrawals of any money from a Bank/Building Society account or any other investment account shall be signed by any one of the following Officers: Chairman, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.

All expenses incurred on the authority of the Committee shall be defrayed from the funds of the Club.

#### **11. AUDITOR/EXAMINER**

A suitable, independent person shall be appointed at each AGM to examine and sign the accounts of the Club.

#### **12. DISCIPLINE**

The Committee shall have the power to withdraw membership from anyone who, in its opinion, has behaved in a manner contrary to the objects of the Club, provided that Members against whom this rule is invoked shall have the right to appear and be heard before the Committee and shall have the right to appeal to a General Meeting.

#### **13. MEMBER CLUB OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY (G.C.C.F.)**

The Club shall be a Member Club of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and shall be represented at Council meetings by delegate(s) who shall be elected annually by the Members at the AGM. Delegates shall be Members or Officers of the Committee. Except with the permission of the Council, no delegate may serve on the Committee of any Club which is not a Member of the G.C.C.F. or act in any capacity for such a Club.

The Club shall be bound by the Rules and Bye-Laws laid down by the G.C.C.F. and the Council shall have disciplinary powers according to its Constitution over the Club and the Members thereof. Membership of the Club shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of the Rules and Bye-laws of the G.C.C.F. A downloadable copy of the Rules and Bye-laws of the G.C.C.F. can be found on their website at: <http://www.gccfcats.org/pdf/Incorporation/Bye-Laws%20Final%20Version.pdf>

Any Member who is suspended under Article 12 of the Constitution of the G.C.C.F. will be excluded from membership of the Club after expiry of any such suspension.

#### **14. WELFARE**

The Club shall maintain a separate account as a Welfare Fund and monies deposited from time to time into this Fund shall be disposed of, for the purposes of rescuing, re-homing or otherwise improving the welfare of pedigree British Shorthairs in Club colours, at the discretion of the Committee, save that any individual donation may not exceed 20% of the total balance of the Fund at the time.

#### **15. DISSOLUTION**

Fourteen days notice of any proposal to wind up the Club shall be given in writing to the Members and a SGM shall be called to consider the proposal. If the motion to dissolve the Club is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those voting, the Club's liabilities shall be discharged and any balance of funds shall be divided equally among all fully paid up Members.



## **COLOURPOINTED BRITISH SHORTHAI CAT CLUB**

(Incorporating Related Chocolate,  
Lilac, Cinnamon and Fawn Series)

Member Club of the GCCF

## **CLUB RULES**

(Revised April 2015)

## 1. TITLE

The name of the Club shall be "The Colourpointed British Shorthair Cat Club" (incorporating Related Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon and Fawn Series) (hereinafter referred to as the Club).

## 2. AIMS

To promote the welfare of cats and the interests of the Club Members in the breeding and care of Colourpointed British Shorthairs and all self and patterned chocolate, lilac, cinnamon and fawn British Shorthairs. To promote the Club generally and the holding and support of shows, exhibitions and other functions in connection with cats.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

The Club shall consist of Honorary Members, Ordinary Members and Junior Members.

Application for membership shall be in writing on an approved form and supported by the signature of one Member of the Club as proposer or by a veterinary reference.

a) Honorary Members shall be such persons as may be invited by the Committee because they have rendered special services to the Club. Honorary Members shall not be eligible for election to the Committee or to vote at any meeting, although they shall have the right to speak thereat.

b) Ordinary Members shall be all persons who, having been duly elected by the Committee shall have paid their subscriptions for the year in which they become Members and annually thereafter. All Ordinary Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Club and shall be eligible for election to the Committee and as Honorary Members.

c) Junior Members shall be all persons who, having been duly elected by the Committee shall have paid their subscriptions for the year in which they become Members and annually thereafter and are not more than sixteen years old. As Junior Members they shall not be eligible for election to the Committee or to vote at any Meeting, although they shall have the right to speak thereat. Junior Membership shall cease at the end of the year in which the Members attains sixteen years of age.

d) Members of the same household may be accepted as Joint Members.

Every Member shall be supplied with a copy of the Rules governing the Club and shall be bound by them.

## 4. FEES

The Membership and Annual Subscription Fee shall be determined from time to time by the Members in General Meeting. Annual subscriptions fall due on 1st February each year. Any Member failing to renew his/her Membership by 31st March shall be deemed to have resigned and will have his/her name removed from the register of members.

## 5. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee comprising Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Membership Secretary (hereinafter called the Officers) and not more than five other Members.

a) the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be nominated by the Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting (hereinafter referred to as AGM) and shall hold office for a period of not more than three years but they shall be eligible for re-election for a further term of office. The Chairman shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms in office.

b) The Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Membership Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee and ratified by the AGM to serve for a period of not more than three years but will be eligible for re-election.

c) Committee Members shall serve for a period of not more than three years and four Members will stand down each year but will be eligible for re-election. Candidates for election to the Committee must be proposed and seconded by a Member of the Club, such proposals, together with the Candidate's agreement to stand, must reach the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days before the AGM. Candidates must be present when the vote is taken at the AGM unless they have a reason for absence, which is acceptable to the Meeting.

The Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it thinks necessary and may co-opt Members to the Committee. Any person so co-opted shall be able to speak but not vote at any Meeting of the Committee or sub-committee, as the case may be.

Any vacancy on the Committee, however caused, may be filled by co-option by a majority vote of the remaining Members of the Committee. Any person so co-opted shall serve until the end of the year during which he/she was co-opted.

All Officers, Committee Members or Members of the Club who have custody of books, documents, records, monies or any property belonging to the Club shall surrender them and any copies to the Committee at their request.

Members elected to the Committee must undertake not to hold a similar office in more than two other Cat Clubs.

## 6. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all Meetings of the Club and to perform all duties pertaining to the office. In such absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman shall execute such duties.

It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to keep all the Club's general records including minutes of meetings held and shall deal with the correspondence pertaining to the Club's affairs. The Honorary Secretary shall despatch an Agenda to Committee Members for Committee Meetings and Members for AGMs and Special General Meetings (hereinafter called SGM) as laid down in Rule 8. The Honorary Secretary shall keep contact with the G.C.C.F and the British Shorthair Group Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to receive and disburse all monies of the Club, operate a banking account, building society account or any other suitable investments as agreed by the Committee. The Honorary Treasurer shall present a balance sheet and accounts to the AGM together with a report.

It shall be the duty of the Honorary Membership Secretary to receive applications for membership and submit them to the Committee and if approved send each new Member acknowledgement of acceptance and a set of Club Rules. The Honorary Membership Secretary shall maintain an up to date record of new and renewed memberships and make these available to the Committee upon request.

## 7. THE HONORARY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT(S)

The appointment of a President and not more than two Vice Presidents shall be at the invitation of the Committee. The President and Vice President(s) shall be entitled to notice of and attend all Meetings of Members and to speak but not vote unless they or any of them be Ordinary Members of the Club. The Honorary President and Vice President shall serve for such time as circumstances shall require or render necessary.

## 8. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet as necessary for the running of the Club. All Committee Meetings must be convened by the Honorary Secretary upon instructions from the Chairman.

Notice of Committee Meetings shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary fourteen days in advance to Committee Members. Such notice to show the Agenda and be accompanied by copies of the previous Meeting minutes. Urgent business can be subject to an Emergency Committee Meeting called at 24 hours notice.