



Burmese Cat Society Rules

1.0 OBJECTIVES

The Burmese Cat Society (The Society) objective is to:

- Promote proper breeding and exhibiting of Burmese cats;
- Encourage an active interest in the care and protection of the breed;
- Assist members in matters pertaining to their hobby;
- Holding and supporting shows for the exhibition of cats; and
- to promote the welfare of both pedigree and non-pedigree cats.

2.0 AFFILIATION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY (GCCF)

The Society is affiliated to the GCCF and bound by their rules laid down in the constitution.

The Society is entitled to send to GCCF council meetings delegates as defined in the Constitution of the GCCF. These delegates will be Officers or Members of the Committee of the Society and elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Delegates will be elected for one year but may stand for re-election in the subsequent years.

Reasonable delegate expenses shall be paid by the Club. The Committee defines what is reasonable expenses and this shall be final.

All Members of the Club are subject to such disciplinary powers of the GCCF. Any Member (including Life and Honorary Members) suspended under Article 12 of the GCCF Constitution and wishing to rejoin after suspension must apply to the Society Committee.

The Committee shall forward to the GCCF no later than the 30th April each year:

- The Accounts of the Society as approved by the last Annual General Meeting.
- Notice of any alteration of the rules of the Society approved by the last Annual General Meeting.
- A list of the names of Members of the Committee identifying as such the Officers and ordinary Members.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

Members who agreed to join the Society before or at the foundation meeting shall be founder members. Thereafter applications for membership shall be proposed and seconded by the members of the Society. Membership is open to all, but the Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse applicants without giving reason.

Membership subscriptions shall be set at the AGM, for the next financial year, by a simple majority of those present. Subscriptions are due 1 January each year.

Junior Membership under 16 years (no voting rights) with an annual subscription of £2.

Members who have paid 5 years consecutive membership may pay for the next 5 years at 5 times the prevailing rate in lieu of the next 5 years.

Honorary membership or the position of Honorary President and Vice President may be conferred by members at a general meeting on the recommendation of the Committee. They shall not have any special voting rights.

Any member requesting a signature on an application for a prefix with the GCCF must have been a member of the Society for a minimum of 1 year.

4.0 COMMITTEE

The Society shall be managed by a Committee comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer (hereafter called Officers). In addition, there shall be up to five ordinary Committee members.

The Chairman, Membership Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Society by ballot at the AGM and shall hold office for two years, retiring from office at the same time.

The Vice Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed by the Society by ballot at the AGM and shall hold office for two years, retiring from office at the same time but alternate to the Chairman, Membership Secretary and Treasurer.

The ordinary Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Society at the AGM, serving for two years provided that no more than three ordinary Members of the Committee shall retire at the same time.

5.0 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee is responsible for:

- The policy, programme and finances of the Society, proposing recommendations via any General Meeting as necessary;
- Arranging Cat Shows in accordance with GCCF rules, appointing show officials as required who shall have absolute discretion in making show rules, provided they do not conflict with the Society and GCCF rules;
- Oversee any disputed matters and may suspend or expel any member or Officer whose conduct it considers has brought the Society and its objectives into disrepute;
- Deal with any matter not specifically provided for in the Rules.
- Use Society Funds all reasonable expenses;
- Take advice as the Committee shall think fit from professional and business persons in attendance at meetings of the Committee or otherwise and pay such proper charges as are thereby incurred;

No Member of the Committee shall be personally liable to the Society for any loss or damage arising out of the exercising of the powers or responsibilities of the Committee.

6.0 FINANCE

The financial year shall be the calendar year.

The monies of the Society shall be held in the Society bank account(s), overseen by the Treasurer. Any Account will be operated on the signature of any two of the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary but all signatories must come from separate households.

The Treasurer shall submit for review by an independent qualified checker an Income and Expenditure account for the previous year ended the 31st December. The checker will confirm the account and return it to the Treasurer for who will submit it to the members for approval at the AGM.

7.0 MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting will be not later than 30th April in each year on a date and venue to be determined by the Committee. One month's notice will be given to members in writing (which includes using electronic means / website).

The Annual General Meeting shall transact the following business:

- Election of Officers
- Election of Ordinary Committee Members
- Election of Honorary Members.
- Approval of accounts for the previous year
- Appointment of Independent Checker
- Appointment of GCCF delegates

All business dealt with at the AGM shall be dealt with by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have a second and casting vote.

A Special General Meeting may be called when notice is given in writing to the Secretary and signed by at least twenty fully paid up members specifying the proposed resolution. The members calling the meeting shall be responsible for the expenses incurred and be present at the meeting, for which not less than 21 days' notice must be given to members.

General Committee Meetings will be held as often as deemed necessary in a year, with at least 48 hours notice whether in writing or orally. The quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be 4 of whom at least two shall be an Officer of the Society. All business dealt with shall be dealt with by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have a second and casting vote.

Minutes - a record in the form of Minutes will be made for all General and Committee Meetings.

8.0 AMENDMENT OF RULES

No alterations to these Rules shall be made except by the resolution of the Society at a General Meeting by a majority of not less than two thirds of those Members present and voting. The existing Rule and the proposed alteration or new rule shall be quoted in full on the Agenda for the Meeting.

9.0 DISSOLUTION OR WINDING UP

The Society may be wound up or amalgamated with another Club, Association or Society by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of members present at a general meeting.

In the event of winding up, the property and assets of the Society shall be disposed of as resolved by a simple majority of the Members of the Club in General Meeting except that gifts to the Club shall be restored to the donors so far as they can be traced by reasonable enquiry within six months of the date of winding up. On the settlement of all bills any surplus funds should be gifted to a registered cat charity.