



**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SINGAPORE**  
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## **THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SINGAPORE** **AUTHORISED SHOW RULES**

### **Part I : Interpretation**

1. In these Rules the words defined as hereinafter following shall bear the meanings herein set out unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:-

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| "These Rules" means       | : | The Authorised Show Rules for the time being in force.  |
| "The Club" means          | : | The German Shepherd Dog Club of Singapore acting (where the context so admits) by its Management Committee. |
| "Show" means              | : | A Dog Show which is promoted by the Club.   |
| "Unrecognised Show" means | : | A Show not promoted by the Club or the Singapore Kennel Club (SKC).   |
| "Show Chairman" means     | : | The Chairman appointed by the Club under these Rules.   |
| "Show Manager" means      | : | The Manager appointed by the Club under these Rules.  |
| "Show Steward" means      | : | The Steward appointed by the Club under these Rules.  |
| "SKC" means               | : | The Singapore Kennel Club.  |

Words importing the singular number only shall where the context so admits, include the plural number and vice-versa.

Words importing the masculine gender only shall where the context so admits, include the feminine gender.

Headings of parts and paragraphs shall be used only for guidance and shall not limit the meaning of these provisions.



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**Part II : Scope**

2. These Rules shall apply to all Specialty Shows held under the auspices of or authorised by the Club. Any person, society, association, firm or corporation conducting or taking part in any such Shows in any manner whatsoever shall be bound by these Rules; PROVIDED that the Club may at its discretion exempt any show from the full application of these Rules or any one or more of these Rules.

**Part III : Kinds of Show**

3. Recognised shows shall be of two kinds: -
  - a. SPECIALTY CHAMPIONSHIP BREED SHOWS at which Challenge Certificates counting towards the title of "Singapore Champion" may be awarded and there shall be no restriction on the number of exhibits which may be entered.
  - b. SPECIALTY BREED SINGAPORE WHELPED SHOWS at which there shall be no restrictions on the number of exhibits which there shall be no restrictions on the number of exhibits which may be entered provided all exhibits are whelped in Singapore.

**Part IV : Who May Hold Shows**

4. Any of the abovementioned typed of Show may be promoted and organised by the Club.

**Part V : The Show Committee and Conditions To Comply With**

5. a. APPOINTMENT OF SHOW COMMITTEE. The Club shall appoint a Show Committee from any of its members which shall be responsible to the Club for the proper organisation of the show in accordance with these Rules.
  - b. PERIOD OF SHOW. The Club otherwise decides, no show shall exceed 10 hours in each day calculated from the time of commencement to the end of judging for the day.



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- c. SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND CATALOGUES. The Show committee may issue a catalogue and submit 3 copies to the Club containing a schedule of the show which may include: -
- i) names of the judges and which classes they are to judge;
  - ii) the classification of entries in accordance with these Rules containing the names and dates of birth and breeders of the exhibits and the names of their sires and dams and their exhibits;
  - iii) the names and addresses of the owners of the exhibits;
  - iv) such other particulars as approved or required by the Club.
- d. JUDGES. No person shall be permitted to judge a show without the prior approval of the Club. The Show Committee shall submit to the Club not less than 7 clear days prior to the holding of the show the names of the judges for the Show and the particulars of classes they are to judge.
- e. WAIVER. The Show Committee in cases of emergency, may waive the 7 days requirement as stated in Rule 5 (D).
- f. EXHIBITORS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE CLUB'S RULES. Every exhibitor that participates in any show shall abide by these Rules.
- g. PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORISED PERSONS IN SHOW VENUE. The Show Committee shall have power to prohibit unauthorised or undesirable persons from entering a show venue.

### **Part VI : Entries and Entry Forms**

6. a. The Show Committee may invite entries.
- b. All entries shall be in writing on the current form prescribed by the Club, and shall be completed by the owner of the exhibit, his servant or agent, or a person duly authorised in writing on that behalf by the said owner. All entries to be valid must be accompanied by the requisite entrance fee.
- c. In submitting an entry form, the applicant shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by the Show Rules in force at the time of the show.



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- d. An entry shall constitute an offer by the entrant and shall not be deemed to be accepted unless official notification of acceptance is communicated to the entrant. Such offer shall constitute a continuing offer and may not be withdrawn or amended by the entrant. No entrance fee paid will be refunded upon withdrawal, disqualification, or scratching of any entry.
- e. The Show Committee may refuse to accept any entry.
- f. Entries must be received by the Show Secretary on or before the advertised closing date. Late entries including those received by post bearing postmarks prior to the closing date will not be accepted. However, the Show Committee reserves the right to extend the closing date if it deems necessary.
- g. In the case of an entry allowed by the Club pursuant to Rule 7(B) herein it shall be incumbent upon the owner to ensure that his entry has been approved for issuance of a pedigree at least forty-eight (48) hours before the date of the show (or where there is more than one date, the first date of the show). Any entry not so approved shall be automatically disqualified and all fees paid shall not be refunded.
- h. Late Entry
  - i) There is no "on-the-spot" entry on the day of the show.
  - ii) Late entry of dogs, just newly imported after the official closing date of the show entry, are permitted to participate at the show, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:
    - a) At least forty eight (48) hours before the date of the show, the owner of such newly imported dogs submits the official pedigree from the country of origin, hips X-ray certificate and breed survey (if any);
    - b) The owner must have submitted his dogs for registration with the SKC under "Name Applied For" or NAF;
    - c) The owner/s must be fully paid up member of the Club;
    - d) A late entry fee of not more than three (3) times the normal entry fee be imposed;



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- e) The owner/s to submit the entry on the prescribed form;
- f) The newly imported dogs have to be inspected by the SKC official inspector before the show.

### **Part VII : Breed Registration and Classifications**

7. Formalities regarding exhibits.
- a. REGISTRATION OF DOGS. Subject as herein otherwise provided, all dogs exhibited at shows shall be registered with the SKC.
  - b. UNREGISTERED DOGS.
    - i) The Club may allow the exhibition at shows of dogs not fully registered by the SKC but for which their registrations have been applied and recorded as being "provisionally registered". Every such dog entered for a show shall have the letters "N.A.F." after its name indicating that its Name has been Applied For and it will be allowed to be exhibited at not more than one Specialty Show.
    - ii) For the removal of doubt, the date of provisional registration shall be the date of receipt of the application by the SKC.
    - iii) If full registration of the dog by the SKC has not been effected after one year of the dog's provisional registration, the dog will be deemed as exhibited, and all gradings and awards that it may have won will be withdrawn.
  - c. OWNERSHIP. A dog must at the time of entry for a show, be the registered property of the exhibitor. The Show Committee may in its absolute discretion accept an entry in respect of a dog which is temporarily in the charge of a person not its owner provided that such entry is made in the name of the registered owner of the dog.
  - d. TRANSFER. Where an exhibitor not the registered owner of a dog wishes to show a dog which is nonetheless his bona fide property, the Club may permit such dog to be shown provided an application for the transfer of the dog has been duly received by the SKC and the dog is exhibited with the letters "T.A.F." after its name indicating that a Transfer has been Applied For to register the dog with SKC in the exhibitors name.



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8. a. CLASSES FOR BREED. At any show, the Show Committee may provide classes from amongst the following classifications -.

The following are the definitions of classes (these classifications are based on the age at the commencement of any show)

- i) BABY PUPPY : For dogs of 3 and not exceeding 6 months.
- ii) MINOR PUPPY : For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 9 months.
- iii) PUPPY : For dogs of 9 and not exceeding 12 months,
- iv) YOUTH : For dogs of 12 months and not exceeding 18 months. The winner of this class shall carry the title "YOUTH SIEGER" or "YOUNG SIEGERIN" if won during a Sieger Show.
- v) YOUTH DOG : For dogs of 18 months and not exceeding 24 months. The winner of this class shall carry the title "SIEGER" or "SIEGERIN" if won during a Sieger Show.
- vi) ADULT DOG : For dogs above 24 months. The winner of the class shall carry the title "SIEGER" or "SIEGERIN" if won during a Sieger Show.
- vii) SINGAPORE WHELPED : For exhibits born in Singapore including those imported in dam and conceived through artificial insemination from imported semen.
- viii) IMPORTED : For all dogs other than Singapore Whelped.



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- ix) PROGENY : For a class of not less than 4 or such numbers which the Show Committee may decide from time to time comprising the sire (the principal entry) and not less than 3 of its offsprings (whether from one or more litters). The entry shall be of the principal entry only by its bona fide owner, and the offsprings must all have been entered and shown in at least one other class (besides Kennel Group) in the show.
- x) KENNEL GROUP : For a class of registered kennel name not less than 4 and not more than 6 exhibits or such other numbers which the Show Committee may decide from time to time. All exhibits must have been entered and shown at least one other class (besides Progeny Class) in the show.
- xi) OTHER CLASSES : Any other classes which the Show Committee may decide to introduce from time to time.
- b. Except where there is a direct reference in a definition to the age of the exhibit, it is a condition that all exhibits should be age not less than 3 months at the commencement of the show.

### **Part VIII : Grading and Awards**

9. a. All exhibits for each class shall be positioned from first to last.
- b. GRADINGS
- i) All exhibits below 12 months shall not be graded.



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- ii) All exhibits between 12 to 24 months shall be graded in the following categories:
  - a) Very Good - SG
  - b) Good - G
  - c) Sufficient - A
  
- iii) All exhibits above 24 months shall be graded in the following categories:
  - a) Excellent select - VA
  - b) Excellent - V
  - c) Very Good - SG
  - d) Good - G
  - e) Sufficient - A

For exhibits to be graded "Excellent Select" or "Excellent", all exhibits must be breed class 1 for VA and Class 1 or 2 for V.

- c. Challenge-Certificate is offered for each sex participating in the Specialty Championship Breed Show and the exhibits are to be eighteen (18) months and above of age and passed breed survey Class 1 or 2.
- d. A judge needs not award a Challenge Certificate unless he is of the opinion that the winning exhibit is of outstanding merit and is worthy of being awarded the status of a Champion.
- e. Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be awarded to the second best dog and bitch if the judge considers them of sufficient merit. The winner of Reserve Challenge Certificate shall automatically be awarded the Challenge Certificate should the original winner of the Challenge Certificate be disqualified.

### 10. Colours of GRADING CARDS AND ROSETTES.

- a. Colours of Grading Cards and Rosettes shall be:

|    |   |        |
|----|---|--------|
| VA | - | Red    |
| V  | - | Blue   |
| SG | - | Green  |
| G  | - | Purple |
| A  | - | Yellow |



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- b. Any grading or award won by an exhibit will automatically be withdrawn in any of the following circumstances:
  - i) Where the entry of the exhibit does not comply with the provisions in Rules 6(B) and (C) respectively.
  - ii) Where the exhibit disqualified from exhibiting in accordance with Rule 7(B) herein has erroneously or otherwise been accepted for exhibition.
  - iii) Where an exhibit has competed in a class as defined in accordance with Rule 8 herein for which it was not eligible to compete in.
- c. Any grading or award won by an exhibit may be withdrawn if an exhibitor fails to observe any of the provisions of Rules 23 herein.

### **Part IX : Conditions Applicable on Show Day**

- 11. EXHIBITS ONLY TO BE ALLOWED IN SHOW. Except with the permission of the Show Committee, no animal other than an exhibit shall be allowed in the ring of a Dog Show during its continuance.
- 12. DOGS NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM COMPETITION. A dog after admission to a show may not, except with the consent of the Show Chairman or the Show Manager, be withdrawn from competition in the class placed by the Club. Where consent is given the owner of the dog, or his servant, or agent, shall withdraw the dog, and before the commencement of the judging of the show otherwise the consent is deemed to have been withdrawn. Any exhibit failing to participate in its class without the required consent shall be subject to penalty under Rule 29 and may also be suspended from the Club and its shows.
- 13. a. ADMISSION INTO AND REMOVAL OF DOGS FROM SHOWS. No dogs suffering from or which may have recently been exposed to any contagious or infectious disease shall be admitted into the show venue.
  - b. VETERINARY SURGEON. A Veterinary Surgeon shall be appointed by the Show Committee to examine any dog against which an objection has been made on grounds which require a Veterinarian's opinion. The Veterinarian's decision shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to appeal.



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The protester on lodging his objection shall deposit with the Show Committee a sum of \$500.00. The deposit shall be refunded to the protester if his protest is upheld and the exhibit objected to shall be removed from the show. If the protest is not upheld the deposit shall be forfeited by the Show Committee for the Club. If the protest is upheld, the exhibitor shall in addition be liable to penalty under Rule 29 and may also be suspended from the Club and its shows.

- c. Once a dog has been admitted into the show venue, it may not, without the permission of the Show Manager or Show Chairman be removed from the Show before the end of the show at such time as stipulated by the Show Committee.
14. **RING TAGS/VESTS.** The person in charge of a dog that is entered and brought to the show shall, on admission to the show venue, be given a tag/vest upon which is printed in easily legible figures the exhibit number of the dog. Such "ring-tag/vest" must be worn in a conspicuous place by the person who handles the dog whenever the dog is being exhibited in the judging ring.
  15. **DOGS TO BE PROVIDED WITH CHAINS AND COLLARS.** Each exhibitor shall equip his dog with a strong chain and suitable collar so that it may be securely fastened.
  16. a. **EXCLUSION OF EXHIBITS.** The Show Committee may refuse admission into the show or remove therefrom:
    - i) any dog which is of a savage or unmanageable disposition: or
    - ii) any bitch which is spayed except that this shall not apply to an animal that has progeny registered at the SKC but prevented from breeding as a result of Surgical operation and provided a certificate be submitted by a Veterinary Surgeon certifying that spaying was necessary for the health reasons; or
    - iii) any cryptorchid
  - b. **EXCLUSION OF EXHIBITORS AND HANDLERS**
    - i) The Show Chairman (or in his absence the Show Manager) may refuse admission into the show or exclude from any part of the precincts of the show any exhibitor, his servant or agent or handler who in the opinion of the Show Chairman (or in his



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absence the Show Manager) conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to or is likely to prejudice the good order and running of the show.

- ii) When an exhibitor uses the services of a handler servant or agent, the exhibitor shall be responsible as a principal for the conduct of such persons and any breach of conduct by such persons shall be construed as a breach by the exhibitor himself.
- iii) Refusal of admission or removal of any exhibitor his servant or agent or handler or the exclusion of the exhibitor and/or the handler from any part of the precincts of the show shall ipso facto mean the refusal of admission or removal of all the show or any part thereof without prejudice to the Club in imposing such penalties referred to in Rule 29.
- iv) If the exhibitor or his servant or agent or handler refused to comply with the decision of the Show Chairman (or in his absence the Show Manager) he may also be suspended from the Club or from future participation of shows.

17, PERSONS AND CONDUCT IN THE JUDGING RING. Without the permission of the ring steward, no person other than the judge, the properly appointed steward or stewards and the handlers of exhibits shall be in the ring during any time when judging is in progress. Any person who is judging in a show shall not be allowed to handler any dog in the show. The Show Chairman may waive this Rule under special circumstances such as official photographers and trainee judges.

18. a. ADVERTISING MAY BE ALLOWED IN THE RING. Advertisements may be allowed to be displayed in any form or manner by any person handling an exhibit in the judging ring, provided prior approval has been given by the Show Chairman. The latter in coming to his decision shall work in consultation with Management Committee and its guidelines. All decisions made by the Show Chairman is final and is not subject to review.

- i) Advertisements bearing your dog's name or your favourite dog's name is allowed.
- ii) Advertisements bearing your kennel name is allowed.
- iii) Advertisements by commercial dog food dealers or related to dog business need to apply.



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- iv) Any other forms of advertisements away from the norms (for instance T-shirts, trousers, jockey caps) need to apply.

The sole sponsor is permitted to advertise their brand of dog food, dog related products or other products in the form of advertisements through T-shirts, trousers and jockey caps. Any departure from norm, the sole sponsor needs to apply in writing. Handlers of dogs are permitted to wear such apparels bearing the sole sponsor's brand of products within the judging ring.

No advertisement which in the opinion of the Show Chairman, (or in his absence the Show Manager) has or is likely to have a conflicting commercial objective shall be allowed to be displayed in any form or manner by any person handling an exhibit in the judging ring.

- b. The Ring Steward shall on the instructions of the Show Chairman (or in his absence the Show Manager) refuse the entry of the said person into the judging ring. He shall be required to leave the judging ring forthwith. Where the said person refuses to comply with the order to leave the judging ring, the exhibit shall not be judged or where the exhibit has been judged and has won a grading and an award, the grading and award shall automatically be withdrawn. Such person shall be liable to a penalty under Rule 29 and may also be suspended from the Club or from future participation of shows.
19. **ABSENTEES FROM JUDGING.** It shall be the duty of all exhibitors to present their exhibits for judging and any exhibits not presented shall not be judged and shall be deemed to have been withdrawn from competition and shall be liable to penalty. This Show Committee shall have the sole discretion to waive such penalty.
20. **JUDGE'S BOOKS.** Each judge will be supplied by the Show Committee with a judging book containing perforated slips. Upon each of such slips the judge shall write his gradings and awards in each class. One of such slips duly signed by the judge shall be handed to a nominated show official immediately, one shall be placed on the notice board and one retained in the book on the completion of the judging of each class.
21. **FINALITY OF JUDGE'S GRADINGS/AWARDS.** All gradings and awards shall be final except where any such grading and award has been won by fraud or misrepresentation or where breach of these Rules is discovered or where a mistake has been made bona-fide by the judge. No alteration of the awards may be made after the class of the show without the special



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permission of the Club which permission shall be sought in writing not later than seven days from the date of the show (or the last date if a show runs for more than one day.)

22. POWER TO WITHHOLD GRADING AND AWARDS. A judge shall be empowered to withhold any award if in this opinion there is a lack of sufficient merit but he must on his judging slips state that the grading and award has been so withheld.

### **Part XI : General Rules Applying To All Exhibitors**

23. a. Every exhibitor shall behave with decorum and in a sportsmanlike manner all other persons in the show. Any exhibitor who behaves in any manner that is prejudicial to the smooth running of the show shall be liable to be suspended from the Club or from future participation of shows.
- b. Acts of dishonestly or deceit or other fraudulent conduct, and improper or discreditable behaviour, in or about or in connection with a show, shall render the offending party liable to penalty under Rule 29 and may also be suspended from the Club or from future participation of shows.
- c. The owner and/or exhibitor of a dog renders himself liable to a penalty under these Rules if he shows a dog in contravention of sub-sections (I) to (xi) of these Rules.
- i) Except for tattoo of ears, no cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act which destroys the tissue of the ears or alters the natural formation of a dog or any part thereof may be done which in the opinion of the Show Committee is calculated to deceive, except operations certified to the satisfaction of the Club to be necessary.
  - ii) The setting of the teeth shall not be artificially altered.
  - iii) No dye, colouring matter, bleaching or other matter shall be used to alter or improve the colour or markings of a dog.
  - iv) No oily, greasy or sticky substance or other preparation or chemical which has been applied to a dog's coat shall be allowed to remain on it at the time of exhibition. By way of clarification it is permissible to use a substance such as chalk to



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- remove dirt, this must be removed before the dog enters the ring to be judged.
- v) No dogs shall be handled by any judge who is officiating at that show.
  - vi) No dogs shall be handled by any Chief Ring Steward who is officiating at that show. However, his exhibits may be shown by a different handler.
  - vii) The dog must not have endorsed on his registration documents the words "not eligible for entry at shows".
  - viii) The dog must not be suffering from an infectious or contagious disease.
  - ix) The dog must not have been registered or recorded as owned or handled at the show, boarded or prepared for exhibition by the judge within a period of 6 (six) months prior to the show.
  - x) No dog shall be removed from the show before the advertised time of its termination unless special permission is granted by the Show Chairman or in his absence, the Show Manager.
  - xi) No exhibits shall be allowed in the judging ring at any time except when required for showing.
- d. All exhibits must be chained and on a leash at all times including in the show ring except during the Obedience Demonstration.
24. a. **FRAUDULENT OR DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOUR AT SHOWS TO BE REPORTED.** The Show Committee must immediately report to the Club any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, and at the same time forward to the Club all documents and information in connection therewith which may be in his possession.
- b. The Show Committee shall immediately inform the Club of the particulars of any member suspended for the Club and the reason for such suspended and if he is not a member of the Club the particulars of such exhibitor suspended from future participation of shows and the reason for such suspension.
25. Exhibits may be handled by professional handlers irrespective of their race, sex, religion, residence, and citizenship.



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26. The Show Committee with the prior approval of the Club may allow an-exhibitor, his servant or agent to attract the attention of his exhibit from outside the outermost ring by such approved means or methods.
27. a. PARTICIPANTS IN UNRECOGNISED SHOWS.
- i) No member shall promote, exhibit at, judge or in any way officiate at or participate in an unrecognised show.
  - ii) Member shall not exhibit any dogs at any unrecognised show.
- b. PARTICIPANTS IN RECOGNISED SHOWS

EXPELLED MEMBERS. An expelled member (including expelled member of SKC) shall not be permitted to participate in the show in any capacity whatsoever nor shall he be permitted to handle any dog or be a servant or agent for any owner or exhibitor in the show.

28. PROTESTS.
- a. An exhibitor may lodge a protest in writing to the Secretary of the Club within 48 hours of the end of the show.
  - b. A protest deposit of \$500.00 shall be paid at the time of making any protest. Such deposit shall be refunded if the protest is upheld otherwise it shall be forfeit to the Club.
  - c. The protest shall be heard by the relevant Show Committee which shall give its decision within one (1) month of the show provided that where in the opinion of the Show Chairman (or in his absence the Show Manager) the protest is one requiring an immediate decision the protest shall be referred to a Referee appointed by the Show Committee whose decision shall be final and shall not be made the subject of any appeal.

### **Part XII : Penalties**

29. Any member guilty of any infringement of those rules or any provision hereof, (in which respect the opinion of the Club shall be final and conclusive in all respects) shall, at the discretion of the Club be subject to any one or more of the following:



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- a. Forfeiture or cancellation of some or all gradings and awards won at that show and if the member fails to return all such gradings and awards within 14 days he may be suspended from the Club;
- b. Fine not exceeding \$500.00 and if the member fails to pay the fine within 14 days he may be suspended from the Club;
- c. Suspension from taking part in any show for such period as the Club deems fit and or suspension of club membership-
- d. The name of a suspended member may be posted in the Club's premises for such period as the Club deems fit.

### **Part XIII : Financial Provision For Shows**

30. FEES MAY BE CHARGED, ETC. The Show Committee may charge entry fees, entrance fees to show grounds and fees for seats situated around the judging ring. It may offer for sale and sell copies of the Show Catalogue and charge for the insertion of advertisements in the catalogue or other printed matters concerning the show, and may also let and charge rent for space occupied in the show grounds for traders stalls. Full or part sponsorship may also be charged.
31. SHOW MONIES. A Show Committee shall keep true and proper accounts of the Income and Expenditure in respect of a show, and shall send a statement of account to the Club within 2 months of the show. A Show Committee shall within 3 months after a show, forward accounts to be audited. Any deficit of income as compared with expenditure may, in the case of a show organised by the Club, be borne by the Club to which shall be remitted any excess of income over expenditure.
32. ADVANCES OF MONEY TO SHOW COMMITTEE. The Club may advance such sums of money to a Show Committee on account of expenditure to be incurred in organising a show as it may in its absolute discretion determination

### **Part XIV : The Club's Decision Shall Be Final**

33. The decision of the Club shall be final and conclusive in all matters, questions, disputes or interpretation (whether arising out of these Rules or out of the Rules and Regulations of the Club) concerning a show or in connection with canine affairs and is binding upon any person owning, or registering a



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dog, promoting, exhibiting, judging or in any way officiating or participating in any show, and shall not be a subject of appeal to any Court of Law.

### **Part XV : Miscellaneous**

34. All cups, trophies and plaques shall be won outright in each show.
35. AVAILABILITY OF RULES. One or more copies of these Rules shall be kept at the place where a show is held and shall be available for perusal by the judges, stewards and referees.
36. ALTERATION AND REVOCATION OF RULES. The Club may whenever it shall think fit alter or revoke these rules or any of them or make new rules.