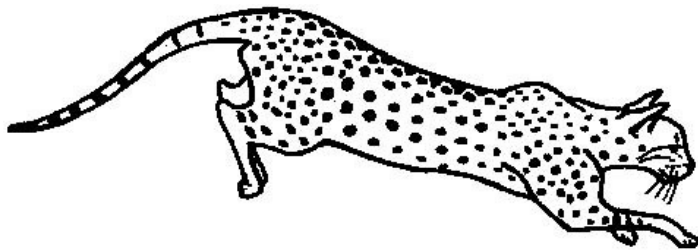


THE CONSTITUTION  
AND RULES  
OF  
THE OCICAT CLUB



AFFILIATED TO THE GCCF

**PRESIDENT  
DESMOND MORRIS**

**VICE-PRESIDENT  
MARY KALAL**

1. **Name**

The Club shall be called “THE OCICAT CLUB” hereinafter referred to in these rules as “The Club”.

2. **Aims and Objects**

- (i) To promote interest in the owning, breeding, exhibiting, welfare and care of the Ocicat in all colours.
- (ii) To establish Standards of Points, and Breeding and Registration Policies for Ocicats, via the relevant Breed Advisory Committee, with attention to the maintenance of healthy breeding lines and the promotion of good temperament.
- (iii) To nominate persons for appointment as Judges for the Breed via the relevant Breed Advisory Committee in co-operation with affiliated member Clubs of that B.A.C.
- (iv) To appoint suitable representatives to represent the interests of the Club Members and the Breed at the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and at any relevant Breed Advisory committees.
- (v) To promote the best possible care of both pet and breeding cats; to prevent, at least within the breed, cat farming and the selling of cats and kittens in pet shops and large stores; and to adhere to the guidelines given by the G.C.C.F. relating to kitten sales in that a kitten should be over thirteen weeks and fully inoculated against Feline Enteritis and Cat ‘Flu before leaving home.
- (vi) To hold and support Cat Shows subject to G.C.C.F. approval.

3. **Officers and Committee**

- (i) The Club may have a President and a maximum of two Vice-Presidents. These shall be nominated in the same way as Committee Members, or by nominations duly proposed and seconded from the floor at The Annual General Meeting. They may be invited to attend Committee Meetings but shall have no vote. The President’s office is permanent but the Vice-Presidents shall be elected every 4 years. Both offices are honorary and no duties are imposed save sympathy with the objects of The Club.
- (ii) The Club will be managed by a Committee and a Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, all of whom shall be fully paid up adult members of at least twelve months standing. The Committee shall consist of seven persons. The Officers and Committee Members shall

have power to co-opt four additional members in a voting capacity. A presence of four, which must include at least one officer, will constitute a quorum.

- (iii) No Officer or Committee Member of The Club may also be an Officer, Committee Member, Official, Judge, Show Manager or functionary of any unaffiliated organisation in the U.K. whose activities include the registration of and/or licensing or holding of shows for pedigree cats including Ocicats.
- (iv) The Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer shall serve a period of three years and shall stand down in rotation and be eligible for re-election.
- (v) The Committee Members shall serve a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (vi) In the event of there being more nominations than vacancies, the officers and Committee Members shall be elected by postal ballot, the results to be announced at The Annual General Meeting. Nominations for each post shall be sent in writing at least six weeks before the Annual General Meeting. (Reference Rule 7.1(i).)
- (vii) In the event of the resignation or death of any Officer of The Club the Committee may appoint a caretaker Officer to replace him/her until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (viii) Absence from two consecutive committee Meetings, without sufficient reason and notification, shall be deemed resignation and the absenting member shall not be eligible for re-election for at least one year from the subsequent annual General Meeting.
- (ix) The Committee may appoint individuals or sub-committees to carry out specific tasks on behalf of The Club.
- (x) The Chairperson may at any meeting exercise a casting vote to resolve a tie in addition to their personal vote.
- (xi) On affiliation to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, The Club shall be represented by a delegate or delegates in accordance with the G.C.C.F. Constitution. The delegate(s) must be member(s) of the Committee, and shall, after the first year, be elected at The Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, being then eligible for immediate re-election. Nominations shall be duly proposed and seconded from the floor at The Annual General Meeting and the election will then take place immediately. If The Club is entitled to only one delegate, a substitute delegate shall also be elected annually in the same way.

4. **Honorary Secretary**

- (i) The Honorary Secretary shall maintain a list of members and conduct all the correspondence of The Club.
- (ii) The Honorary Secretary shall call the General Meeting and the Committee Meetings as required, in consultation with the Chairperson, and shall keep a Minute Book in which the Meetings of The Club and of its Committee shall be recorded.
- (iii) The Honorary Secretary shall present an Annual Report to The Annual General Meeting.

5. **Honorary Treasurer**

- (i) The funds of The Club shall be deposited in a Bank or Building Society under the name of “The Ocicat Club”, approved by the Committee. The signatories on all cheques must be two of three signatories. The signatories shall be The Treasurer, another Officer and one other person appointed by The Committee.
- (ii) The financial year of The Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December of the same year.
- (iii) The Honorary Treasurer shall present a profit and loss account and a balance sheet to The Annual General Meeting. This shall have been examined by an independent person, appointed for that purpose by The Annual General Meeting, on an annual basis.

6. **Membership**

- (i) Membership of The Club shall be available to any breeder or owner of Ocicats, or anyone interested in the Breed, at the discretion of the committee, and on proposing and seconding by Members of The Club. The seconder may, if necessary, be the applicant’s veterinary surgeon, and Committee Members may be contacted in case of difficulty.
- (ii) The Committee shall be empowered to refuse any membership proposal and shall not be obliged to give any reason for doing so.
- (iii) Members who joined The Club before the first .A.G.M. shall be known as Founder Members.
- (iv) Honorary Membership may be granted at the discretion of The Committee.

- (v) The Committee shall have the power to immediately suspend or expel any Member or Official from The Club if, in the opinion of the Committee, such Member's conduct has been detrimental to the welfare, breeding or exhibiting of cats, or likely to prove injurious to the character, reputation or interests of The Club and/or its members, who shall be governed by the Club's Code of Ethics. Such suspension or expulsion to be subject to appeal, within twenty-one days, to a General Meeting called specifically for the purpose; notice of such meeting and of the business to be discussed thereat to be in writing and to be given to all Members not less than seven days before the date of such meeting. The suspended or expelled Member shall have the opportunity to state their case and shall be reinstated if their appeal is allowed. Such appeal to be decided by a majority of two thirds of Members present and voting. Such expelled Members must return all Club property.
- (vi) Any Member, including Life and Honorary Members, suspended under Article 12 of The Constitution of the G.C.C.F. shall cease to be a member of The Club and, if wishing to rejoin after expiration of suspension, must apply to The Committee for re-admission.
- (vii) The subscription for Single, Joint, Junior (with no voting rights) and Overseas members shall be determined from time to time by The Committee, subject to approval at the A.G.M., and shall be due on 1st January each year. Members whose subscriptions are in arrears shall be reminded, and if in arrears after six months, shall be deemed to have resigned from The club. Members joining after 30th September shall be entitled to a maximum of fifteen months membership, before their subscription becomes due.
- (viii) Long Term Membership for a period of five years may be granted to an ordinary Member of at least one year's standing, at the Committee's discretion, at a non-refundable fee equal to 4 years subscription.
- (ix) A Member of The Club shall be deemed to have accepted the Rules of The Club, and these Rules shall be made available to all members.

## 7. **General Meetings**

- (i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31st July each year. All nominations and matters for the Agenda must be received in writing by the Honorary Secretary by at least 6 weeks prior to the meeting.
- (ii) Notice of a General Meeting and the Agenda for it shall be sent to all fully paid up Members not less than 21 days before the Meeting.
- (iii) Ten Members shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting.

- (iv) Only fully paid up Members shall be eligible to participate in or vote at any General Meeting.
- (v) A Special General Meeting shall be called on the signed and written demand of ten members who are paid up and have been members for a period of six months or more, specifying the business to be discussed, and providing surety of £50. The sum will be returned at the discretion of the Special General Meeting if the grounds for calling it are found by the Meeting to be valid. Such meetings shall be held within six weeks of the said demand being received by the Honorary Secretary.

## 8. **Club Trophies**

- (i) Points and rosettes shall only be awarded to fully paid up Members.
- (ii) Trophies shall only be presented to Members who are fully paid up Members at the time of presentation.
- (iii) Any Member who fails to return a trophy on time or returns it in an unacceptable condition may, at the Committee's discretion, be barred from holding trophies, and may be charged for any necessary repairs.
- (iv) When cups and trophies are donated to The Club they become the property of The Club.

## 9. **Alteration of Rules, Amalgamation and Winding Up**

- (i) No alteration shall be made to these Rules except at a General Meeting, and notice of such a motion must appear on the Agenda for that Meeting. Any such alteration shall require a simple majority.
- (ii) The Club may be wound up or amalgamated with another Cat Club at a General Meeting, and notice of such a motion, and a proposal for the disposal of Club Assets, must appear on the Agenda for that Meeting. Any such motion and proposal shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. On winding up, all monies and assets pertaining to the Club shall be donated to Cats' Protection or failing this a similar registered national Cat Charity or Cat Rescue designated by the meeting. On winding up, all monies and assets pertaining to the Club shall be donated to the Cats' Protection or failing this a similar registered national Cat Charity or Cat Rescue designated by the meeting.

Amended

31st July 1994

29th July 1995

26th July 1997

17th August 1997

6th December 1997

25th July 1999

9th July 2000

3rd March 2002

1st March 2003

5th March 2006

2nd March 2008