



Red, Cream & Tortoiseshell Society



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Society**

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Society Rules



- Twenty-one days written notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary specifying the precise terms of the proposed alteration.
- The alteration has been approved by two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual or Special General Meeting of which members have been given due notice in accordance with rule 7.

8. Finance

The financial year of the Society shall end on December 31st in each year, to which date the annual accounts of the Society shall be balanced.

A balance sheet shall be drawn up and examined and signed by a suitably independent person.

All monies received by the Honorary Treasurer for and on behalf of the Society shall be banked in the name of "The Red, Cream & Tortoiseshell Society". Cheques for payment of accounts shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer and either the Honorary Secretary or the Chairman.

All reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the Society's business shall be defrayed out of Society's funds.

The property of the Society shall be vested jointly in the Committee.

Trophies

The Society's trophies and rosettes shall be offered for competition only at shows held within the British Isles.

Winding Up

Any proposal to dissolve the Society shall be considered only at a properly convened Special or Annual General Meeting and shall be passed only if it has received the assent of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

If such a resolution has been passed the liabilities of the Society shall be discharged and any balance of funds shall be divided equally among the fully paid up ordinary members.

In such an event where the donors of the Society's trophies are still alive, such trophies should be offered back to the donors and other trophies regarded as realisable assets as under rule 11(b).

7. Meetings

The **Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 30th June each year.** The agenda for the meeting which shall, in the case of any proposed alteration of the rules of the Society, include the exact terms of any such alteration, together with the report of the Committee and a Statement of Accounts, for the preceding year ending December 31st, shall be sent to each member no later than 14 days before the date of the meeting.

A Special General Meeting maybe held at any time the Committee thinks expedient and shall be held within 30 days of the receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a written request signed by at least 12 members of the Society, stating precisely the nature of the business to be discussed thereat. Not less than 14 days written notice of any Special General Meeting shall be given to each member of the Society by the Honorary Secretary who shall in that notice specify the business to be discussed and no other business than that for which the meeting was called shall be transacted at such a meeting. If the business involves a proposed alteration of the rules of the Society the exact terms of such alteration shall be included in the notice to members. The cost of holding such a Special General Meeting shall be borne by those requesting it, should the Committee so decide.

At all General Meetings the presiding officer shall be the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman.

The minimum quorum for General Meetings shall be a quorum Committee.

Every member present at the meeting shall have one vote; in the case of an equality of votes the presiding officer shall have, in addition, a casting vote.

As provided under rules 5 and 6, the elected members of the Committee and the Delegate or Delegates to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy shall be elected by postal ballot. Any member of the Society whose subscription for the year is fully paid shall be eligible for nomination for these positions.

Nominations, proposed and seconded by fully paid up members of the Society must be received in writing, together with the written consent of the nominee, by the Honorary Secretary, before February 15th. The Honorary Secretary shall send ballot papers to all members of the Society with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. Such ballot papers shall be returnable to the scrutineers by post and the result of the ballot remain sealed until the Annual General Meeting. Only the votes of ordinary members whose subscription for the year is fully paid shall be valid.

No repeat of, amendment of, or addition to the rules of the Society shall be made unless:

1. Name

The Society shall be called "The Red, Cream & Tortoiseshell Society".

2. Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the Society shall be to improve the breeding and to promote the welfare and exhibition of Persian longhair and British shorthair cats, including guidance for members, in the following colours:

Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell & White, Blue-Cream, Red, Cream & Brown Tabby (including Spotted Tabby), Black, Bi-Colour, Chocolate and Lilac.

In furtherance of these objectives the Society shall:

- Promote classes for its members at such shows as may be desirable
- Offer trophies and special prizes at shows supported by the Society
- Establish and maintain the Standard of Points, registration policies and list of Judges; this to be achieved by referring proposals to the relevant BAC. The SOP, together with a description of the true type of these cats, which shall be published in the "Standard of Points" publication issued by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy.

3. Membership

(a) Membership of the Society, which shall be unlimited, shall consist of:

- (i) Ordinary members
- (ii) Honorary members
- (iii) Life members

(b) Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary on an approved form signed by two members of the Society as proposer and seconder, or a Veterinary Surgeon. Each application shall be accompanied by the annual subscription and an entry fee, the amounts to be determined by the Committee. The subscription shall be payable with an application for membership and annually thereafter on January 1st.

(c) All applications for membership, shall be considered by the Committee at the first opportunity and until that time applicants shall have all the privileges of membership. The Committee shall have the absolute right to reject any application for membership without giving any reason.

d) Any members failing to pay their subscriptions by March 31st shall be considered to be a lapsed member and shall not be entitled to any privileges of the Society from that date until the subscription is paid. If the subscription is not paid by December 31st a re-entrance fee shall be paid with the subscription for the ensuing year.

(e) If, in the opinion of the Committee, the conduct of any member has been prejudicial to the welfare, breeding or exhibition of cats or likely to prove injurious to the character, reputation or interests of the Society, the Committee may, after giving such member an opportunity of being heard, determine EITHER to suspend such member for such period as it may think fit OR to expel such member from the Society. No such determination shall be made unless the matter has been placed on a properly circulated agenda of a committee meeting.

(f) Any member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to the Annual General Meeting or to a Special Meeting of the Society and to attend such meeting and state their cause thereat and shall be reinstated if such an appeal is upheld.

(g) Any member suspended by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy under article 12 of its Byelaws shall cease forthwith to be a member of the Society and, if they wish to rejoin the Society after expiration of the suspension, must apply to the Committee for re-election as provided for under section (b) of this rule and such application will be treated as under section (c) above.

4. Officers

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Membership Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee at a meeting held immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee are empowered to elect Vice-Presidents at their discretion. The Vice Presidents may attend committee meetings by invitation but shall have no voting rights.

5. Committee

The business of the Society shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and up to six elected members. The elected members shall be for a period of three years, and the three members retiring from the Committee each year shall be eligible for re-election. Should any member resign from, or otherwise cease to be an elected member of the Committee, the members of the Society shall, at the next annual election, elect a member to serve out the remaining period of office of the resigning member.

If any member of the committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee the committee may, if it thinks fit, deem the member to have resigned, in which case the Secretary shall inform, him in writing and he shall cease to be a member of the Committee unless and until he is duly elected thereto.

Vacancies arising on the committee may be filled by the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting. In addition the Committee may co-opt members who shall, however, have no right to vote.

The Committee shall, at the first meeting after the AGM, elect from among its members a Vice-Chairman who shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairman.

The Committee shall meet as often as may be deemed necessary by the Honorary Secretary in consultation with the Chairman, or within 28 days after a request signed by three members of the Committee. There shall, in any case, be not less than two meetings in any year. **A quorum shall consist of half the number of the committee and officers plus one and must include either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.**

The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not covered by the rules of the Society.

6. GCCF & Delegate

The Society shall be a member of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and its members shall be bound not only by the rules of the Society but also the Bye-Laws of the Governing Council and by any rules and regulations of the Council that may at any time be in force.

As a specialist breed society that has been in existence continually since 1901 (prior to the formation of the Governing Council) the Council has granted representation, by a delegate to Council, to the Society whatever its membership. Should the membership of the Society exceed 200 (or such other figure as the Council may from time to time decide) the Society shall elect a second delegate. Delegates to the Governing Council shall be elected by postal ballot according to the procedure laid down in rule 8.

If any delegate is not an Officer or elected member of the Committee, he shall be co-opted onto the Committee for the duration of his period in office.

If any delegate resigns from or refuses to serve on the Committee he shall cease to be delegate and the Committee shall elect one of its members to serve in his stead.

If any delegate dies, resigns or otherwise vacates his seat on the Council the Committee shall appoint another delegate to fill the vacancy so created. If only one delegate is appointed the Committee shall nominate one of its members to represent the Society as substitute delegate in the event of the delegate being unable to attend any Council meeting.

BAC Representatives shall be selected by the Committee at the first committee meeting of each year. Representatives may be committee members or fully paid up members of the Society, and shall represent the views of the Society with regard to SOPs, registration policies and the selection/promotion of Judges of the Society's breeds.