

Northern Newfoundland Club



RULES
and
GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES
for
BREEDING

Ratified by members at AGM 17 October 2021.

On the 24th November 1984 a meeting was held at the Scotch Corner Hotel attended by 55 people.

This was the birth of the Northern Newfoundland Club. The aim of the Club was to supplement the activities of the Newfoundland Club making these more accessible to people living in the North and in Scotland. It was emphasised at the meeting that the Club would be separate from the Newfoundland Club, not just a branch of it, but in no way was it to be a rival to it.

NORTHERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB RULES

1. COMPOSITION AND OBJECTIVES.

- 1.1 The Club shall be called the NORTHERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB and its objectives shall be to promote the welfare of Newfoundland dogs, to promote the interest in the breed in the North of Britain, and to run Championship and Open shows, working events, and such other canine related events as shall be decided from time to time.
- 1.2 The Club recognises the Kennel Club Breed Standard as the sole standard of Excellence for all judges and breeders of Newfoundlands.
- 1.3 The Club will safeguard the unique qualities of temperament and natural working abilities of the breed through water training and draught work to the highest levels. Working Groups will be fully supported by the NNC and the W.S.C (Working Sub Committee)
- 1.4 The Club will promote ethical and reputable breeding as laid down in The NNC Rules for Breeding and will support a Breeders' List on the Club website of breeders who meet our strict criteria.
- 1.5 The NNC will support The Club Welfare scheme for rehoming dogs in need.
- 1.6 The area the Club shall primarily serve shall be North of a line from Great Yarmouth to Caernarfon .
- 1.7 The Club shall consist of Patrons, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chairman , Committee, and an unlimited number of members (honorary, individual, joint, or junior [who shall be under the age of 18 years on 1 January]) In addition Vice Presidents may be appointed. All Officers and Committee are honorary.
- 1.8 The Management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of twelve members in addition to the President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. The Chairman is also an Officer of the Club.
- 1.9 Candidates for membership of the Club must support the aims and objectives of the NNC. They shall be proposed and seconded by existing members and approved by a majority of the Committee. The Committee may decline membership without explanation if a majority of Committee present and voting object.
- 1.10 All members shall at all times treat the Club and each other with respect and good sportsmanship. This includes comments and posts on social media sites .
- 1.11 People who have rendered conspicuous or continuous service to the Newfoundland breed or to the Club may be elected Honorary Members at a General Meeting, due notice of the intention to propose them having previously been given to the Secretary. Such Honorary Members shall be accorded all the privileges of fully paid up members.
- 1.12 Any member may withdraw from the Club on giving notice in writing to the Secretary, but shall not be entitled to a refund of any subscription paid to the Club.

2. MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 Four Committee members shall retire annually on a three year rotation. They shall be eligible for re-election.
Should the number of candidates render a membership vote unnecessary, the candidates will be deemed elected unless an objection is received by the Secretary in writing BEFORE the start of that year's AGM. Should such an objection be received, a vote will be taken at the AGM and if carried the said candidate will be elected for the full term.
- 2.2 The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall each be elected for a period of three years with their retirement being in rotation. They shall be eligible for re-election. The President may serve a maximum of two terms.
- 2.3 The Committee at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting in each year shall elect from its members a Chairman to take the Chair at all meetings of the Committee and shall elect a Vice - Chairman to take the Chair in the absence of the Chairman. The Chairman will serve as an Officer of the Club in addition to The President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairman of a meeting shall have a casting vote i.e. an additional vote) at that meeting.
- 2.4 The following may be appointed from members of the Club:- Membership Secretary, Trophy Steward, Show Manager, Newsletter Editor, Welfare Co-ordinator, Puppy Liaison Office, Website Manager and Novelties Manager.
- 2.5 The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman, all of whom shall have full voting rights.
- 2.6 No two members of any family, partnership, or household, shall be **Officers** of the Club at the same time. For the purpose of these rules "family" refers to spouse, sibling, parent or child living in the same dwelling. "Partnership" refers to persons with a joint affix or engaged in a regular canine business relationship. All other relationships are excluded from these definitions. No two members of any family, partnership or household shall be **Committee** members of the Club at the same time save in exceptional circumstances and with the agreement of the membership at an AGM.
- 2.7 The Committee may appoint Special or Standing Sub-Committees (e.g. W.S.C) to consider and advise on particular aspects of Newfoundlands, the Club, Members, or Canine-Related matters. Any such sub committee is answerable to the Main Committee, and is required to manage the matters connected with their role on behalf of the Main Committee and the Club.. Members of such sub-committees shall be appointed by the main Committee. All such sub-committees must include one and not more than three members from the main Committee.
- 2.8 The Committee is empowered to form Regional Groups, Special Groups for specific purposes, sectional and sub and steering groups with separate committees as laid down in clause 2.7 to deal with specific interests within the Club and subject to Kennel Club rules and regulations.
- 2.9 The Committee or any sub-committee may at any time invite persons to advise on particular topics and attend meetings or parts of meetings. Such persons need not be

members of the Club and, unless they are Club members, will have no voting rights at Committee, sub-committee, or General meetings.

- 2.10 Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least four times a year, in addition to any meeting held on the day of the Annual General Meeting.
- 2.11 A quorum for Club Committee meetings shall be seven members.
- 2.12 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between Annual General Meetings. Such co-opted members shall have full voting rights of Committee membership, but they shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting. They may then be proposed for election in the normal way.
- 2.13 A casual vacancy (i.e. a vacancy created by a Committee member ceasing to serve before the expiry of his/her term of office) on the Committee shall be filled by election in the usual way, except that the person elected shall hold the seat on the *Committee* for the unexpired portion of the predecessor's term of office. Those persons gaining the highest number of votes at such election shall be elected for the longer term of office and the runner(s) up to the shorter term(s).
- 2.14 In the event of a vacancy arising between the date of issue of election papers and the Annual General Meeting, the place may be filled by co-option until the next Annual General Meeting. Thereafter the remaining period of office will be treated as a casual vacancy under rule 2.12.
- 2.15 Any member of the Committee or sub-committee who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee or sub-committee without a valid reason will be deemed to have resigned from the Committee or sub-committee.
- 2.16 The Secretary will keep a copy of Minutes of all meetings, which shall be available for inspection by all fully paid up members in normal working hours by appointment at the residence of the Secretary.
- 2.17 The Secretary will keep a register of all fully paid up members and their addresses, which shall be available for inspection by the Kennel Club and also by members in normal working hours by appointment at the residence of the Secretary.
- 2.18 No individual may be elected to the Committee or be an Officer until they have been a member of the Club for one year.
- 2.19 The Committee shall make such appointments as may be necessary from time to time for representation of the Club on any legally and correctly convened body
- 2.20 An Executive Committee of at least three (3) persons will be made up from the Secretary and Committee Chairman and the President and/or the Treasurer.
- 2.21 An Executive Committee shall only assume its powers where it is necessary for urgent decisions and/or actions to be taken on behalf of the Club, that, in their collective judgement, cannot be delayed until the next scheduled Committee Meeting. An Executive Committee need not meet in person but can consult using the telephone or

other electronic means. Any actions taken on behalf of the Club will be notified immediately to all other Committee Members and subsequently reviewed and recorded at the next Committee Meeting.

3. FINANCE

- 3.1 A banking account shall be held in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid, (other than that referred to in rule 3.2 below), and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two Officers of the Club, one of whom shall be the Treasurer.
- 3.2 Separate transit accounts may be opened for any sub-group but only moneys related to such business may be passed through such accounts. Withdrawals from any such transit account shall only be made on the signature of two of the Officers of the Club, or at the discretion of the Committee, of one Officer and one other member involved in the administration of the particular business and account. Statements of account must be submitted to the Treasurer by the 30th June each year for inclusion in the certified Club accounts. The certified Accounts will be made available to members on request to members 14 days prior to the AGM.
- 3.3 The Treasurer shall maintain the Accounts which will be certified annually and presented to the members at an AGM. Certification of accounts will be carried out by ONE qualified accountant or TWO individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the certification will be independent from those who prepared the accounts
- 3.4 The annual subscription shall be the amount as is agreed by Members at an Annual General Meeting. No member whose subscription is unpaid by 31st January is entitled to any privileges of membership, and if the member shall fail to pay the outstanding subscription by 1st March, the member's name shall be erased from the register. However a re-joining fee of £5.00 accompanied by the current annual subscription may be paid from the 2nd March to 30th June, to restore the member's name to the list. Any Member not taking advantage of this concession will have to complete a new application for membership, which will be subject as usual to Committee approval.
- 3.5 The subscription of any person who is elected to membership of the Club after 30 September in any year, shall cover membership to the end of the following year.
- 3.6 The Club's financial year shall start on July 1st and end on 30th June annually. ** NB. Rule change unanimously agreed AGM 20 October 2013. The financial year for sub-groups will likewise be from 1st July to the 30th June annually.
- 3.7 The assets of the Club shall be vested in the Club Trustees, who shall be the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be held in trust for the members. The Trustees shall have the power to make bye-laws and to arbitrate disputed matters in respect of such assets. Such bye-laws etc., will be binding upon all members unless they are set aside in a General Meeting.
- 3.8 Trophies may only be donated to the Club in perpetuity whether the donor is a member of the Club or not. Acceptance of any gift and the basis of its award shall rest with the Committee.

- 3.9 If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a registered Club under these regulations, a General Meeting shall be called if possible to decide upon the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting passed, together with a final statement of audited accounts and a record of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within 6 months. The persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club. In the absence of other instructions all assets will be given to other Newfoundland Clubs at the discretion of the said Committee.
- 3.10 The Committee shall arrange to produce and maintain a list of Club property above £50.00 in value together with details of where and when it can be used, seen or borrowed. A copy of this list be included in the annual membership list, and published in the Newfletter.
- 3.11 All expenses properly incurred by the Officers and Committee on behalf of the Club shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Club alone, and no individual member shall be deemed to incur any responsibility in respect of the same.
- 3.12 Where Committee members are required to travel in excess of one hundred mile round trip between their home and the Committee venue, the Club may meet 50% of their fuel or public transport cost, subject to the Treasurer's discretion.
- 3.13 The Club shall be responsible for costs incurred in legal proceedings brought against the Club, its Officers, Committee, or sub-committees in the course of their lawful duties.

4. MEETINGS

- 4.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the end of October each year, unless it is delayed by unforeseen circumstances which shall be reported to the Kennel Club.
- 4.2 The Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:-
- Receive the report of the Chairman for the previous year.
 - Receive the statement of accounts from the Treasurer.
 - The Treasurer shall submit for approval, the nomination of a professionally qualified accountant with full professional indemnity, who shall certify the Club's accounts for the ensuing year, before the next Annual General Meeting.
 - Elect the Officer and Committee.
 - Discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Secretary.
 - Any other business of an urgent and non-controversial nature by permission of the Chairperson of the Meeting.
- 4.3 Sixty days notice shall be given to all members at their last known address in writing of an Annual General Meeting or any General Meeting. Notification of any General Meeting documentation, including the AGM , annual membership renewals and general circulars will in future be by e mail in order to save on running costs for the Club and to keep all members updated on all events. However, any member wishing to opt out of e

mail may instead receive club documentation by post if specifically requested on the membership renewal form. Items for addition to the agenda, properly proposed and seconded, must be lodged in writing with the Secretary at least 30 working days before the meeting. It is the responsibility of members to ensure that such items have been received in writing by the required date. Either the proposer or seconder, who must be Club members, must be present at the meeting for the item to be discussed. In an emergency only, the Secretary may give notice of such meetings by advertisement online at least two calendar months before the meeting . All such notices must give the proposed agenda for the meeting.

- 4.4 The Agenda for a General Meeting shall be circulated to members at least fifteen working days before the date of the meeting.
- 4.5 A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Secretary if twenty five or more fully paid up members send a signed request in writing, stating the subject(s) to be discussed. A Special General Meeting may also be called at the discretion of the Committee. No business other than the matter on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.
- 4.6 The preliminary notice of the Annual General Meeting shall specify the number of vacant positions to be filled with Officers and Committee.
- 4.7 A quorum for General Meetings and affairs shall be twenty five members.
- 4.8 Joint members shall each have full voting rights. Junior members shall have no voting rights.
- 4.9 Each member shall be entitled to a vote immediately upon approval of membership. The election of Officers and Members of the Committee shall be by postal ballot if necessary. Other matters shall normally be decided by a vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.10 The ballot papers for postal votes shall be despatched each year with the agenda for the Annual General Meeting, and returned to the Club Auditor, who will forward the results to the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tie in the number of votes cast for two or more candidates for election to the Committee, or to the position of Club Officer, a ballot of members present at the Annual General Meeting shall decide who is elected to the particular vacancy.
- 4.11 When the Club holds a ballot at any meeting of the membership including Annual and Special Meetings, two non-voting scrutineers shall be appointed by the meeting to collect, count and declare the outcome of the vote, and they shall seal the ballot papers in an envelope which they shall forward to the Club Auditor to retain for one year, who shall deal on behalf of the Committee with any queries that may arise out of such a vote.
- 4.12 The Rules of the Club can only be altered at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, the notices of which must include the detail of any proposed changes. Any rule change must be sanctioned by at least two-thirds of those present at the meeting. Any proposed alterations to the rules approved by the members in such a meeting may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has given its approval of the alteration(s).

- 4.13 A précis of the minutes of the Committee and sub-committee meetings will be published in the Club's Newsletter after ratification.
- 4.14 Approval of new members will take place at Committee meetings, or at the discretion of the Secretary by email to the Committee between meetings. any such ballot shall be noted in the minutes of the next available Committee meeting.

5. KENNEL CLUB GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Northern Newfoundland Club undertake to abide by **The Kennel Club General Code of Ethics. This Code of Ethics is mandatory.**

Club Members

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable pet homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 8a. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 8b. Will ensure that all dogs are microchipped as required by UK Law.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home..
12. Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
13. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
14. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.
15. Will provide a statement that the dog/puppy has been wormed and a suggested routine to follow.
16. Will provide an Insurance certificate covering veterinary fees for six weeks from the day of purchase.
17. Will discourage indiscriminate breeding, bearing in mind always the welfare of the bitch as a primary consideration and the long term welfare of any puppies bred.
18. Will not breed from any stock that has, or may carry, any serious hereditary faults. In particular, will not allow any dog to be used at stud if he has, or could carry serious hereditary faults and will be very selective of the bitches on which he is used.
19. Will ensure that ALL breeding stock is tested for ALL hereditary diseases carried by Newfoundland.
20. Will not allow any of their dogs to be used irresponsibly at stud.
21. Will comply with the Club's Guidelines for Breeding.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and /or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

6. DISCIPLINE

- 6.1 Any member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11.J.(5)) and/or Kennel Club Rule A11.J.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club .If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character and interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a meeting, the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting in order that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall be forthwith erased from the list of Members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Club, except that he/she may within two calendar months from the date of the meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.
- 6.2. The Committee shall have power to hear and determine any disputed question under these rules.
- 6.3. All NNC members will be held responsible for careless, uninhibited, rude, confrontational and ill considered comment aimed at damaging and undermining the reputation of the Club, fellow NNC members and their dogs on social media. . If the conduct of a member is considered by the Committee to be injurious to the character and interests of the Club, The Committee may determine that a Special General Meeting be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting in order that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two thirds

majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall be removed from the list of members and henceforth cease to be a member of the Club, except that he/she may within two calendar months from the date of the meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

- 6.4 If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, or trials, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply particulars required.
- 6.5 Members are forbidden to make the Club a means of private speculation or trade and from using the Club's membership list as a basis for touting for business or trade, other than by legitimate advertising in the Club's publications.
- 6.6 In the event of a donor of a trophy being found guilty in any Court of Law or by the Kennel Club of any misdemeanour concerning the well-being of any dog, whether owned or in their charge or not, the said trophy shall immediately be withdrawn from the Club's Trophy list. The Trophy shall be returned to the donor as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Court case or Kennel Club hearing. In the event of a donor being expelled from the Club, for whatever reason, the Trophy shall immediately be withdrawn from the Club's Trophy list, and returned to the donor as soon as practicable. At the conclusion of such procedures, the Committee shall provide a summary of their actions for circulation to members.
- 6.7. Any individual wishing to make a complaint against another NNC Member must do so within ten days of the alleged incident in writing to the Club Secretary, together with all written evidence. Other than in exceptional circumstances the Committee will not consider complaints received more than three weeks after the event. The Committee's decision when adjudicating a complaint is final.
- 6.8. Every member will endeavour to promote honourable and fair dealings in all Club business.

7. JUDGES

- 7.1 The Main Committee shall be solely responsible for the nomination of judges for all events of whatsoever nature, organised in the name of the Club. The Working Sub Committee (WSC) will be solely responsible for the nomination of test judges and for the organisation and oversight of all working activities run by the NNC.
- 7.2 The Club shall maintain judging lists in accordance with the Kennel Club's recommendations, and make to them an annual return. These lists shall be reviewed at least once a year. Copies of these lists shall be available upon application to the Secretary and shall be sent annually to the Secretaries of General Championship Shows.

8. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KENNEL CLUB

- 8.1 The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year the Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of registration and that by the 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in the Kennel

Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

- 8.2 The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club in all cases relative to Canine or Club matters.
- 8.3 The Officers acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Club which may occur during the course of the year.
- 8.4 The Club may not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.
- 8.5 The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.
- 8.6 No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of, or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

N.N.C. - Good Practice Guidelines for Breeding.

1. **All NNC breeders must agree to the Kennel Club Code of Ethics and the NNC rules for Breeding.**
2. **Breeding a litter of Newfoundlands is not a task to be entered into lightly. It is more than a commitment to looking after puppies for almost 3 months; it is a commitment to provide the necessary support to those puppies for the rest of their lives.**
3. **Breeders should always strive for the betterment of the breed as laid down in the Breed Standard and protect the reputation of the breed as a loving family dog with excellent temperament.**
4. **Breeding should only take place between two Newfoundlands registered with the Kennel Club. No cross breeding is acceptable.**
5. **Owners should only breed a litter if they have the time and facilities to devote proper care and attention to the rearing of the puppies, including socialisation, and the well-being of the dam.**
6. **Breeders are responsible for the stock they have bred and should be prepared to take back and either keep or re-house dogs of their own breeding, no matter how old, and only use the Welfare Scheme as a last resort.**
7. **The purpose of breeding is to maintain or improve the quality of the Newfoundland in accordance with the Breed Standard. Careful selection of the sire and dam with an eye to conformation and temperament is essential. Only after careful study of the Breed Standard, the health of the individuals and near relatives, the pedigrees and basic principles of genetics should the mating proceed.**
8. **All animals to be bred shall have sound and typical structure and conformation, shall be of sound temperament, free from crippling or disabling hereditary defects and in good physical condition.**

HEALTH .

9. Only a Newfoundland (dog or bitch) which consistently produces offspring free from such hereditary defects from different mates should be used for breeding.
10. Breeders should not knowingly breed from dogs or bitches of non Standard colour which will be anticipated to produce colours or colour combinations not included in the Breed Standard. The only acceptable colours are black, white and black and brown. All Breeding stock should be DNA colour coat tested.
11. All dogs and bitches to be used for breeding must have their hips and elbows scored under the BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia & Elbow Schemes and only Newfoundlands with as low a score as possible should be used for breeding. Ideally dogs or bitches with scores above the breed average SHOULD NOT be bred from. Members must agree to submit these results for publication. It is recommended that X rays also be taken of both stifles for any sign of cruciate disease.
Breeders are expected to take every reasonable step to contribute to the lowering of the Breed Average in accordance with the best Veterinary and Genetic Advice currently available at the time of breeding.
12. All dogs and bitches to be used for breeding must have their hearts tested and graded by a veterinary cardiologist with a diploma in veterinary cardiology BEFORE their first mating. This should be by means of a colour flow Echo Doppler and only dogs/bitches passed as free from abnormalities should be bred from.
The main genetic heart conditions which affect Newfoundlands are Sub Aortic Stenosis (SAS) and Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM). SAS is present from birth but DCM is a later onset disease (generally 18 months onward).
In the absence of a DNA test for either of these diseases, clinical examination by a suitably qualified cardiologist is necessary to detect either disease. Auscultation (Stethoscope test) is the simplest method of detecting severe SAS but is not failsafe when diagnosing mild SAS . It is also not usually capable of detecting DCM.
Colour flow echodoppler examination (echocardiography) is therefore essential for diagnosing heart defects, since the inside of the heart can be visualised and the blood flow measured.
Dogs which are assessed by a veterinary cardiologist as “equivocal” may be considered for breeding , provided they are reassessed within two years and any progeny are checked carefully.
Since Newfoundlands may develop DCM at any time of their lives, it is recommended that all dogs and bitches to be used for breeding should have a colour flow echo Doppler examination performed by a veterinary surgeon with a diploma in veterinary cardiology every two years. Those dogs which have developed signs of DCM since their last Echo doppler exam should not be bred from.
13. The cystinuria status of all dogs and bitches to be used for breeding should be determined by DNA testing prior to the first mating ,and mating carried out with the objective of eliminating this genetic fault from the breed.
Thrombopathia testing is recommended to check for blood platelet disease.

BITCHES.

14. A bitch should only be mated whilst between the ages of 2 (two) years and 7 (seven) years.
A first litter should only be produced when under the age of 5 (five) years. There must be at least 12 (twelve) months between litters.
In extenuating circumstances prior consent of the Club Committee should be sought, backed up by veterinary evidence, if any exception to these age rules is required.
No bitch to be mated which has had two caesarean sections.
Members will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch , may report such an operation to the Kennel Club.
No bitch to be bred from after THREE litters maximum.

STUD DOGS.

15. No owner of a Stud dog will allow a mating to any bitch unregistered with the Kennel Club.
No owner of a Stud dog will allow a mating to any bitch of a different breed.
No owner of a Stud dog will allow a mating to any bitch that has whelped a litter on her previous season..
Ensure that any bitch to be brought to their dog for mating conforms to the Breed Standard , is in good health, has been screened for hereditary diseases and the results of her health screening are published .
Ensure that the owner of the bitch has the time, knowledge and facilities to meet all the considerable expenses of rearing a litter , adequately care for the mother and litter of pups for eight weeks, and ensure that they will be socialised in preparation for their new homes.
The owner of a Stud Dog must ensure that any endorsements on the bitch have been lifted by the breeder before a mating takes place.

LITTERS.

16. A litter should be bred only when suitable homes will be found for all the puppies.
17. It is the individual and joint responsibilities of the owners of the stud dog and brood bitch to ensure that the proposed mating complies with the above requirements.
18. Prospective owners of puppies should be screened for suitability by means of a home visit; they should be advised of breed characteristics, the need for grooming, exercise and specialised feeding as a puppy as well as the advantages and disadvantages of raising a Newfoundland.
Insurance is another matter that needs to be thought about.
19. Puppies should have a health check by a veterinary surgeon before going to their new homes. Transfers should only be made of healthy stock and only after they are 8 (eight) weeks of age. Transfers should only be made to the

- final owner and not to any intermediary.
20. Newfoundlands should only be sold in this country or to countries which have a reciprocal agreement with the Kennel Club and not to those countries, which by reason of climate or philosophy, are unsuitable.
21. Kennel Club Registration should be obtained as soon as possible and provided to the new owner preferably at the time of collection .
The endorsements 'Progeny not eligible for Registration (R)' and 'Not eligible for the issue of an Export Pedigree (X)' should be placed on KC record and on the Registration Certificate.
These restrictions can subsequently be raised by the breeder if they think appropriate. It is advisable to give the purchaser a written and signed contract with advanced written notice of this and all other conditions of transfer before any sale is completed.
22. As well as providing the Registration Certificate with the change of ownership section duly completed, the breeder should provide at collection the following:-
- a) a five generation pedigree, showing any known relevant colours as well as any health screening - hip, elbow, heart scores and cystinuria status.
 - b) written information on any veterinary treatment - inoculation, worming, etc., - that has been provided.
 - c) a dietary requirements sheet from puppy to adulthood, together with possible sources as well as enough of the dog's current diet for at least 4 days.
 - d) information on responsible dog ownership and training.
 - e) a copy of the Kennel Club General Code of Ethics.
 - f) a Northern Newfoundland Club membership application form (unless they are already a member). New owners should be advised to have their puppy checked by their own veterinarian within 48 hours of arriving home .
 - g). A written contract signed by both breeder and buyer outlining the future responsibilities of both .
 - h). Every puppy to be microchipped by the breeder and a copy of the microchip details to be transferred to the new owner.
23. Breeders should be willing to provide advice and assistance to owners of their stock. However, this is a two way process, thus owners should keep their dog's breeder informed of its health and progress and contact the breeder at the first sign of *any* problems. A breeder should be prepared to take dogs back if rehoming becomes necessary.

24. Advertising may be read by persons having little or no knowledge of dogs. Thus all advertising should not promote any particular breeding through misleading or exaggerated statements or distortion of fact, or through stated or implied depreciation of the Newfoundlands of others.
The selling of puppies on online sites can be fraught with problems so great care should be taken.
- 25 . The Club will only provide details of a litter on the Club's online breeder and puppy list to prospective Purchasers for a breeder who has certified that they have met and will comply with the requirements of the N.N.C's Good Practice Rules for Breeding in respect of that litter.

THE KENNEL CLUB GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

Members should note:- *The registered owners of all Kennel Club registered dogs accept the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club and undertake to abide by this General Code Of Ethics:*

Members are recommended to obtain a copy of the current edition of this booklet direct from the Kennel Club and they should also take note of all the current Statutory Legislation and Kennel Club Regulations with regards to Dog Breeders, Breeding and applications to register a litter and/or a single puppy.

For more information please visit the following Northern Newfoundland Club sites:

<http://newfoundlandpuppybreeders.uk>

<http://www.newfoundlandpuppies.org>

<http://northernnewfoundlandclub.org.uk/>

