

ORIENTAL BICOLOUR GROUP

Constitution as amended at the Annual General Meeting held on 8th August 2023

1 NAME

The Club shall be called The Oriental Bicolour Group (OBG).

2 AIMS AND OBJECTS

- (i) To promote interest and guidance on the breeding, exhibiting and recognition of Oriental Bicolours, shorthaired and longhaired, including pointed, under GCCF Rules.
- (ii) To establish Standards of Points and Registration Policies for cats of the Club's colours and to nominate persons for appointment as Judges of Oriental Bicolours in cooperation with other affiliated clubs via the Oriental Joint Breed Advisory Committee (OJBAC).
- (iii) To represent the interests of Club Members at the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF) and at OJBAC.
- (iv) To encourage the care and protection of cats generally.

3 AFFILIATION

- (i) The Club shall be a member of the GCCF and shall be represented at GCCF Council meetings by the number of Delegates permitted under the GCCF Constitution.
- (ii) Such Delegates shall be nominated by the Committee at the meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and the name(s) then put forward for confirmation at the AGM.
- (iii) Membership means that the GCCF have disciplinary powers with regard to the Club and its members in accordance with the GCCF Constitution.

4 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- (i) The Club shall be controlled by four Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer) and a Committee of up to six members. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall normally serve for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election. Each committee member shall serve for a period of three years. Two or three members of the Committee shall retire each year in rotation and will be eligible for re-election.

- (ii) Nominations for vacancies on the committee must be received by the Honorary Secretary by 31st January. In the event of more nominations being received than there are vacant positions, committee members will be elected by postal ballot before 1st June, and the results announced at the AGM for confirmation. All nominees for the Committee must have been Club members for one full year.
- (iii) At the end of their two-year tenure, the Officer positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected from the Committee at the Committee meeting prior to the AGM.
- (iv) A President and Vice-Presidents may be appointed by the Committee at their discretion, and these appointments then confirmed at the AGM.
- (v) Absence from two consecutive Committee meetings, without sufficient reason or apology, shall be deemed resignation and the absenting member shall not be eligible for re-election.
- (vi) The Committee may appoint such sub-committees as may be found necessary to foster the work of the Club.
- (vii) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than two members and fill any vacancy occurring during the year, subject to confirmation at the next AGM.
- (viii) The Committee shall meet not fewer than twice a year and at any such meeting 50% of the Committee in attendance shall constitute a quorum. If there is not a quorum at any meeting of the Committee, then any decisions taken by the Committee at such a meeting shall be confirmed either by the written agreement of the majority of the Committee or at the next Committee meeting. These Meetings will be held by Zoom if deemed appropriate.
- (x) The Chairman may exercise a casting vote at any meeting, in addition to his/her personal vote, to resolve a tie.
- (xi) No Officer or Committee Member of the OBG may also be an Officer or Committee Member of any organisation that is not a member of the GCCF in the UK whose activities include the registration of and/or licensing or holding of shows for pedigree cats.

5 MEMBERSHIP

- (i) Membership of the Club shall be open to any person interested in the objects of the Club, at the discretion of the Committee, on proposal by two members of the Club.
- (ii) Honorary Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Committee.

- (iii) The Committee shall have the power to refuse or renew membership and to expel any member whose words or actions might be considered detrimental to the Club after impartial investigation. The Committee's decision shall be final.
- (iv) Any member, including Life and Honorary members, suspended under Article 12 of the Constitution of the GCCF and wishing to rejoin after expiration of the suspension, must apply to the Club Committee for re-election.
- (v) The annual subscription shall be £5 single, joint membership £7 and junior membership (without voting rights) £1 due on 1st January each year. Members whose subscriptions are in arrears after four months (i.e. 30 April) shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club.
- (vi) Life Membership subscription shall be £30 single, £35 joint. Life Membership shall not be granted until the member has been an ordinary member for one year. The one-year membership qualification shall be waived in the case of overseas members, provided each one is sponsored by a breed or area Club in his/her country.
- (vii) There will be a minimum requirement of one year's membership prior to applying to be considered for Committee positions.
- (viii) Emeritus Membership may be granted at an AGM with the approval of the majority of the members present and voting. Emeritus members shall have full voting rights and other rights of ordinary members, but shall have their subscriptions waived.

6 GENERAL MEETINGS

- (i) The AGM shall be held not later than 31st August in each year. All matters for the agenda must be received by the Honorary Secretary by the last day of July. The Honorary Secretary will publish on the GCCF website the date of every General Meeting, and publish the date of the Annual General Meeting, together with the Agenda, on the OBG website/FB page and GCCF Notices at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Members may contact the Secretary to request a copy of the minutes from the previous AGM in hard copy or electronic form.
- (ii) A quorum at AGM shall be constituted of all Committee Members plus 1 other Member.
- (iii) A Special General Meeting shall be called on the written demand of ten or more fully paid up members, specifying the business to be

discussed, on a surety of £50, this sum to be returned or disbursed at the discretion of the Committee.

7 FINANCE

- (i) The funds of the Club shall be deposited in a Bank or Building Society approved by the Committee and all cheques shall be signed by two authorised signatories. The Hon.Treasurer shall have the sole power to authorise payments agreed by the Committee using Business Internet Banking.
- (ii) The Honorary Treasurer shall present to the AGM accounts and a balance sheet, which have been examined and signed by a suitable independent person.
- (iii) All expenses, including travelling, incurred by the Officers, GCCF Delegates or JAC Representatives on behalf of the Club shall be defrayed out of Club funds, subject to the approval of the Committee.

8 HONORARY SECRETARY

The Honorary Secretary shall:

- (i) Conduct all the correspondence of the Club.
- (ii) Call the General Meetings and the Committee meetings as required.
- (iii) Keep a Minute Book in which the Meetings of the Club and of its Committee shall be recorded.
- (iv) Present an Annual Report to the AGM.

9 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Membership Secretary shall keep a record and details of all Members, including reminders for payment, and liaise with the Treasurer on same.

10 ALTERATION OF RULES, AMALGAMATION AND WINDING UP

- (i) No alteration shall be made to these Rules except at an AGM and notice of such a motion must appear on the Agenda for that Meeting. Any such alteration shall require a two-thirds majority.
- (ii) The Club may be wound up or amalgamated with another Cat Club only at an AGM and notice of such a motion must appear on the Agenda for that Meeting. Any such motion shall require a two-thirds majority.