



## NATIONAL BULL TERRIER COUNCIL

### CONSTITUTION

#### 1. NAME

1.1 The name of the organisation shall be the 'National Bull Terrier Council (Australia)' and shall here-in be referred to as the 'NBTC(A)'.

1.2 The Breeds referred to in this constitution and by-laws are the breeds which are internationally known as the 'Bull Terrier' and 'Bull Terrier (Miniature)'. Only clubs catering exclusively for the above breeds shall be eligible for membership. Throughout this document the term 'Bull Terrier' refers to both the Bull Terrier and the Bull Terrier (Miniature).

#### 2. OBJECTS

2.1 The objects of the NBTC(A) shall be:

2.1.1 To seek registration with the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) and if recognised, agree to be bound by the rules and regulations, and directions of the ANKC.

2.1.2 To approve the title 'National Championship Show' to the various member clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State and Territory controlling body and the ANKC.

2.1.3. To encourage and promote in every way the general improvement of the standard, breeding and exhibition of the Bull Terrier.

2.1.4. To educate and encourage exhibitors, breeders and judges to abide by the standard for the Bull Terrier, as approved by the ANKC.

2.1.5 To enable member clubs to take co-operative action on matters which such clubs agree are of common interest and for their mutual benefit in the promotion of the Bull Terrier.

2.1.6. To become associated with overseas Bull Terrier organisations with objects kindred to the objects of the NBTC(A).

2.1.7. To encourage member clubs to hold shows, parades, and other exhibitions as approved by and under the rules and regulations of their State or Territory controlling body and of the ANKC.

2.1.8. To legislate to make by-laws and do other acts, matters or things as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or any of the objects of the NBTC(A).

#### 3. POWERS:

3.1. The NBTC(A) shall have the power to:

- 3.1.1. Levy membership fees from member clubs to carry out any or all of the objects of the NBTC(A).
- 3.1.2. To accept appointments of Office Bearers and/or Delegates by their Affiliated Clubs providing said Office Bearers and/or Delegates are restricted to persons who are and shall remain, during their term in office, financial members of the ANKC Member Body in the State or Territory of their residence. All Office Bearers and/or Delegates must be and must remain during their term of office, members of a Club that is affiliated with the NBTC(A) and reside in the State or Territory in which the club is affiliated.
- 3.1.3. Invest the funds of the NBTC(A) not immediately required, in such manner as the delegates shall determine.
- 3.1.4. Hold Breed seminars through the sponsorship of the member clubs.
- 3.1.5. Correspond with and become associated with overseas Bull Terrier organisations for the purpose of the exchange of viewpoints on matters affecting the Welfare of the Bull Terrier.
- 3.1.6. Approve the title 'National Championship Show' and/or 'Biennial Trophy Show' to the various member clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory controlling body and the ANKC. (See By-law No. 1).
- 3.1.7. Purchase, hire, lease, mortgage or otherwise provide and maintain all types of real and personal property for the carrying out of the objects of the NBTC(A).
- 3.1.8. Do all such things which may appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect its objects.
- 3.1.9. The NBTC(A) shall not hold shows or other type of exhibitions but may at the discretion of the ANKC through the breed club affiliated with a Member Body, conduct a 'National Show', Trial or other Exhibition. The 'National' Show, Trial or other Exhibition shall be conducted by the Affiliated Club of the Member Body in the State or Territory in which the fixture is to be held, and shall in every manner whatsoever comply with and adhere to, the Rules and Regulations, and policies of that member Body.
- 3.1.10. Nothing in this constitution shall effect the right or authority of an individual member club to control and conduct their club business in the way usually followed by a Specialist Club.
- 3.1.11. Nor shall the NBTC(A) effect in any way the normal relationship between a member club and their State or Territory controlling body.
- 3.1.12. Meetings may be conducted by ConferLink.
- 3.1.13. All correspondence between the NBTC(A) and the Member Clubs is Secretary to Secretary. The Secretary of the NBTC(A) shall not correspond directly with Delegates.
- 3.1.14. Where a Member Club corresponds with the NBTC(A) such correspondence should be courtesy copied (cc) to all other Member Clubs by the member

Club's Secretary. Likewise, correspondence between the NBTC(A) and a Member Club should be cc to all other member Clubs by the NBTC(A) Secretary.

3.1.15. Correspondence between the NBTC(A) and the ANKC is NBTC(A) Secretary and the ANKC Administrator and vice versa only. Copies of all correspondence between the NBTC(A) and ANKC and vice versa should be cc to all member Clubs by the NBTC(A) Secretary.

3.1.16. A Member Club may only correspond with the ANKC through the Secretary of the NBTC(A) or through the Member Club's Member Body.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

4.1. Any Bull Terrier Club affiliated with a State or Territory controlling body, which is in turn a member of the ANKC, shall be eligible for membership of the NBTC(A). Any future affiliated club catering exclusively for Bull Terriers (Miniature) is eligible for NBTC(A) representation.

4.2. The following Bull Terrier Clubs, and other Bull Terrier Clubs as may from time to time be admitted, shall be member clubs, entitled to nominate a delegate to the NBTC(A).

The Bull Terrier Club Of Victoria Inc.  
The Bull Terrier Club of Queensland Inc.  
The Bull Terrier Club of Western Australia Inc.  
The ACT Bull Terrier Club Inc.  
Bull Terrier & Bull Terrier (Miniature) Association of WA  
Northern Districts Bull Terrier Club of NSW Inc.  
The Bull Terrier Club of SA Inc.  
The Bull Terrier Club Inc. (NSW)

4.3. The membership fee shall be such amount as the NBTC(A) shall from time to time determine. See By-law No. 3.

4.4. It is a requirement that all member Clubs of the NBTC(A) must have the name of the State or Territory in which they are affiliated in their Club's name.

4.5. The NBTC(A) may admit an Associate Member. Associate Members shall be restricted to:

4.5.1. Overseas Clubs, Associations or other kindred bodies who have similar objectives to their own; and

4.5.2. Those Clubs, Associations or other kindred bodies who have objects similar to their own and who are recognised in the State or Territories.

4.6. An Associate Member may attend any meeting of the NBTC(A) by invitation, however, shall not be entitled to voting rights or participation in the debate unless invited to do so.

4.7. An Associate member under the same Constitution shall, where conflict or disagreement is concerned, agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations and policies of the ANKC for the time being in force so far as they relate to the Associate member.

4.8. The Member Clubs are the legal basis of the NBTC(A) and all the authority of the Council emanates from the Member Clubs.

## **5. COMMITTEE**

5.1. The executive Committee of the NBTC(A) shall be President and Secretary.

5.2. The Council, at its discretion may appoint Sub-committees for specific purposes.

5.3. Each Sub-committee shall regulate its own meetings and procedures as it sees fit but is directly responsible to the Council.

## **6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

6.1. The Secretary shall exercise and perform all the usual secretarial functions and generally attend to the secretarial work of the Council.

6.2. He/she shall be responsible for all monies received on behalf of the NBTC(A) and shall pay all such sums into the banking account of the NBTC(A) within fourteen days of receipt.

6.3. He/she shall keep all the necessary books of account and financial statements as shall be requested by the Auditor.

6.4. Prepare the Annual Balance Sheet and Accounts and accompanying reports.

6.5. Forward a copy of the audited statement of receipts and expenditure and balance sheet to each member club by the 31st March each year.

6.6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary, the President to notify the ANKC within fourteen (14) days of any changes in Directors or Office Bearers.

## **7. ELECTIONS**

7.1. The Council shall elect a President and Secretary who should, subject to paragraph 7.2. of this clause, hold office until the day following that of the AGM of Council at the end of their term.

7.2. In the event that any of the people holding the positions in 7.1. should retire or be considered by the Council ineligible to continue in that capacity, the Council shall elect another person to that vacant office. Their term shall be restricted to the unexpired portion of the term of the predecessor in office.

7.3. The President and Secretary must be a member of one of the member clubs and of their respective State or territory controlling body and shall not be a club delegate.

7.4. Nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary at least (90) ninety days before the said meeting and all member clubs shall be advised of the nominees (60) sixty days before the said meeting.

7.5. When accepting nominations, the candidates agree that if there is a tied vote the names of the tied candidates will be placed in a hat and the Chairman will draw the name from the hat.

7.6. The new President and/or Secretary and all Member Clubs are to be provided with a copy of the latest approved Constitution for NBTC(A).

## **8. MEETINGS:**

8.1. Each of the member clubs named in Clause 4.2. shall annually appoint one delegate to the NBTC(A). If for any reason it should become necessary, member clubs may appoint a substitute delegate who shall ipso facto be deemed to be a delegate for voting and all other purposes at a meeting of the NBTC(A). Such a substitute delegate must be a financial member of one of the member clubs.

8.2. At a meeting of the NBTC(A) each member club shall have one vote, subject to its delegate or substitute delegate being in attendance at such meeting.

8.3. A Delegate has no authority other than as directed by the member Club the Delegate represents.

8.4. The quorum for meetings shall be one more in number than 50% of the number of member clubs.

8.5. Member clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the NBTC(A) by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the Secretary. The Secretary shall communicate the agenda for a meeting to each of the member clubs at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting.

8.6. Except with the unanimous consent of all member Clubs, no resolution carried at a meeting of the NBTC(A) shall be valid unless notice has been given in accordance with Clause 8.5.

8.7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 8.5, the Secretary shall at the discretion of the President, or at the written request of two member clubs, submit any particular matter or urgency to the member clubs by post, telegram or letter and the vote on any such matter shall be taken accordingly at meetings of the member clubs.

8.8. The NBTC(A) shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place it deems fit. The Biennial Meeting for the election of President and Secretary is to be held in conjunction with the Biennial Trophy Show.

8.9. The President of the NBTC(A) shall be Chairman of all meetings of the NBTC(A). Should he/she not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Chairman from among their number. The delegate appointed Chairman may record his/her own vote on any matter, but shall not have a casting vote.

8.10. Should the Secretary not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Deputy Secretary for that meeting, from among their number. The delegate appointed Deputy Secretary may record his/own vote on any matter.

8.11. Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands, each member club with a delegate present shall have the right to record one vote. In the event of equality of votes on any matter the Chairman shall not have a casting vote, and the motion shall be deemed to be lost.

**8.12. The President and Secretary shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the NBTC(A).**

**9. HEADQUARTERS:**

9.1. The headquarters of the NBTC(A) shall be the residential address of the Secretary where the books, records and property of the NBTC(A) shall be kept.

**10. FINANCE:**

10.1. A bank account in the name of the 'National Bull Terrier Council (Australia)' shall be opened with a recognised Australian bank and kept in the name of the NBTC(A).

10.2. Monies payable on behalf of the NBTC(A) shall be paid by money order drawn upon the bank account of the NBTC(A). All withdrawals shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President or NBTC(A) delegate for that purpose. If the President and Secretary reside in different States/Territories then the Secretary can appoint a member of his/her club as the countersignee for the bank account. The countersignee is not to be a spouse or partner.

10.3. The membership fee shall be such amount as the NBTC(A) shall from time to time determine. See By-law No. 3.

10.4. The financial year of the NBTC(A) shall be from the 1st January to the 31st December in each year.

10.5. At the Annual General Meeting in each year the NBTC(A) shall appoint an auditor, with accountancy experience. Such auditor shall hold office until the first meeting in the following year, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

10.6. An audited statement of receipts and expenditure and balance sheet shall be forwarded to each member club by the 31st March in each year.

**11. BY-LAWS:**

11.1. Subject always to the constitution, delegates at a meeting by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 60% of delegates present and voting on this resolution, may make By-laws and may from time to time amend such by-laws variation, deletion or addition as they may think fit, in respect of:

11.1.1. The granting of the title 'National Championship Show' and/or 'Biennial Trophy Show'.

11.1.2. The appointment of the President.

11.1.3. The appointment of the Secretary.

11.1.4. Membership fees.

11.1.5. Any matter the delegates consider necessary to carry out the objects of the NBTC(A).

**12. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:**

12.1. This constitution and the By-laws of the NBTC(A) shall not be altered, waived or amended, except at a meeting of the delegates at which at least 90 days notice has been given to the Secretary of such amendment and the Secretary has given 60 days notice to all member clubs.

12.2. The amendment must be agreed to by a majority of not less than 60% of the delegates present on voting this resolution.

12.3. Any alteration to the Constitution and/or Rules or, if incorporated, the memorandum and Articles of Association must be submitted to the National Breed Club's liaison Committee for approval.

**13. RESIGNATION:**

13.1. Any member club may at any time resign its membership by giving notice to the Secretary. Such resignation shall not free the Club from liability to pay any subscription which is due and unpaid on the date of resignation.

13.2. Should any member club that has resigned seek re-admission as a member of the NBTC(A) such re-admission is to be voted on at a meeting of the NBTC(A) called in compliance with Clause 8.5. of the constitution. A majority of not less than 75% of the delegates present and voting in person will be required to re-admit as a member club.

**14. PROPERTY/WINDING UP:**

14.1. No club or individual shall have any proprietary right or interest in any of the funds or property of the NBTC(A). Such property or funds shall be devoted to the promotion of the objects of the NBTC(A). However in the event of the winding up of the NBTC(A) the property or funds shall be divided equally among the clubs which are members at the time of such winding up.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **BY-LAW NO. 1 - National Championship Show' and/or 'Biennial Trophy Show**

The Secretary, and in accordance with Clause 3.1.6. of the constitution, may approve the title 'National Championship Show' and/or 'Biennial Trophy Show' to any member Club.

There may be only one National Championship Show per calendar year with the first application for that year getting the title. The Show must be approved by the State or Territory controlling body.

The Judge for such a show must be an acknowledged Bull Terrier Specialist, who has bred and exhibited the breed.

### **BY-LAW NO. 2 - Membership**

The membership Fee shall be \$70-00 per annum. Fees shall be due and payable by the 1st March in each year. Additional to the membership fee, any club joining or being readmitted shall pay a joining fee of \$25.00

### **BY-LAW NO. 3 – Notices of Motion**

All notices of Motion be circulated to the membership before voting.