

1. NAME AND OBJECT

The Club shall be called Progressive Singapura Cat Club. Its objects shall be to encourage a greater interest in Singapura cats, to foster a better appreciation of cats in general and to give members advice regarding the breeding and welfare of cats. To hold and to support shows and to guarantee classes. To publish, review and maintain the standard of points as approved by the GCCF through membership of the Singapura Breed Advisory Committee once granted membership to the GCCF.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Club shall consist of:

- I. Ordinary members
- II. Life members
- III. Honorary members
- IV. Honorary life members
- V. Junior Members

- (a) Application for membership shall be made in writing and may be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Committee. Applications must be proposed by a member.
- (b) A 5 year membership may be purchased for the cost of 4 years at the rates prevailing at application of such a term.
- (c) Honorary membership may be granted by the Committee in recognition of services to The Progressive Singapura Cat Club and every honorary member shall be entitled to the same privileges as paying members except voting rights'.
- (d) If, in the opinion of the Committee, the conduct of any member has been prejudicial to the welfare, breeding or exhibiting of cats, or likely to prove injurious to the character, reputation or interest of the Club, the Committee may, after giving such member an opportunity of being heard, determine either:
 - i. To suspend such member for such period as it may think fit;
 - ii. To give warning to such member if mitigating circumstances should so warrant;
 - iii. To expel such member from the Club
- (e) No such determination shall be made unless the Honorary Secretary has given to each member of the Committee and to the member of the Club concerned, notice of a General Meeting of the Committee and of the business to be discussed thereat, such notice to be in writing, and to be given not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.
- (f) Any member so suspended or expelled, shall have a right of appeal to a Special General Meeting of the Club and to attend and state his or her case thereat, and shall be reinstated if such an appeal receives a simple majority of those present. A request for such an appeal must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary, within 28 days of notification of expulsion or suspension.
- (g) If a member has been suspended by the GCCF, he or she will automatically be suspended by The Progressive Singapura Cat Club, for a period decided upon by the Committee, for at least the same as but not confined to the same period of the suspension made by the GCCF.
- (h) The Club shall endorse the GCCF policy in respect of the supply of cats or kittens for resale via pet shops and retail outlets. The Committee shall have the power to exclude from membership of the Progressive Singapura Cat Club any person who acts in breach of this recommendation.
- (i) The Committee has the power to suspend any member not returning the Clubs' Cups/Trophies when due.
- (j) Junior members shall be under 16 years of age. They shall be sponsored by ordinary or honorary members. Junior members are not full members and cannot vote in elections or at meetings. At all times the conduct of such Junior members shall be the responsibility of the ordinary or honorary member under whose auspices the Junior membership is granted. Such members to be held vicariously liable for any breaches of the rules or constitution of the Progressive Singapura Cat Club committed by a Junior member.

3. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Every member shall strive to promote the objects of the Club. (Rule 1) and shall bring to the notice of the Committee any matter contrary to those objects of which he/she becomes aware. Any such matter, or any other suggestions for improving the Club, to be sent in writing, to the Honorary Secretary, who shall include the item(s) in the Agenda of the next

meeting of the Committee.

Membership of the Club shall imply acceptance of the rules and objects of the Club.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) The entrance fee shall be reviewed annually at the AGM.
- (b) The subscription for ordinary members shall be payable on election and annually thereafter on 1st January. The amount shall be reviewed annually at the AGM.
- (c) If any member fails to pay his/her subscription by 31st March in any year, he/she shall be considered a 'lapsed member'. Lapsed members must apply for re-election.

5. MANAGEMENT

- (a) The business of the Club shall be managed by a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and 5 (five) elected members. Nominations for the positions of Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, shall come from the Committee and be ratified by the membership at the AGM. The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be elected for a period of three years, after which time they may be eligible for re-election. The Chairman shall be elected for a period of three years. Should the membership so wish, the Chairman may be elected for a second period of three years after which time they must stand down from office. They may stand for election to the Committee as an ordinary member. After three years as an ordinary Committee member they will be eligible to stand as Chairman if they so wish and have been nominated in the normal way in accordance with the rules of the Progressive Singapura Cat Club. No two persons from the same household shall be allowed to be Officers of the Club at the same time.
- (b) No Officer or Committee Member of The Progressive Singapura Cat Club can serve as an Officer or as a Committee Member for any other club catering solely for the Singapura breed.
- (c) No Officer or Committee Member losing his/her position as the result of a formal notice brought up at the AGM, or as the result of a Special General Meeting, shall be eligible for re-election for at least ten years.
- (d) **A Cup Secretary and a Show Support Secretary** shall be elected annually from the ordinary members at the AGM when appropriate.
- (e) **President and Vice President**
May be elected at the AGM for a period of three years, after which time they may be eligible for re-election if desired. No duties are imposed upon them apart from loyalty to the Club and sympathy with the objects of the Club.
- (f) **Committee Members**
There shall be 5 (five), 2 of which retire annually in rotation and shall be eligible for re-election. Committee members must be fully paid-up Club members and all serving Committee members and Officers may not be on more than two other Cat Club Committees. In the event of a vacancy arising on the Committee, the Committee may co-opt a member until the next AGM, but that co-opted member shall have no voting powers. The vacancy shall be filled by election in the normal manner at that next AGM, and the person elected to fill that vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the person in whose place he or she was elected.
- (h) The Committee may appoint such sub-committees or working parties or additional positions as is deemed necessary, members of which need not be Committee members. Such Committee shall report to the Club Committee their findings.
- (i) The Committee shall have the power to make such bylaws as are not inconsistent with these rules, to cover any matter arising in the management of the Club, and to deal with any question not provided for by these rules. Such bylaws to come into effect immediately, and to continue if ratified at the following AGM.

6. VOTING

- (a) Nominations proposing and seconding eligible persons for membership of the Committee or as delegates, together with the written consent of the person so nominated, except existing members who are agreeable to stand for re-election, must reach the Honorary Secretary by not later than the date specified by him/her. In the event of

more than one nomination being received for any vacancy, voting shall be by postal ballot instead or by a show of hands at the AGM.

Voting papers to be sent to all eligible fully paid-up Club members, who shall each have one vote, and the papers then to be returned by the specified date to the independent scrutineer named thereon, who shall not be a Club member. The result of the ballot shall be notified to the Honorary Secretary by the scrutineer, members then to be notified accordingly. In the event of a tie, a re-vote shall take place by the same method between the candidates who have tied.

- (b) A formal notice calling for the resignation of any Officer or Committee member shall be dealt with by a Special General Meeting or may be brought up at the AGM. Should the members present at the Special General Meeting support the motion by a simple majority the person or persons whose resignation is sought shall resign his/her office immediately.

Should the AGM support the motion by a simple majority, it shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to hold a postal ballot of all members and if a simple majority of the members voting support the motion, the person whose resignation is sought shall resign his/her office immediately.

7. MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

The Committee shall meet not less than four times in any Club year and at such meetings, 3 members and 2 Officers shall form a quorum. The Chairman, or in his/her absence, a nominated member, to be the Presiding Officer. Every Committee member present at a meeting shall have one vote excluding the Presiding Officer. In the event of equal voting, the Presiding Officer shall have the casting vote. Any member of the Committee who fails, without reason considered sufficient by the Committee, to attend at least half of the meetings called during the Club year, shall cease to be a member of the Committee, and shall not be eligible for re-election for three years. He/she shall be informed of the decision of the Committee by the Honorary Secretary. Delegates, when appropriate, who fail, without reason, to attend at least half of the meetings of the Governing Council during their term of office shall not be eligible for re-election for three years.

General Meetings

A General Meeting of the Club to be called the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be called no sooner than the 1st April in each calendar year and as soon as possible thereafter. The Presiding Officer to be the Chairman or in his/her absence a nominated Committee Member. In the absence of the aforementioned, the Chair to be taken by an Officer or member of the Committee elected from amongst themselves. The agenda for the meeting, together with the minutes of the AGM and a statement of the accounts examined by an independent person for the preceding year ending 31st December, shall be sent to each member's household not later than 14 days before the date of the meeting. The quorum to be at least 10% of the paid up membership to include at least 1 Officer and 4 Committee. Any member wishing to have an item placed on the agenda, must inform the Honorary Secretary, not less than four weeks before the date fixed for the AGM. Every member present at a meeting shall have one vote excluding the Presiding Officer. In the event of equal voting the Presiding Officer shall have the casting vote.

Special Meetings

A Special General Meeting may be held at any time the Committee considers it expedient, and shall be held upon receipt by the Honorary Secretary of an appeal from a fully paid-up member under Rule 2g, or of a written request signed by at least 10 per cent of the current membership of the Club, stating precisely the business to be discussed thereat, this meeting to be held as soon as is convenient and not less than 14 days written notice of any Special General Meeting shall be sent to each member, by the Honorary Secretary, together with a notice specifying the business to be discussed thereat. No other business shall be allowed. The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be at least 20% of the paid up membership as at the close of the previous financial year. Should the members present at the Special General Meeting support the motion by a simple majority, the person or persons whose resignation is sought shall resign his/her office immediately. Should the motion before the meeting call for the resignation of the Honorary Secretary, then the duties of the Honorary Secretary for

arranging, either a postal vote when the motion has been raised at the AGM, or for organising a Special General Meeting, shall be undertaken by a club member selected by the Committee. An Independent Chairman may preside at a Special General Meeting if the members present so wish.

8. EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

An independent person, who shall not be an Officer or a Committee Member of the Club, shall be appointed by the Membership at each AGM to examine the accounts for the club and shall be eligible for re-election.

9. AMENDMENT OF RULES

No new rule shall be made, except as under Rule 5(i), such rules to be ratified at the next AGM, nor shall any rules be amended or rescinded, unless notice of the proposed changes have been given on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting, and unless the proposed changes shall have received the assent of at least two thirds of the members present, at such a meeting.

10. FINANCE

The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st December in each year; to which date the annual accounts of the Club shall be balanced. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. Payments, with the exception of sums under £50 shall be authorised only by the signature of the Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary.

11. MEMBERSHIP TO THE GCCF (ONCE GRANTED)

The Delegates to the GCCF and any reserve, shall be members of the Committee and shall be elected by the ballot at the AGM and shall hold office during the immediately succeeding official year of the Governing Council. If any Delegates shall die or resign his/her seat, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt another member to take his/her place until voting can take place at the next AGM. The members of The Progressive Singapura Cat Club shall be bound by the rules and disciplinary powers of the GCCF

12. SURRENDER OF BOOKS, RECORDS ETC.

All Officers or members of the Club who, under these rules or in pursuance of these rules, have custody of any books, documents, accounts, property or monies belonging to the Club, shall, on request, by the Committee, return them to a member of the Committee within 28 days.

13. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Any proposal to dissolve the Club shall only be considered at a Special General Meeting upon fourteen days minimum notice to members. If the motion to dissolve the Club is confirmed by at least two thirds of the total Club membership, the Club's liabilities shall be discharged and any balance of funds shall be divided equally among all fully paid-up members of the Club, Trophies returned to their donors wherever possible and those not so returned to be distributed to other clubs at the discretion of the Committee. At this Special General Meeting, but at no other meeting, members shall be allowed to vote by proxy. Proxy forms obtainable from the Honorary Secretary.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman

Shall preside at all meetings and ensure that such meetings are conducted in a proper and orderly manner in accordance with the Club rules and rules of debate. Can request the withdrawal of any person who is in his/her opinion guilty of grossly improper behaviour, always providing that he/she issues to such person a prior warning. To preserve an impartial and fair attitude in all matters of debate, to put all motions to the vote and to declare the results which shall thereafter constitute the official results of such voting.

Honorary Secretary

Shall run the Club generally with the support of the Officers and Committee. Shall keep minutes of meetings, ensure ordering is carried out for everything relating to the Club, check accounts and pass to Honorary Treasurer for payment. Pay for any Club tables with the blank cheques supplied by Honorary Treasurer, and keep an account of the money taken from the Club float of one hundred pounds. Send the necessary paperwork to the GCCF Office each year, and is responsible for notifying members of the Club events and meetings etc.

Honorary Treasurer

Shall collect subscriptions for banking, together with any other monies, issue receipts. pay invoices, having checked these are in order. Notifies Committee if over-spending occurs. Arranges for statement of accounts to be done each year and a copy of this, together with members' analysis, and fees to be sent to the GCCF Treasurer by 1st May each year. Pays expenses and sends receipts to members. Keeps financial books in order.

Committee

Support the Officers, help and represent the members.

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