



NEWS RELEASE

KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB

At its meeting on 7 September 2021 the Board reviewed the registered status of the King Charles Spaniel Club. This review was undertaken under Regulation C5 generally, which allows the Board such consideration and requires registered societies to maintain and abide by the highest standards in all their activities.

The Board has issued the following directives and a warning that the club's registered status will be kept under review.

1. That the club is directed to demonstrate improvement, otherwise suspension of registered status and withdrawal of the club's Championship status will be considered. The Board will undertake a further review at its meeting on 15 February 2022 but a progress report for the 23 November 2021 Board meeting is expected from the club. The Kennel Club expects to see suggestions of substantive measures intended to deal with:
 - Use of Rescue Funds, how this is to be managed in the future with proper mandate and transparency and proper accounting and reporting to members.
 - Management of the club's social media to ensure that content is unbiased and treats all members equally in terms of access and participation.
 - Assurance that the committee is working as a cohesive body.
 - Generally, to restore the trust and confidence in the committee by the membership and indeed the Kennel Club Board.
2. The club is advised that the Board was concerned to note the inclusion of expulsion proposals on an AGM agenda which did not comply with Kennel Club Regulation C3.a.(7) or the club's constitution.
3. That the club must improve the management of its social media sites.
4. That the club is required to submit copies of the minutes of all club meetings until further notice.
5. That an independent observer attends club meetings.

6. That the club is reminded generally that members may, if they so wish, requisition a SGM at any time which must be duly convened in accordance with the constitution of the club.
7. That in the event that the email traffic continues to be unacceptably high, the club will be referred back to the Board meeting on 12 October 2021 for review.

In dealing with registered society issues, the Kennel Club's interest lies in upholding the rules and regulations and ensuring that the best interests of the club, breed and membership are safeguarded.

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