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The Saint Bernard Club of New South Wales Inc.

Standing Orders

Last Amended General Meeting 10th November 2013

1. GENERAL

Item 1.1 Club colours to be orange, white and black. Club colours to be used for Club Show sashes.

Item 1.2 S.O.S. will be printed quarterly. (Passed 4/2/03 GM)

Item 1.3 Ear-marking: No charge for Members and \$3.00 per dog for Non-Members. System of numbers will be utilised first.

Item 1.4 The Club hold a annual Fun and Information Day. (Amended name change 07/04/98 & Amended GM 18/8/12)

Item 1.5 Treasurers report and details of all motions and amendments from general business at each Meeting be printed in the S.O.S.

Item 1.6 (Deleted 08/04/97)

Item 1.7 The Club holds a General Meeting in February, May, August and November each year and a Committee Meeting in March, June and September each year. (Passed AGM 4/9/2002)

Item 1.8 (Deleted GM 18/8/12 covered by Standing Order Item 1.23)

Item 1.9 When a Member renews their Membership but changes category ie. from dual to single Membership, the Secretary makes the change without the need for it to go through the next General Meeting. If Membership goes from single to dual the new Member must go through the next General Meeting.

Item 1.10 (Deleted 08/04/97 now covered by Rule 29.2)

Item 1.11 That a person must be a member of The Saint Bernard Club Inc for twelve (12) months before being put on our list for the selling of puppies, unless that person has been a member of another Saint Bernard Club and the NO time limit would exist (proof of Membership would have to be provided).

Item 1.12 That all new Committee Members taking over positions be given a copy of the Standing Orders of the Club and that they are informed that they are responsible to find out all details about the requirements of their position.

Item 1.13 That a fee of \$10.00 be introduced for the Puppy Register and \$10.00 for the Stud Register, of which \$5.00 will go to the welfare fund and the other half go to the running of the S.O.S. (Passed 07/12/93)

Item 1.14 That the Minutes of the Committee Meeting be available for reading at the following General Meeting - all dollar transactions to be listed separately. These minutes will not include any disciplinary actions/discussions. (Passed 05/04/94)

Item 1.15 (Deleted GM 18/8/12 covered by Standing Order 1.5)

Item 1.16 That all correspondence in to be tabled at the General or Committee Meetings (except items covered by Rule 24.3 of the Constitution) be received by the Secretary by 3.00 pm on the day prior to the meeting and not at the Meeting. (Passed 07/06/94, Amended 08/04/97 & GM 18/8/12)

Item 1.17 That a card file system to be kept for all Club property and a form be signed by the giver and receiver and forwarded onto the Treasurer to update records. Members recorded as having Club property in their possession are responsible for it. (Passed 07/06/94)

Item 1.18 Members who list breeding stock on the Stud Register or Puppy Register must have their dogs hip scored and elbow scored and only those animals with a score at or below the current breed

average as published by the AVA be permitted to be listed with the Club. Copies of hipscore certificates are required to be supplied to the Club. (Passed 05/12/95 & Amended GM 18/8/12)

Item 1.19 Members listing breeding stock on the Puppy Register must have a total combined hipscore for a dog and bitch not exceeding a total of 1.5 times the current breed average as published by the AVA. (Passed 06/02/96 & Amended GM 18/8/12)

Item 1.20 If the Member managing the Puppy or Stud Register is a registered breeder they must adhere Standing Orders 1.18 and 1.19. (Passed 04/02/97 & Amended GM 18/8/12)

Item 1.21 The Editor be granted approval to purchase quality photocopy paper for the purposes of producing the S.O.S. and other publications as required by the Club. (Passed 03/06/97)

Item 1.22 Members who breed and sell Saint Bernards must ensure that their dogs are not placed in situations or environments which can be reasonably deemed as potentially physically or psychologically unsafe, and/or at risk of being used for any purposes other than that of a companion animal. This applies to dogs sold within Australia and overseas. (Passed GM 4/12/01 & Adopted AGM 4/9/02)

Item 1.23 The Annual Membership Fees to be increase to \$30.00 for Dual Membership; \$22.50 for Single Membership; \$5.00 for Junior Membership; and \$15.00 for Joining Fee. (Passed AGM 4/9/02)

Item 1.24 (Passed GM 6/11/02 Deleted GM 18/8/12)

Item 1.25 (Deleted GM 18/8/12 covered by Standing Order 2.8)

Item 1.26 A person must be a Member of The Saint Bernard Club Inc for twelve (12) months before being eligible for a position as Office Bearer or position on Committee. (Passed & Adopted AGM 7/9/07)

Item 1.27 A free twelve (12) month introductory Club Membership be offered to new St Bernard breeders and owners. (Passed GM 10/11/13)

2. TROPHIES

Item 2.1 That the Club promote the exhibiting and training of Saint Bernards by offering to Members a trophy upon gaining their dogs Championship or C.D. title. To be eligible the owners of the dog (or bitch) must be Members of the Club for six (6) months prior to gaining the title.

Item 2.2 The Club hold presentation nights in conjunction with Specialty Shows to present Championship, Specialty Show, Companion Dog and Pointscore Trophies. Members are not to have Perpetual Trophies engraved whilst in their possession. (Passed GM & Adopted AGM 8/9/07)

Item 2.3 That no Club Perpetual Trophies are to leave Australia.

Item 2.4 Non-Members who join (are accepted through a General Meeting) after our Club Show do not receive perpetual trophies. Trophies are to be returned six (6) weeks prior to each show to enable this to be done.

Item 2.5 That all Perpetual Trophies, when filled, that the donor be offered the choice of:-

(a) if there is room that more shields be added;

(b) if no room they have first option to re donate a new trophy;

(c) if they do not wish to re donate they have the choice to take the trophy back, or leave it in the Club's possession with the intention of it being displayed in the Dogs NSW Complex.

Item 2.6 The Perpetual Trophy for winners of the Pointscore Competition be shared equally between the owners of the winning Bitch and Dog with the Trophy being presented to the winning dog at the October Specialty Show and then presented to the winning bitch at the April Specialty Show. (Passed 06/08/96)

Item 2.7 Any Perpetual Trophy pertaining to the Sydney Royal be treated in the same manner as the Specialty Show trophies. (Passed 03/06/97)

Item 2.8 An Award is to be given to the Dog of the Year for participating in promotions & fundraising. (Passed 1/2/05)

3. SHOWS

Item 3.1 All show results printed in the S.O.S. must be sent in by a Member who exhibited at the show and must be in the form of a fully marked catalogue page or photocopy of such.

Item 3.2 Judges who are approached to judge Club Shows be advised that they have six (6) weeks to reply in writing.

Item 3.3 (Deleted 18/08/13)

Item 3.4 (Deleted 08/04/97 now covered by Rule 52.2 and 52.3)

Item 3.5 That a fifteen (15) minute break be introduced between the general judging and judging of Best of Breed to give the Challenge Bitch a rest before the ring for Best of Breed.

Item 3.6 (Deleted 08/04/97)

Item 3.7 That no information is to be given out to enquirers regarding details of other exhibits at Club shows.

Item 3.8 No exhibitor or handler shall handle dogs at The Saint Bernard Club Championship/Specialty Show if they have made deliberate (ie. not accidental) contact with the Judge, judging the Championship/Specialty Show fourteen days prior to the date of that Championship/Specialty Show. (Passed 07/12/93)

Item 3.9 (Passed 07/02/95) (Deleted 08/04/97 now covered by Rule 52.2 and 52.3)

Item 3.10 The Show Manager be given a \$400 cash advance one (1) month prior to the Specialty Shows for expenses specifically related to the respective Specialty Show. All expenditure must be supported by dockets/receipts. (Passed 04/02/97)

Item 3.11 No judge can officiate at consecutive Specialty Shows and where a judge is successfully elected to judge two Shows on the same ballot paper, the judge be approached for confirmation as to the preferred Specialty Show to be judged. (Passed 05/08/97)

Item 3.12 Exhibitor/Kennel advertising be allowed in Specialty Show Catalogues provided that the Handler's face is omitted. (Passed GM 2/10/01 & Adopted AGM 4/9/02)

Item 3.13 When Saints Bernards owned by a Member of The Saint Bernard Club reach the age of 10 years are to be given a rosette during the Veterans Parade on condition that the Show Secretary is notified in writing at 6 weeks prior to the show. (Standing Order Number 29 as at April 1994 restored. Passed GM 5/6/01 & Adopted AGM 4/9/02)

Item 3.14 (Deleted AGM 7/09/07)

Item 3.15 Any advertising or sponsorship of sashes is restricted to small print along the base. (Passed GM 3/8/04)

Item 3.16 That to be able to claim a trophy for either the title Australian Champion or Australian Grand Champion the applicant must be a financial member of The Saint Bernard Club Inc for a minimum period of at least the preceding two continuous financial years. (Passed GM 3/8/04)

Item 3.17 No retrospective claims can be made where a trophy is being awarded for either the title Australian Champion or Australian Grand Champion. (Passed GM 2/11/04)

Item 3.18 Neutered classes to be available from the Easter Specialty Show 2005 and all shows thereafter. (Passed 1/2/05)

Item 3.19 A dog or bitch entered into a Saint Bernard Club Specialty Show must be seven years or older to receive Veteran Status. (Standing Order Restored Passed 1/2/05)

Item 3.20 The Club holds only one Show per year for 2006/07 through to 2007/08 inclusive after which time the number of Shows to be held per year is to be reviewed. (Passed & Adopted AGM 7/9/07- *Now Lapsed*)

Item 3.21 The Club hold its Specialty Show on Easter Saturday and for it to be known as the Easter Specialty Show and when feasible hold an additional Show in conjunction with Dogs NSW Spring Fair and for it to be known as the Spring Specialty. (Passed GM 3/2/13 & Adopted AGM 18/8/13)

4. CLUB POINTSCORE COMPETITION

Item 4.1 That separate pointscores be held for Members' dogs and bitches over the age of six months.

Item 4.2 That a dog may enter as many classes as he wishes but only one class will be used as the point score class.

Item 4.3 Point system: 1st in class - 3 points; 2nd in class - 2 points; 3rd in class - 1 point; Reserve Challenge - 2 points; Challenge - 3 points.

Item 4.4 That the scoring be on the best 8 out of 13 shows.

Item 4.5 That the pointscore be open to Members of the Club only and Members must notify the Secretary if they do not wish to be included in the pointscore at the show they are entered in.

Item 4.6 That the Pointscore Secretary be taken from Committee.

Item 4.7 Each pointscore year commence with the Club's Specialty Show and conclude the following year at the last nominated show prior to the Club's Specialty Show. (Amended AGM 6/8/11 & Amended 18/8/12)

Item 4.8 Puppy Point Score changed to Juvenile age 6 - 18 months qualifying best 8 out of 13 shows. Winner to be titled Best Juvenile Dog/Bitch.

Item 4.9 Pointscore rules be set at the Annual General Meeting each year.

Item 4.10 Pointscore shows are to be decided at the Annual General Meeting the year prior to the beginning of the competition year. (Amendment Passed & Adopted AGM 6/8/11)

Item 4.11 The Club suspend the Pointscore Competition for 2006/07 through to 2007/08 inclusive after which time the Competition is to be reviewed. (Passed & Adopted AGM 7/9/07-*Now Lapsed*)

5. WELFARE AND RESCUE

Item 5.1 When it is necessary to retrieve a Saint Bernard from the pound or other official body, the Club will endeavour to find the breeder first then a new owner within seven (7) days.

Item 5.2 When it is necessary to retrieve a Saint Bernard from the pound or other official body, the Club will pay for any costs incurred and ask to be reimbursed by the receiving owner and request a donation for the Welfare Account. (No amount to be specified)

Item 5.3 When the surrendering owner relinquishes ownership of the dog, where practical a meeting must take place with the dog, Welfare Officer/Official Club Representative and receiving owners at a time to suit all parties. This is to ensure the Welfare Officer/Official Club Representative are happy with the rapport between dog and receiving owner.

Item 5.4 The receiving owner must de-sex the Saint Bernard within twenty-one (21) days and supply the Club with a sterilisation certificate. Except in the case where the Saint Bernard is too old to undergo an anaesthetic or in poor condition. This only applies on Veterinarian recommendation in writing. The Club can take the liberty of de-sexing the Saint Bernard before it is transferred to the new owner.

Item 5.5 If the Saint Bernard has registration papers they must be crossed PET ONLY and forwarded to Dogs NSW. This ONLY applies if the breeder of the Saint Bernard declines the Saint Bernard.

Item 5.6 The Welfare Officer/Official Club Representative must ensure the receiving home has full and adequate fencing, yardage and housing/kennelling to suit a Saint Bernard.

Item 5.7 At the discretion of the Welfare Officer/Official Club Representative in the case where a new receiving home CANNOT be found as soon as possible, the Saint Bernard can have kennelling if it is apt or stay with a responsible Club Member. The Member can ask for reimbursement of food and any Veterinarian costs incurred. Any reimbursement must be substantiated with the necessary receipts and ratified at a General Meeting of the Club.

Item 5.8 If it is apparent/visible that the Saint Bernard has psychological/physical problems the Club will NOT refer it to a new home. The Club will accept no responsibility for misjudgements whilst all care will be taken to ensure the Saint Bernard is sound both psychologically and physically.

Item 5.8A A disclaimer Form **MUST** be signed by **ALL** receiving owners relinquishing any claims against the Club by the new owner with regards to the Saint Bernard. **NB:** If it is a retrieved Saint Bernard it must be vetted before going to the receiving owner.

Item 5.8B **ALL** surrendering owners **MUST** sign a Donor Form giving up custody of the Saint Bernard. **NB:** At **NO** time does the Club accept custody of the Saint Bernard.

Item 5.8C **ALL** Welfare Officers/Official Club Representatives must sign Disclaimer Forms relinquishing all responsibility against the Club with regards to any damage/harm a welfare Saint Bernard might inflict. Also applies to Clause 7 - i.e. responsible Club Member.

Item 5.9 The Welfare Officer will maintain a log on possible recipients and preferences with regards to welfare Saint Bernards.

Item 5.10 The Welfare Scheme is to be self funding whenever and where ever possible.

Item 5.11 The Club charge \$400.00 for each Welfare dog placed which is payable by the new owner and to include 12 months complimentary Honorary Membership. (Amendment Passed GM 1/5/11)