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To become a member of the EPTS please complete the following form.

On becoming a member do you undertake to conform to and be bound by the rules & regulations set out in the EPTS constitution: Yes No *(please circle)*

Title:.....

First name:.....

Surname:.....

Address:.....

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Postcode:.....

Telephone number:..... Mobile:.....

Email address:.....

Date of birth:.....

Have you ever been declined membership or been asked to resign from any clubs? Yes No *(please circle)*

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any relevant offences concerning the Wildlife and Countryside acts, including the Badgers act? Yes No *(please circle)*

Have you any other convictions? If so please give details below:

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Names of any clubs of which you are currently a member:

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NOMINATED BY.....

SECONDED BY.....

By signing & returning this application form, I understand that my election to the club is subject to the agreement of the committee, and that their word is final.

I WISH THAT MY COUNTY AND PHONE NUMBER BE USED ON A MEMBERS LIST AS A CONTACT:

Yes No *(please circle)*

I ENCLOSE SUBSCRIPTION OF £.....

Signed:..... Print.....: Date:.....

Please send your completed form and payment to:

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Constitution

1 The Society

1.1 shall be known as 'The European Plummer Terrier Society' and shall thereafter be referred to as The Society

1.2 The Society shall be a non-profit making organisation wholly devoted to securing its objectives

1.3 The objectives of The Society are:

- To provide a form of mutual interest in all aspects of the breed
- To promote the reputation of the breed
- To protect the interests of the breed by educating members on breeding schemes
- To provide an Society newsletter to members with information and news
- To encourage the use of the Plummer Terrier to all legal quarry
- To engage in any other activity for the benefit of the breed or its supporters as the Executive Committee shall from time to time deem necessary
- To seek Kennel Club recognition and retain it

2 The Executive Committee

Shall consist of a President, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer plus five (or more) members.

2.1 Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and will be expected to attend all Committee meetings. Failure to attend two out of three centrally located meetings will result in that officer being asked to resign his/her position

2.2 The Executive Committee shall have authority to co-opt during the year in the event of a vacancy arising

2.3 The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be six, including at least three elected officers

2.4 The Executive Committee shall have unfettered discretion to delegate all or any of its functions to Sub-Committees as the need arises. Every Sub-Committee shall be chaired by an elected officer and shall consist of members of The Society only. Members who are not on the Executive Committee may be co-opted ad hoc to any Sub-Committee at the discretion of that Sub-Committee.

3 Finances

3.1 **The Treasurer** of The Society shall maintain the funds in an account of such financial institution as the Treasurer deems appropriate, save that the Executive Committee shall have the right to veto). The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be authorised signatories to the account, with a requirement that any two shall sign every cheque or negotiable document. Further, and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, a fourth person currently sitting on the Executive Committee may be authorised by The Society to countersign cheques or any such other negotiable document for the purpose of convenience or emergency.

3.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting subscriptions and making payments on behalf of The Society

3.3 No funds payable to the Treasurer under provisions of these rules shall be refundable under any circumstances. This rule does not affect the principle that in exceptional circumstances refunds may be made in the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee.

3.4 Any current member of The Society shall have the right to inspect any cash book or other accounting record of The Society, subject to having given a reasonable notice of his/her wish to do so to the Treasurer

3.5 In the event that, for any reason, The Society ceases to operate, any balance of monies remaining to its credit after payment of all due debts shall be distributed to a charity or non-profit making organisation. Such distribution shall be at the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee.

4 Membership

4.1 Membership will be unlimited. All new members shall be by invitation only and must have two proposers who are full members

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- 4.2 Membership of The Society shall be open to anyone regardless of whether or not they keep Plummer Terriers. Only full members shall have one vote at any Society meeting, save that no member under the age of eighteen years shall vote on a matter of finance. For the purpose of these rules the expression 'member' shall include **Family Membership**, as the Executive Committee shall permit. **Family Membership** shall carry two votes only.
- 4.3 Membership of The Society shall lapse with the expiry of the Member's current subscription. However, an extended one month period will be allowed on this, after which the person will be asked to apply again for membership. Otherwise membership of The Society will be assumed to be cancelled.
- 4.4 The Executive Committee shall have absolute discretion to refuse any person as a new member
- 4.5 Members shall pay an annual subscription of such as shall from time to time be decided by the Annual General Meeting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- 4.6 All new members will be an Associate Member for a period of twelve months after which they can apply for full membership

5 Annual General Meeting

- 5.1 The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting in each calendar year. The date shall be within the discretion of the Executive Committee and shall be notified to all members and every member shall be entitled to attend. If for any reason beyond the control of The Society, an Annual General Meeting is not held in any year, the existing officers shall remain in their posts until such a meeting is held.
- 5.2 An Extraordinary General Meeting of The Society may be called by the Executive Committee at any time. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the demand of any group of 10 members concerned. Such demand shall be delivered to the Secretary forthwith. Upon receipt thereof, the Secretary shall call such General Meeting within six weeks at a location determined by the Executive Committee.
- 5.3 Voting at all proceedings shall be by show of hands, save that a paper ballot may be taken upon passing of a motion to do so. Motions will pass by a simple two-thirds majority.
- 5.4 In determination of any Society matter by voting, the Chairperson of any General Meeting shall have no vote. The Chairperson shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote in cases where the Meeting is equally split. The same rule shall apply to the Executive Committee and Sub-Committees.
- 5.5 For the purpose of these rules, the expression '**Chairperson**' means any person who is at that time chairing a Meeting and is not limited to the elected Chairperson of The Society
- 5.6 The Society rules shall only be changed at an Annual General Meeting. Any member proposing a change of rule shall give four weeks notice in writing to the Secretary. Such a proposal shall be signed by a seconder. This rule, insofar as it relates to the period of written notice, shall not apply to rule changes proposed by the Executive Committee.
- 5.7 Motions to be moved at the AGM, other than those originating from the Executive Committee shall be notified in writing to the Secretary four weeks before the date of the Meeting and shall be signed by a seconder. Proposals for new officers shall be subject to the same procedure except where a candidate is an existing officer. In the event that no written proposals for officers are received, the Chairperson may accept proposals from the floor. In any event, candidates should be prepared to stand for office for which they are being nominated.
- 5.8 Members shall be responsible for guests at any meeting. Members shall not accept written or verbal challenges. No guests will be allowed to be present at the AGM other than those allowed at with absolute discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 5.9 It shall not be within the competence of an AGM to entertain any motion to suspend the operation of these rules for that meeting
- 5.10 Any member of the Executive Committee shall be reimbursed financially for any expenses incurred on behalf of The Society upon agreement by the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and proof of expenditure.

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5.11 At every AGM this constitution will be discussed and amended as necessary. Changes will be made according to the vote of members present and will be implemented by the next AGM, following the rules of this constitution.

6 Disciplinary Procedure

- 6.1 The Executive Committee reserves the right to expel from The Society any person whom, in their opinion, has engaged in any conduct likely to bring The Society into disrepute.
- 6.2 Any member expelled from The Society shall be barred from all Society events. Such persons will not be allowed to address the public on matters of Society business and care should be taken by organisers of The Society events to comply with this ruling.

7 Grievance Procedure

- 7.1 The Executive Committee shall have absolute discretion to refuse or renew any existing membership; full members facing expulsion or non-renewal of membership shall have written explanation given within 28 days of the decision. Any response to this decision will be reviewed by the Executive Committee, but no action is required.
- 7.2 Where a current member is subject to a current disciplinary procedure, the membership will be renewed pending the outcome of such procedure.
- 7.3 All full members have the right to raise a grievance issue with the Executive Committee, which will be duly considered and a response given within 28 days; but the decision of the Executive Committee will then be final.

8 Shows

The Executive Committee shall decide at the AGM how many shows The Society is to produce or back. The Annual Show shall have the following classes in order of judging:

- Puppy dog over 6 months and under 12 months
- Puppy bitch over 6 months and under 12 months
- Best puppy
- Adult dog over 12 months
- Adult bitch over 12 months
- Best dog and bitch ie best in show
- Best pair, mixed pair
- Veteran dog over 8 years
- Veteran bitch over 8 years
- Or any classes felt justified by the Executive Committee at the time

8.1 The Society will hold a list of approved judges of the breed. Judges shall be decided by the Committee and not limited to members only. A copy of the standard for the breed and, in addition, a list of approved judges shall be available to Show Secretaries.

9 Liability

9.1 The Society will not accept liability for any loss or injury suffered by any member during any Society event, save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Executive Committee, its Servants or Agents.

10 Contingencies

Any contingency not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final. Acceptance of membership constitutes acceptance of this constitution and its rules.

10.1 Upon receipt of this constitution, all members must sign the accompanying form, to indicate that they have read, understood and accept the terms of the constitution. This form will be returned to the Secretary as soon as possible after receipt. Failure to do so will deem that membership as lapsed.

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