

NATIONAL RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK COUNCIL (AUSTRALIA)

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the 'National Rhodesian Ridgeback Council (Australia)' and shall be herein referred to as the 'NRRC'

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the NRRC shall be:-

- (a) To encourage and promote, in every way, the quality of breeding, care, training and exhibition of the Rhodesian Ridgeback.
- (b) to educate and encourage exhibitors, breeders and Judges to abide by the Standard for the Rhodesian Ridgeback as approved by the Australian National Kennel Council.
- (c) 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 Rhodesian Ridgeback.
- (d) To allocate the title of 'National Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty Championship Show' for use by member Clubs, subject always to the approval of both State or Territory controlling body of which the Member Club is an affiliated body and the Australian National Kennel Club.
- (e) To seek registration with the Australian National Kennel Council, and if recognised, agree to be bound by the rules and regulations and directions of the Australian National Kennel Council for the time being in force.
- (f) To become associated with overseas Rhodesian Ridgeback organisations with objects kindred to the objects of the NRRC.
- (g) To collect, verify and publish information relating to Rhodesian Ridgebacks and the breeding and exhibition of Rhodesian Ridgebacks.
- (h) To encourage member clubs to hold shows, parades, trials and other exhibitions as approved by and under the Rules and Regulations of their State or territory body and the Australian National Kennel Council.
- (i) To legislate, to make by-laws, and to do other acts, matters and things as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or any of the objects of the NRRC.

3. POWERS

- (a) The NRRC shall have the power to:-
- (i) Acquire a membership fee from member clubs to carry out any or all of the objects of the NRRC.
 - (ii) Invest the funds of the NRRC, not immediately required, in such manner as the delegates shall determine.
 - (iii) Hold breed seminars, symposiums, conventions and congresses through the sponsorship of the member clubs or through corporate sponsorship.
 - (iv) Correspond with and become associated with overseas Rhodesian Ridgeback organisations for the purpose of the exchange of viewpoints on matters affecting the welfare of the Rhodesian Ridgeback.
 - (v) Allocate the title 'National Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty Championship Show' to the various member clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory controlling body and the Australian National Kennel Council. The delegates at any meeting may grant the title 'National Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty Show' to any affiliated member club. The granting and use of the word 'National' must be in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Australian National Kennel Council and/or the National Breed Clubs Liaison Council. The judge must be approved by the NRRC and the State or Territory controlling body.
 - (vi) Purchase, hire or lease, or otherwise provide and maintain all types of property for the carrying out of the objects of the NRRC.
 - (vii) Do all such other things which may appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect its objects.
- (b) The NRRC shall not hold shows or any other type of exhibitions. Such events shall only be conducted by the member clubs and each member club shall be wholly responsible for their own income and expenditure resulting from these shows.
- (c) Nothing in this Constitution shall affect the right or authority of an individual member club to control or conduct its club business in a way usually followed by

a specialist club. Nor shall the NRRC affect in any way the normal relationship between a member club and its State or Territory controlling body.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any specialist Rhodesian Ridgeback Club affiliated with a State or Territory controlling body, which is in turn a member of the Australian National Kennel Council, upon payment of the prescribed membership fee, shall be eligible for membership of the NRRC except in the case of readmission which must be in compliance with Clause 12 of the Constitution.
- (b) The following specialist Rhodesian Ridgeback clubs and such other specialist Rhodesian Ridgeback clubs as may from time to time be admitted, are entitled to nominate a delegate to the NRRC.
 - 1. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria (Inc)
 - 2. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia (Inc)
 - 3. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Western Australia (Inc)
 - 4. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Queensland (Inc)
 - 5. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of ACT (Inc)
- (c) The membership fee shall be such amount as the NRRC shall from time to time determine, to be paid per annum, per affiliate and fees shall be deemed due and payable by 1st March each year. Membership shall be effective after payment of the annual membership.

5. MEETINGS

- (a) Each of the member clubs named in Clause 4(b) shall annually appoint a delegate to the NRRC. Each delegate shall be a financial member of his/her member club and of the respective State or Territory controlling body. 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 NRRC.
- (b) At meetings of the NRRC each member club shall have one vote subject to a delegate being in attendance at such meeting.
- (c) The quorum for meetings shall be at least 75% of the number of member clubs.

- (d) Member clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the NRRC by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the Secretary. The Secretary shall communicate in writing the agenda for a meeting to each of the member clubs at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. A non member club may submit business to the NRRC for consideration by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the Secretary.
- (e) Except with the unanimous consent of all member clubs, no resolution carried at a meeting of the NRRC shall be valid unless notice has been given in accordance with Clause 5(d).
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 5(e) the Secretary shall at the direction of the President, or at the written request of two member clubs, submit any particular matter of urgency of the member clubs by post, telegram, lettergram or facsimile transmission and the vote on any such matter shall be taken accordingly, at meetings of the member clubs.
- (g) The NRRC shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place as it deems fit. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March or April of each year.
- (h) The President of the NRRC shall be the Chairperson of all meetings of the NRRC. Should he/she not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Chairperson from among their number. The delegate appointed Chairperson may record his/her own vote on any matter but shall not have a casting vote.
- (i) 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/her own vote on any matter.
- (j) Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands or by postal ballot. Provided that 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 Chairperson shall not have a casting vote and the motion shall be deemed to be lost.

6. PRESIDENT

The President must be a club member of one of the affiliated member clubs and of the respective State or Territory controlling body. He/she shall be elected initially by the delegates from the delegates and/or nominations received from each member club, and thereafter the position of President shall rotate among all the affiliated member clubs. Upon his/her appointment the President shall cease to be a club delegate. Upon appointment of the initial President the delegates present at the meeting shall determine the sequence in which affiliated member clubs may nominate a President in subsequent years.

The President shall formally be appointed for a term of 2 years by the NRRC and shall hold office until the day following that of the Annual General Meeting at the end of the term. The President shall not be entitled to vote at any meetings of the Council. The President shall hold office for one term of 2 years but shall be eligible for another term at a later date.

7. SECRETARY

- (a) The Secretary must be a club member of one of the affiliated member clubs and of the respective State or Territory controlling body, but shall not be a club delegate. He/she shall be appointed bi-annually by the NRRC delegates at an Annual General Meeting for a term of 2 years from nominations received from the affiliated clubs. The Secretary, upon appointment, shall cease to be a club delegate. The nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least 90 days before said meeting, and all member clubs shall be advised of the nominations 60 days before the meeting. The Secretary shall hold office until the day following the Annual General Meeting of the term. The Secretary shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the NRRC.
- (b) The Secretary shall act under the direction of the NRRC. He/she shall attend all meetings of the NRRC and any other meetings where his/her presence may be required to keep proper minutes of such meetings. Generally to perform all such duties as are usually performed by any such officer in a like position. The Secretary shall be responsible for all monies received on behalf of the NRRC and

shall pay all such monies into the bank account of the NRRC within 14 days of receipt. It shall be a further duty of the Secretary to keep proper books of account of the NRRC.

8. HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the NRRC shall be the residential address of the Secretary where the books, records and property of the NRRC shall be kept.

9. FINANCE

- (a) A bank account in the name of the 'National Rhodesian Ridgeback council' shall be opened with a recognised Australian bank and kept in the name of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Council.
- (b) All monies payable on behalf of the NRRC shall be paid by cheque drawn upon the bank account of the NRRC. All cheques shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President or one NRRC delegate appointed for that purpose.
- (c) The financial year of the NRRC shall be 1st January to 31st December in each year.
- (d) At the Annual General Meeting each year the NRRC 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.
- (e) An audited statement of receipts and expenditure and balance sheet shall be forwarded to each member club by 28th February each year.

10. BY-LAWS

Subject always to the Constitution, delegates at a meeting may, by resolution passed by a majority of at least 75% of delegates present and voting on this resolution, make by-laws and may from time to time amend such by-laws by variation, deletion or addition as they may think fit, in respect of:

- (a) The granting of the title "National Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty Championship Show"

- (b) The appointment of the President
- (c) The appointment of the Secretary
- (d) Membership fees
- (e) Any matter the delegates consider necessary to carry out the objects of the NRRC.

11. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and the by-laws of the NRRC 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. The amendment must be agreed upon by a majority of at least 75% of the delegates present and voting on this resolution.

12. RESIGNATION

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. Should any club that has resigned seek re-admission as a member of the NRRC, such re-admission is to be voted upon at a meeting of the NRRC called in compliance with Clause 5(d) of the Constitution. A majority of at least 75% of the delegates present and voting in person will be required to re-admit a member club.

13. PROPERTY/WINDING UP

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