

## The Rules of

# **Polish Leonberger Club**

# within the Polish Kennel Club





#### I. General provisions

§ 1

The Club is named "Polski Klub Leonbergera" ("Polish Leonberger Club"), mentioned furtherly as the Club and is associates leonberger lovers, its goals and assignments will be fulfilled based on voluntary work of its members.

§ 2

The Club has been set up according to rules mentioned in the Statute of the Polish Kennel Club (§29 p.24 and §39 p.2) and in the Rules of Breed Club-Breeds Group (Act of Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club at 23.02.2003 with changes to the Rules approved with an act of the Polish Kennel Club session in Poland at 31.03.2012 and at 06.01.2018).

§ 3

The Club is a subject of the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club and has no legal personality.

§ 4

The territory of actions for the Club is Poland. The main office of the Club is this Branch of the Polish Kennel Club which was chosen by an act during General Meeting of the Club Members and was accepted by the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club, providing that the Administration of that Branch agreed to that.

§ 5

- 1. The Club is financed by fees from its members and other incomes received during its activity.
- 2. The amount of yearly fee is chosen by the General Meeting of the Club.

§ 6

- 1. The Club has right to use prints, stamps, badges, logo and membership cards.
- 2. Only members of the Club are allowed to use the Club logo in their promotional materials.

§ 7

The Club can have its website, fun pages on social media and can issue a newsletter.



#### II. Goals and means of action of the Club

§ 8

In the name of widely speaking well-being of the breed, Polish Leonberger Club fulfills representative, breeding, educational and integrative goals.

- 1. Representative goals of the Club:
- a) representing interests of the Club to the Borad of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club.
- 1.1. Means of reaching the representative goals:
- a) filing motions to the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club concerning the breed,
- b) adopting resolutions concerning the actions of the Club,
- c) reaching the standards of Leonbergers that were stated throughout the world and that are commonly used in other Leonberger Clubs.
- 2. Breeding goals of the Club:
- a) maintaining the breed's health, its physical, psychological and working characteristics stated in the breed standard,
- b) consolidating standards that were stated throughout the world and that are commonly used in other Leonberger Cubs,
- c) obeying stanards stated by the Leonberger Clubs associated in IULH (Internationale Union für Leonberger Hunde).
- 2.1. Means of reaching breeding goals:
- a) obeying the terms in the Breeding Rules of the Polish Kennel Club,
- b) obeying the breeding recommendations of the Club,
- c) supporting breeders by giving them breeding advice and exchanging knowledge,
- d) making and keeping databases of:
- litters,
- results of specialistic medical examinations of bitches and stud dogs,
- dog shows results of dogs associated in the Club.



- e) statistical analysis of the number of breeding leonbergers and litters in the Club:
- lists and rankings of dog and bitches,
- list of kennels,
- list of litters,
- list of champions.
- 3. Educational goals of the Club:
- a) promoting honest knowledge about leonberger breed,
- b) promoting the rules of breeding ethics,
- c) recommending litters, kennels and stud dogs associated in the Club.
- 3.1. Means of reaching educational goals:
- a) running the Club website which will contain such Club information as:
- breed standard with a commentary,
- advice concerning upbringing, socialization and health,
- news in area of genetics, veterinary science and psychology,
- reports from dog shows and Club events,
- recommendations of litters, kennels and stud dogs associated in the Club,
- b) staying in touch with canine press of the Polish Kennel Club and giving them information about the breed and goals of the Club,
- c) counseling for people interested in the breed and/or in buying puppies,
- 4. Integrative goals:
- a) integration of breeders and all breed lovers,
- b) integration of the Club with similar leonberger clubs abroad which are recognized by the FCI,
- c) exchanging knowledge and helping each other.
- 4.1. Means of reaching integrative goals:
- a) organization of meeting and conventions of the Club members,



- b) organization of at least one national dog show a year with "Club Dog Show Winner" title (big CAC), organization of a specialist dog show called "Leonbergeriada" once a year,
- c) running the Club website,
- d) other actions which make it possible to reach the goals of the Club.



### III. Members of the Club- rights and duties

#### A. Ordinary members

§ 9

- 1. To be a member of the Club one must be member of the Polish Kennel Club and give written declaration of membership to the Club, one must commit to obey terms stated in the following acts:
- a) the Breeding Rules of the Polish Kennel Club,
- b) the Rules of Polish Leonberger Club after being accepted by the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club,
- c) the Code of Ethics of the Club- after being accepted by the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club.
- 2. A candidate for a member for the Polish Leonberger Club must give written recommendation from two Club members and membership declaration.
- 3. The act of admitting or excluding a member is made by the Club Board of Directors. One has right to appeal to admitting or excluding that shall be decided at next General Meeting of the Club Members. The decision of the General Meeting is final.
- 4. Re-admitting a person to the Club who was previously excluded can happen no sooner than three years after the legally valid excluding.

§ 10

- 1. Members of the Club are obliged to pay member fee to the Club until the end of first quarter of year, regardless of member fee to the Polish Kennel Club paid in home branch of the Polish Kennel Club.
- 2. Member of the Club is obliged to:
- a) obey terms of the Statute of the Polish Kennel Club, rules enacted on its basis and every other taken and accepted by the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club acts and rules of the Club,
- b) cooperate with authorities of the Club and dutifully do tasks that are given to them by the Club,
- c) comply to commonly known norms of polite behaviour during shows, dog shows and club meetings,
- d) share with the Board of Directors of the Club every data necessary to run kennel record in the Club (pedigrees, results of specialist medical examinations of bitches and stud dogs, statistics of litters etc.),
- e) members of the Club fulfills their function honourably.



3. Membership to the Club means fully accepting the Rules of the Club. Controversial issues shall be decided by the Board of Directors.

§ 11

- 1. Cessation of membership in the Polish Kennel Club equals cessation of membership in Polish Leonberger Club, however cessation of membership in Polish Leonberger Club does not equal cessation of membership in the Polish Kennel Club.
- 2. Cessation of membership in the Club occurs when:
- a) a member gives written withdrawal to the Board of Directors of the Club,
- b) a member did not pay the fee for the current year until the end of the year except when the Board of Directors recognizes the causes for the delay as justified,
- c) a member is excluded from the Club by the Board of Directors/ General Meeting of the Club (due to not obeying the Rules of Polish Leonberger Club, the Code of Ethics).
- d) a member dies.

§ 12

Member of the Club, after paying the fee, has right to:

- a) take part in the General Meeting of the Club,
- b) choose and be chosen to all of the Club authorities,
- c) file motions to the Club authorities,
- d) take part in canine events of the Club on the basis of rules stated in the Statute of the Polish Kennel Club,
- e) wear a badge of the Club.

§ 13

The Club has right to process its members' personal data and use given breeding data only when it is needed for the functioning of the Club and on the basis of the bill of protection of personal data from 29.08.1997(Dz. U. Nr 133 poz. 882 i 883).



### **B.** Supporting members

§ 14

- 1. By the act of the Board of Directors of the Club to be a supporting member one must be a natural person or have legal personality from Poland or abroad who declares to make a donation or give material assistance to the Club.
- 2. Supporting members can take part in the Club meetings, however they do not have right to speak as well as both active or passive voting right.



#### IV. The Club authorities

§ 15

The actions of the Club are managed by the Club authorities.

§ 16

- 1. The Club authorities consist of:
- a) General Meeting of the Club Members,
- b) Board of Directors of the Club,
- c) Revision Committee of the Club.
- 2. The term of office for both the Board of Directors and the Revision Committee of the Club is for 3 years.

§ 17

- 1. For the authorities of the Club there are proper rules of the Statute of the Polish Kennel Club used accordingly (§40 p. 2, 3, §41, §42, §43, §44, §48, §49 and §54).
- 2. The Board of Directors of the club meets when needed, however not less than twice a year. The meeting can also happen in a way of a videoconference as well as filing motions and accepting them electronically, for instance in a group on social media just for the Board of Directors needs.
- 3. The Board of Directors is the executive power of the General Meeting of the Club members and answers to the General Meeting with its activities.
- 4. There are 6 members of the Board of Directors chosen by the General Meeting for 3 years. In case of reduction of members during the term of office, the Board of Directors is filled by next person who got the biggest amount of votes at the General Meeting.
- 5. At the first meeting of its members which should happen at the same day as the General Meeting, the Board of Directors must choose from its members (in open voting unless the Board of Directors decides it to be secret ballot): President of the Club, Vicepresident, Secretary, Treasurer and Board members.
- 6. The acts of the Board of Directors shall be made with simple majority of votes when there is a draw, the President gets the deciding vote.

§ 18

The Board of Directors gives yearly report of its activities at a reporting or voting-reporting meeting. The report is sent to the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club, and they can publish it in the "Pies" magazine.



§ 19

Organizational structure of Polish Leonberger Club:

The Board of Directors- 6 people:

- President,
- Vicepresident,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer,
- Board members.

The Revision Committee- 3 people:

- President of the Revision Committee of the Club,
- Vicepresident of the Revision Committee of the Club,
- Secretary of the Revision Committee of the Club.

§ 20

Competences of each members of the Board of Directors is specified by the Board of Directors.

§ 21

Competences of the Board of Directors of the Club are:

- reaching goals of the Club,
- representing the Club outside,
- fulfilling the acts of the General Meeting of the Club members,
- admitting members of the Club,
- making plan of actions and estimating the Club budget,
- doing fund management,
- running the Club website,
- organizing the Club dog shows,
- suspending and excluding the Club members according to the Rules,
- monitoring the promoting and publishing actions of the Club.



§ 22

- 1. The Revision Committee of the Club has 3 members chosen by the General Meeting for 3 years. For the Revision Committee there is §17 of this Rules used.
- 2. Competences of the Revision Committee of the Club are:
- a) inspecting purposefulness, reliability and fund management,
- b) filing motions to the Board of the Directors on the basis of inspection results and asking for explanation,
- c) giving reports of overall activity at the General Meeting and filing motions for vote of approval for the Board of Directors,
- d) giving reports of actions taken to the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club. The Chairman of Revision Committee has right to take part in the Board of Directors of the Club meetings with advisory vote,
- e) making inspections of overall activity of the Club at all times, however not less than once a year.



#### V. Funds of the Club

§ 23

- 1. The Club is financed by fees from its members and other incomes received during its activity.
- 2. The amount of yearly members' fee is chosen by the General Meeting of the Club.
- 3. Funds of the Club are to provide statutory actions of the Club.
- 4. Declarations about financial aspects of the Club need signatures of two people to be significant: chairman or vice chairman and treasurer or other authorized member of the Board.

#### VI. Final provisions

§ 24

- 1. Changes to the Rules of the Club need adopting a resolution by the General Meeting and acceptance by the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club.
- 2. All acts of the General Meeting and the Board of Directors of the Club come to life after being accepted by the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club.
- 3. Issues which are not regulated by the Rules of the Club will be settled on the basis of the Statute of the Polish Kennel Club.

§ 25

This Rules was developed and passed during the first General Meeting at 07.08.2022 and comes to life after being accepted by the Board of Directors of the Polish Kennel Club.