



Rules & Constitution

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1 NAME AND OBJECT

The Club shall be called THE EGYPTIAN MAU CLUB, and is afterwards referred to in these Rules as the Club. Its objects shall be to encourage the greater interest in Egyptian Maus, to safeguard the well-being of Egyptian Maus, to foster a better appreciation of cats in general and to give Club Members advice regarding the breeding and welfare of cats. These objects shall be achieved amongst other means by:

- a) Maintaining the integrity of the Egyptian Mau breed through selective breeding, not cross-breeding Egyptian Maus to any other breed of cat, nor to alter the shape, pattern, colours, or demeanour of the breed from the approved standard.
- b) Participating in any appropriate GCCF Breed Advisory Scheme to:
 - i) Select prospective judges of Egyptian Maus and recommend them to the GCCF for appointment.
 - ii) Publish, review and maintain the standard of points.
 - iii) Make recommendations to the GCCF on all matters relating to the breed.
- c) Providing opportunities for meetings and the exchange of information and views.
- d) Appointing a Delegate(s) to the Council.

2 MEMBERSHIP

The Club shall consist of:

- i) Founder Members
 - ii) Ordinary Members
 - iii) Honorary Members
- a) Applications for membership shall be in writing. Election is by a majority vote of the Committee. Should membership be refused, no reasons will be given for the Committee's decision.
 - b) Founder Members are those who joined the Club before August 15th 1999. Founder Members shall have the same privileges as Ordinary Members.
 - c) The Committee may appoint as Honorary Members individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the Egyptian Mau, and other cat breeds. The appointment will be confirmed at the next AGM. Honorary Members shall have no voting rights.
 - d) If, in the opinion of the Committee, the conduct of any member has been prejudicial to the welfare, breeding or exhibiting of cats, or likely to prove injurious to the character, reputation, or interest of the Club, the Committee may, after giving such a Member an opportunity of being heard, determine either:
 - (i) to give warning to such Member if mitigating circumstances should so warrant;
 - (ii) to suspend such a member for such period as it may think fit;
 - (iii) to expel such a Member from the Club.
 - e) Should there be a decision to expel the said Member from the Club then no such determination shall be made unless the Club Secretary has made a formal notice calling for the expulsion to be brought up at the AGM, or a Special General Meeting. This Member will be given full details of the reasons why their expulsion is being sought in writing, and given 14 days to respond to those matters at the relevant General Meeting. Should the motion to expel the Member be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting, the person whose expulsion is sought shall cease to be a Member forthwith.
 - f) If a Member has been suspended by the GCCF, he or she will automatically be suspended by The Egyptian Mau Club for the same period. Any such Member wishing to rejoin the Club after the expiration of their suspension must apply to the Club Committee for re-admission.

3 DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- a) Membership of the Club shall be taken to imply acceptance of the rules and objects of the Club.
- b) Every Member shall strive to promote the objects of the Club (Rule 1) and shall bring to the notice of the Committee any matter contrary to those objects of which he/she becomes aware. Any such matter, or any other suggestions for improving the Club, to be sent in writing, to the Club Secretary, who shall include the item(s) in the Agenda of the next meeting of the Committee.
- c) All Officers or Members of the Club, who under these rules or in pursuance of these rules have custody of any books, documents, accounts, property or monies belonging to the Club, shall, on request, surrender them to the Committee.

4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The entrance fee shall be reviewed annually at the AGM.
- b) The subscription for Ordinary and Founder Members shall be payable annually on 1st January. The amount shall be reviewed annually at the AGM.
- c) Members failing to pay their subscriptions by 30th June shall be considered "lapsed".
- d) No Member whose subscription is overdue shall be entitled to vote at an AGM or Special Meeting.
- e) Lapsed members shall be treated as non-members when applying for readmission to the Club.

5 MANAGEMENT

- a) The business of the Club shall be managed by a Committee comprised of twelve elected Members of the Club three of whom shall be the Officers.
- b) The Officers shall be the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected from the Committee by the Committee at the first Committee Meeting following the AGM.
- c) Committee Members must be fully paid-up Club Members.
- d) One third of the Committee shall retire annually in rotation, and shall be eligible for re-election.
- e) In the event of a vacancy arising on the Committee, the Committee may co-opt a Member, who shall however have no voting powers. This member may then stand for election at the next AGM, from which time his/her term of office commences.
- f) The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees or Working Parties or additional positions as is deemed necessary, members of which need not be Committee Members.
- g) The Committee shall have the power to make such bye-laws as are not inconsistent with these rules, to cover any matter arising in the management of the Club, and to deal with any question not provided for in these Rules.
- h) A President may be elected annually upon the nomination of the Committee to the Members at an AGM. No duties are imposed upon him/her apart from sympathy with the objects of the Club.
- i) Patrons may be elected annually upon the nomination of the Committee to the Members at an AGM in recognition of their services to the Club. No duties are imposed upon them apart from sympathy with the objects of the Club.
- j) Committee members or Officers of the Egyptian Mau Club cannot serve on the committee of another breed club catering for the Egyptian Mau in the UK.

6 VOTING

- a) Nominations proposing and seconding eligible persons for membership of the Committee, together with the written consent of the person so nominated, except existing Members who are agreeable to stand for re-election, must reach the Secretary by not later than 6 weeks prior to the advertised date of the AGM.
- b) In the event of more than one nomination being received for any one vacancy, voting shall be by a paper ballot at the AGM.
- c) A formal notice calling for the resignation of any Officer or Committee Member may be brought up at the AGM, or a Special General Meeting. This Member will be given full details of the reasons why their resignation is being sought in writing, and given 14 days to respond to those matters at the relevant General Meeting. Should the motion to resign be passed by a simple majority of members present and voting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to hold a postal ballot of all members, and if two thirds or more of all Members voting support the motion the person whose resignation is sought shall resign his/her office immediately. If this resignation is not received within seven days, the person concerned shall be suspended from Office/Committee membership immediately and will not be eligible for re-election for a period of 5 years.

7 MEETINGS

- a) Committee Meetings
 - i) The Committee shall meet not less than three times in any Club year, and at such meetings five voting Members and 1 Officer shall form a quorum. The Chairman, or in his/her absence another nominated Officer, shall be the presiding Officer.
 - ii) Every Committee Member present at the meeting shall have one vote excluding the presiding Officer.
 - iii) In the event of equal voting the Presiding Officer shall have the casting vote.
 - iv) Any Member of the Committee who fails, without reasons considered sufficient by the Committee, to attend at least half of the meetings called during the Club year, shall cease to be a member of the Committee and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election. He/she shall be informed of the decision of the Committee by the Club Secretary.
- b) General Meetings
 - i) A General Meeting of the Club to be called the Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31st August in each calendar year. An announcement advertising this meeting will be placed with the GCCF and other suitable forums at least three months in advance. The Presiding Officer shall be the Chairman, or in his/her absence another nominated member of the committee. The agenda for the Meeting, together with the Minutes of the AGM and a duly examined statement of the Accounts for the preceding year ending 31st December, shall be sent to each Member not later than 14 days before the date of the Meeting. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 13 fully paid-up adult Members including Officers and Committee.
 - ii) Any Member wishing to have an item placed on the Agenda must inform the Club Secretary not later than 6 weeks prior to the advertised date of the AGM.
 - iii) Every Member present at a Meeting shall have one vote excluding the Presiding Officer. In the event of equal voting the Presiding Officer shall have the casting vote.
- c) Special General Meetings

- (i) A Special General Meeting (SGM) shall be held within three months from receipt of a request by the Committee or upon receipt by the Club Secretary of a written request signed by at least 15 of the current Membership of the Club, stating precisely the business to be discussed thereat. This meeting to be held as soon as is convenient and not less than 14 days written notice of any SGM shall be sent to each Member by the Club Secretary, together with a notice specifying the business to be discussed thereat. No other business shall be allowed. The quorum for a Special Meeting shall be 13 fully paid-up adult Members including Officers and Committee.
- (ii) In the event of a member or members calling an SGM in complaint about a member or members of the committee, then, if at the SGM their allegations are unproven or defeated, the member or members calling the SGM should be liable for the costs of the meeting, including paper, postage and the hire of the meeting room used.

8 TROPHIES

Ownership of all donated trophies passes to the Club.

9 AMENDMENT OF RULES

No new Rule shall be made, nor shall any Rules be amended or rescinded, unless notice of the proposed change shall have been given on the agenda of an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, and unless the proposed changes shall have received the assent of at least two-thirds of the Members present at such a Meeting.

10 FINANCE

- a) All club funds shall be deposited in an account in the name of the Club.
- b) The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st December in each year, to which date the annual accounts of the Club shall be balanced.
- c) The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee.
- d) Payments, with the exception of sums under £50.00 shall be authorised only by any two of three signatures of the Club Secretary, Club Treasurer or Chairman.
- e) The Club accounts shall be examined annually by a suitable independent person appointed at the AGM and eligible for re-appointment. In the case of the appointed person being unable to fulfil his/her duty, then another person shall be proposed and seconded at the next Committee Meeting.

11 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GCCF

- a) The Egyptian Mau Club is a member of the GCCF.
- b) The Club's Delegates shall be members of the Committee and shall be elected by ballot at the AGM and shall hold office during the immediately succeeding official year of the Governing Council. Should the club have one delegate, another member of the committee, elected by ballot at the AGM, shall be the named reserve.
- c) The Members of The Egyptian Mau Club shall be bound by the Rules and disciplinary powers of the GCCF.
- d) The Officers and Committee shall also constitute the Egyptian Mau Breed Advisory Committee under an Independent Chairman. The EMBAC will have its own GCCF Philosophy, Constitution and Rules.

12 DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- a) Any proposal to dissolve the Club shall be decided by a postal ballot of all Members. A majority of at least two-thirds of the total Club Membership shall be required to dissolve the Club.
- b) In the event that the club is dissolved, the Club's liabilities shall be discharged and any balance of funds shall be donated to a national charity promoting cat welfare chosen by the Committee. Trophies that are the property of the Club shall be distributed to other Clubs at the discretion of the Committee.