



**THE  
LARGE MUNSTERLANDER CLUB**

**August 2023**

**Proposed New Rules,  
Code of Ethics, Code of  
Conduct for Members,  
System for Voting and  
Calling Notice for the  
Special General Meeting  
to Ratify the Vote Result**



# The Large Munsterlander Club



## New Rules Package and Voting Procedure

The proposed new documents were passed to The Kennel Club over two months ago for review and checking to ensure that, should they be passed by the membership, there wouldn't be further rounds of amendment before approval and ultimate adoption. The intention was for this document to be distributed to all Members with the Summer Newsletter and the Committee took the decision to delay Newsletter publication until we had received communication from The Kennel Club that the proposed new Rules, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Members (developed from "The Large Munsterlander Club: Guidelines for Owners") would be approved if passed by the membership (in accordance with Kennel Club C Regulations). NB. Because the Code of Conduct for Members is referenced in the Code of Ethics, the Code has also been subject to Kennel Club scrutiny.

### **IMPORTANT KEY POINT:**

***It is the responsibility of the recipient of this newsletter to ensure that all relevant joint or family Members have the opportunity to read the Draft New Rules, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Members and to understand the voting system.***

### **Background**

As most of you will be aware, following the 2022 AGM we undertook to review and revise the Club Rules and associated documents (the Code of Ethics and Club Member Guidelines) to make them less open to interpretation and close several holes and gaps that had become very apparent. A small sub-group of four was formed which presented drafts to the wider Committee and developed content. By February this year, via several iterations we had arrived at a unanimously endorsed new set of rules, a revised Code of Ethics and replaced the Guidelines with a Code of Conduct for Members. There are some mandatory Kennel Club articles we have to include and those requirements have all been incorporated. Some other elements not relevant to

the Rules have been removed to a draft Committee Handbook (eg. Committee roles, Terms of Reference, Committee correspondence administration, etc.) which continues to develop and will mature over time into a workable document.

The membership of the Committee has changed considerably since February, and a further review confirmed a unanimous recommendation for these rules to be adopted by the LMC.

Any changes to the rules need to be approved by the Kennel Club, and so we have sought comments from the KC Shows and Societies Team in advance.

Any changes to the rules also require ratification at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Given the process started early 2022, the Committee feels that waiting for the next AGM serves no purpose and therefore an SGM is being called to ratify the voting outcome.

If the membership vote is a “Yes” the documents still have to go to the Kennel Club for final approval before they come into effect, but as they have already been scrutinised and passed by the KC there should be nothing to stop that process being successful.

## **Process for communication, voting and ratification of result**

### **Communication**

The proposed New Rules, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Members are presented in full in the following pages and replace in their entirety the current set as published on the web site. We encourage you to read the relevant documents side by side to see where the detailed changes lie as there are too many and too involved to list individually.

Every membership as at **31st July 2023** will receive this newsletter, and where the membership is joint or family, it is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that all relevant joint or family Members have the opportunity to read the new rules and to understand the voting system.

Any Members joining after this date will not be eligible to participate in the vote.

## Voting System

Given the importance of the subject, a voting process that enables maximum participation has been adopted. This is in preference to voting within the confines of a Special General Meeting where access to a meeting whether virtual or face to face could be restrictive.

Therefore your votes will be accepted by sending an email to:

[votemaster@largemunsterlanderclub.co.uk](mailto:votemaster@largemunsterlanderclub.co.uk)

The email must include in the body of the email the name of the Member and a “**Yes**” to vote for the new rules or a “**NO**” to retain the old rules. Where there is more than one Member in a joint or family membership you can either send one email with the vote for several people, or send separate emails.

**NB** Once sent, a vote can not be changed, and if any multiple votes are received for the same person, the first vote received will be taken.

If voting by email is not possible, by exception, please post a vote to:-

***Andy Graham, LMC Secretary***  
***4 Dennis Close, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury,***  
***BUCKS, HP22 5US***

Your vote must state your membership postal address, your name (as per your membership) and a “**YES**” to vote for the new rules or a “**NO**” to retain the old rules.

If you have a joint or family membership voting by post, each Member name must be provided with a clear **YES / NO** vote.

**The time period for emailing your vote will be one week:-**

**FROM 12.00 noon 25th September 2023**

**TO 12.00 noon 2nd October 2023**

**Please ensure postal votes will be received before 12.00 noon 2nd October 2023.**

All votes will be counted separately by two independent (non Committee Members) and their count jointly confirmed (or recounted until confirmed).

The result of that vote, which will be by a simple majority, will be emailed confidentially to the LMC Chair, Peter Disney.

## **Ratification of the Vote**

As mentioned above, ratification will be via a Special General Meeting. As with the voting system, maximum participation for the SGM will be achieved by holding this virtually. The following gives due notice of this meeting:

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Large Munsterlander Club will be holding a Special General Meeting on **Friday 6th October 2023 at 7.30pm**. The venue is online via Zoom. The meeting is expected to last no more than 30 minutes with one agenda item:-

*To adopt the Rules, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Members as circulated in the August 2023 LMC Newsletter by announcement of the outcome of the online vote.*

*Proposer: Peter Disney, Chair LMC*

*Seconded: Andy Graham, Secretary LMC*

The meeting will be by Zoom. To access the meeting, you will need to have downloaded the Zoom app to your device or have access to a "ready device".

The Zoom meeting link or access details are as follows.

**Zoom Meeting Time: Oct 6, 2023 07:30 PM London**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**[https://zoom.us/j/98748673507?  
pwd=c1BkZWw5U1Rjb3cyem12cmFiQzZNUT09](https://zoom.us/j/98748673507?pwd=c1BkZWw5U1Rjb3cyem12cmFiQzZNUT09)**

**Meeting ID: 987 4867 3507**

**Passcode: 856384**

***The zoom meeting will be opened for participants to join from 7.15pm.***

# **RULES OF THE LARGE MUNSTERLANDER CLUB**

**Adopted 6 October 2023**

*Words of masculine gender should be taken to include the feminine gender unless the context indicates otherwise.*

## **NAME AND OBJECTS**

1. The name of the club shall be 'The Large Munsterlander Club' hereinafter referred to as 'the Club'.
2. The aims of the Club are to:
  - a. Protect the type of Large Munsterlander that has proved eminently suitable for work.
  - b. Promote the health & welfare, breeding and exhibition of pure Large Munsterlanders conforming to the Standard of the breed as adopted by The Kennel Club.
  - c. Encourage Field Trials.
  - d. To support, encourage and advise new and prospective Members.

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB**

3. The Club shall consist of a Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a Management Committee of not less than six (6), and not more than fourteen (14) Members plus an unlimited number of ordinary Members. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society/Club.
4. The Committee may appoint a suitably qualified Member to serve as President for a term of five years at which point it will be subject to review. This appointment will be advised to Members at the AGM. The President will be able to participate in Management Committee meetings but will not have a vote.
5. The Club may appoint a distinguished past Member or other distinguished individual as Honorary Club Patron. This appointment will be advised to Members at the AGM. Such an individual would remain as Patron of the Club at their pleasure.

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

6. There shall be no limit to the number of Members. Candidates for membership of the Club shall be elected by the Management Committee at the first available meeting or by electronic means. Three (3) negatives shall exclude.

7. No applicant shall be acceptable to the Club if that person is banned by the Kennel Club from any function held under Kennel Club Rules, or has been convicted of any offence relating to the mistreatment or cruelty to dogs.
8. Members are expected to comply with the Club's Code of Ethics (Annex A).
9. An up to date list of Members and their addresses must be maintained and, if so requested, cognisant of GDPR regulation, the list of names made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and/or Members of the Club.
10. A declaration of the number of Members of the Club must be made with Annual Returns to the Kennel Club.

## **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

11. On the recommendation of the Management Committee, Club Members may, at an AGM elect as Honorary Life Members of the Club any person(s) considered to qualify for that distinction. Honorary Life Members will have the same rights and privileges as ordinary Members but will not be required to pay membership subscriptions.

## **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND APPOINTMENTS**

12. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee comprising the Chairperson, The Honorary Secretary, The Honorary Treasurer and not less than six (6) or more than fourteen (14) Committee Members.
13. The Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Committee and except for the Chairperson be voting Members. The Chairperson may only cast a vote when a vote taken in Committee, AGM (but may vote as a Member in an election vote) or Special General Meeting (SGM) be equal.
14. The Committee will broadly operate with the responsibilities as defined in the Committee Handbook amended from time to time as required. Management Committee Members will be expected to sign and abide by a Committee Code of Conduct held by the Secretary. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment.
15. Officers and General Committee Members shall be elected at the AGM from written application by candidates on a nomination form supported by a Proposer and Seconder and received by the Honorary Secretary no later than 21 days prior to the meeting. The Committee will be elected by simple majority vote through secret ballot of the paid up Members and Honorary Life Members present at the meeting. A vote is not required if only one candidate is standing for the Committee post under consideration, but must still be proposed and seconded in the normal manner.
16. Should a Committee Member position become vacant, the remaining Committee may, by a majority vote at an Ordinary Committee Meeting, co-opt a suitably qualified Member as replacement who will then serve until the following AGM

and have the same rights as a General Committee Member normally elected at an AGM. That Member would be eligible for election to the post at the next AGM to then comply with the rotation at Rules 17 and 19.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

17. Ex-Officio Officers of the Club, (hereinafter referred to as 'Officers') shall be elected every three (3) years. With one Officer standing down each year, in rotation order Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, but they shall be eligible for re-election if they wish to stand again. Candidates for election as an Officer must attend the AGM in person.
18. Any person seeking election as a Club Officer must be a fully paid up Member of the Club at time of nomination and is only eligible for election having been a fully paid up Member of the Club for two (2) years. The Member must be proposed and seconded by a fully paid up Member of the Club.

## **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

19. The Management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of not less than six (6) nor more than fourteen (14) Members (plus the Ex-Officio Officers) who shall be elected to serve for two (2) years. Half shall retire annually to maintain 50% Committee continuity, but they shall be eligible for re-election if they wish to stand again. Candidates for election must attend the AGM in person.
20. Any person seeking election to the Management Committee must be a fully paid up Member of the Club at time of nomination and is only eligible for election having been a fully paid up Member of the Club for one (1) year.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

21. The annual membership subscriptions for Single, Joint, Gamekeeper and Overseas shall be such a sum as may be decided at the AGM.
22. Any Member having paid the prescribed membership fee after 1st November shall be deemed to have paid for the ensuing year except in the event of membership fees being increased from 1st January following. In this instance the increase in membership fee shall be required to be paid.
23. All subscriptions shall be payable to the Honorary Treasurer in advance of the first day of January each year.
24. No Member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any privileges of membership.
25. Membership subscriptions fall due on the 1st of January, any not paid by the 1st of March will be deemed to have been cancelled.
26. Only Members who are fully paid up by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March may attend and vote at the AGM.



## **CLUB PROPERTY**

27. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist a Final General Meeting shall be called to decide upon the disposal of the Club assets and to meet any Club liabilities. Cups and trophies shall be the property of the Large Munsterlander Club and awarded only to current Members of the Club.
28. If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a registered under these regulations, a final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club. On dissolution and after the sale of assets and settlement of all outstanding debts the funds remaining will be distributed in equal shares to appropriate canine charities as decided at the winding up meeting.

## **COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINE**

29. Any complaint concerning any Member must be made in writing and signed by the complainant(s). The written complaint must then be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary so that the matter can be addressed at the next Ordinary Committee meeting, which may be called specifically to address the complaint.
30. If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a Meeting the notice convening which includes as an object of consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a SGM of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the SGM shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that he or she may attend and offer an explanation.

If at the meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two thirds majority of the Members present and voting, that person shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Club except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal to The Kennel Club and subject to such conditions as The Kennel Club may impose.

## **EXPULSION OF CLUB MEMBERS**

31.
  - a. Any Member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11j (5) and/ or under Kennel Club Rule A11j (9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Club.
  - b. If a Member is expelled for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven (7) days and supply any particulars required.

## **MAINTENANCE OF TITLE AND ANNUAL RETURNS**

32. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Honorary Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration & Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Honorary Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

## **CLUB ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL YEAR**

33. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Club into which all revenue received on behalf of the Club shall be paid.
34. The Banking Account may only be operated by any two of the three following: Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary.
35. The financial year of the Club shall be from first day of January to last day of December.
36. The Club accounts will be certified annually and presented to Members at the AGM. Note: Certification of Accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking certification must be independent of those who prepare the accounts.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

37. The AGM shall be held in the month of March each year, but may take place no later than 15 April except in exceptional circumstances. The AGM will receive the reports of the Officers and Management Committee and the Certified Accounts, elect Officers and Members of the Management Committee and discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary. The date and venue of the meeting will be arranged by the Honorary Secretary after consultation with Members of the Management Committee.

Virtual attendance as notified by the Honorary Secretary may be permitted to allow the fullest participation in the AGM. A Member may be entitled to a postal vote for Officer and Committee places only provided they apply in writing to the Secretary for a postal ballot at least 28 days prior to the AGM.

38. No business other than the matter on the agenda can be discussed at the AGM, with the exception of routine matters or those, which in the opinion of the Chairperson of the Meeting, are urgent.
39. Members shall receive not less than forty two (42) days notice in writing of the AGM.

40. Notice of the meeting will be sent to Members in the Club Newsletter and be published on the Club's website and other social media.
41. The Notice shall contain all the relevant information about the meeting and business to be discussed.
42. At least twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the AGM, notice must be given to the Honorary Secretary of nominations for the positions of Ex-Officio Officers and Management Committee Members and for items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda of the AGM duly proposed and seconded by two fully paid up Members.
43. If a proposal from a Member is put on the agenda for the AGM the Member must attend the AGM in person to put his/her case forward.
44. Each Member, including both joint membership partners, shall be entitled to one vote. A simple majority vote of those voting Members present and online (if applicable) at the AGM is required to carry any proposal; voting Members present and online (if applicable) plus postal votes for Officer and General Committee posts. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson has a casting vote which is in addition to his individual vote as a Member in an election vote. Voting will normally be a show of hands of those present, however a secret ballot must be taken should any Member request so in writing to the Honorary Secretary with 5 days' notice. Proxy votes will not be permitted.
45. The agenda, copy of the Certified Accounts and Minutes of the last meeting will be available to Members at the meeting and on application to the Club's Honorary Secretary fourteen (14) days before the meeting.
46. A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year, which must be certified in accordance with the rules of the Club, must be made available on request to Members fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM. In addition, the annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by Members at the AGM.
47. A quorum for an AGM shall be ten (10) Members and include 2 Officers. If a quorum is not achieved business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken.

## **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

48. The Honorary Secretary shall convene a SGM of the Club by a resolution of the Committee stating the business to be brought before the meeting, of which twenty eight (28) days notice has been given to all Members in writing (and advertised on the Club website and Social Media) stating the business to be discussed.
49. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the secretary if 25 Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and voted upon and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so.

50. No business other than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. The Notice shall contain all the relevant information about the Meeting and the business to be discussed. The date and venue of the meeting will be arranged by the Honorary Secretary after consultation with Members of the Management Committee.
51. When a request for a meeting is made in accordance with Rule 49 and it is not called within twenty eight (28) days, the situation must be referred to the Kennel Club for resolution.
52. The quorum for a SGM shall be twenty five (25) Members plus 2 Officers. The 25 Members calling the SGM must attend in person to put their case forward. If a quorum is not achieved business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken. A simple majority vote of those present at the SGM is required to carry any proposal. In the event of a tie the Chairperson has a casting vote.
53. Voting will normally be by a show of hands of those present, however a secret ballot must be taken should any Member request so in writing to the Honorary Secretary with 5 days' notice.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

54. The Management Committee shall meet at least four (4) times annually, preferably in person but virtual attendance as notified by the Honorary Secretary is also permitted to allow the fullest participation in the meeting.
55. The Chairperson will preside over meetings. If the Chairperson is absent the Committee will elect one of their number to chair the meeting before proceeding.
56. Six (6) shall form a quorum, one (1) of whom shall be an 'Officer' for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not achieved business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken.
57. Club Members elected to the Committee, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer will all have full voting rights at all meetings with the Chairperson holding only a casting vote if normal voting is tied. Voting will normally be by a show of hands of those present, however a secret ballot must be taken should any Committee Member request that this be done in advance of the vote. Proxy and postal votes will not be permitted.
58. The Honorary Secretary shall call such meetings with at least fourteen (14) days notice when agendas and minutes of the last meeting shall be sent to all Officers and Committee.
59. All Committee meetings will be agenda'd and minuted. Draft Minutes will be distributed to all Committee Officers and Members within one month of the meeting in question for perusal and comment if required. Minutes of Committee meetings will remain provisional (in "draft") until accepted and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairperson at the subsequent Committee meeting.

The Honorary Secretary will then make a summary of points of interest for the Members available through the web site and social media.

60. All correspondence which addresses the Committee of the Club, or for the attention of the Committee of the Club, must be presented to the Committee in its entirety, as it has been presented by the Member or Members.
61. Any petition by the Members to the Committee must include the name of the Members with a date of signing to validate consideration by the Committee to act on the petition request.
62. Should any Member of the Management Committee be absent, for three (3) consecutive Committee meetings, without apologies or reasonable cause, that Member shall from thenceforth and upon notification in writing by the Honorary Secretary, cease to be a Member of the Management Committee.
63. Any Committee Officer or Member wishing to resign must do so in writing to the remaining Committee. Any changes in serving Officers or General Committee Members will be communicated to the membership at the earliest opportunity.
64. That Member shall not be allowed to accept nomination for Officer or Management Committee Member until at least one (1) calendar year has elapsed since their resignation with the proviso that the AGM should have the discretion to waive this rule in extenuating circumstances (see rule 62).

## **CLUB EXPENSES**

65. All expenses incurred by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Show Secretary and Field Trial Secretary for and on behalf of the Club shall be defrayed out of funds of the Club.

## **RULE CHANGES**

66. The Rules of the Club and the Code of Ethics may not be altered by the Club except an AGM or SGM, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter Rules. Time will be allocated at the AGM each year to review the Club Rules.
67. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations. Rule changes may be provisionally passed by the General Meeting in anticipation of subsequent Kennel Club approval in order to speed/smooth the overall rule change process.
68. New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Club Rules with effect from the next AGM/SGM.

## **JUDGING LIST**

69. The Management Committee will appoint a Judges List Co-ordinator. The person appointed must be suitably qualified by having awarded KC Challenge Certificates in the breed.
70. The Club is to produce a list of Judges each year, which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Society's Annual Returns. The purpose of Breed Society Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Society would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the Society must not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges Lists should be divided into five parts namely, A1, A2, A3, B and C, and must indicate the date on which the list will expire. On expiry a new list must be completed.

A1 List – Judges who have previously been approved to award CCs in a given breed and have carried out the appointment.

A2 List – Judges who, if invited to judge by a Society, would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in a given breed for that occasion.

A3 List – Judges who are recommended by a Society as being suitable to award CCs in the breed, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 List.

B List – Judges who have been approved by Breed Societies to judge at Shows

without CCs or Open Shows.

C List – Any C List drawn up by a Breed Club should comprise aspiring Judges who do not fall into any of the above categories.

## **THE KENNEL CLUB**

71. The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club in all cases relative to canine or Club matters.
72. The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

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# **The Large Munsterlander Club ANNEX A:**

## **Code of Ethics**

**Adopted 6 October 2023**

*Words of masculine gender should be taken to include the feminine gender unless the context indicates otherwise.*

All members of the Large Munsterlander Club undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics. Club members:

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will agree to adhere to the health requirements detailed in the Code of Conduct for Members.
8. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
9. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
10. Will clean up after their dogs in public places and at all events run under KC rules.



11. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
12. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
13. Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
14. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
15. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog. Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

# The Large Munsterlander Club

## Code of Conduct for Members

**Adopted 6 October 2023**

*Words of masculine gender should be taken to include the feminine gender unless the context indicates otherwise.*

1. Members/Owners must always consider the welfare of their dogs and the breed before any personal gain.
2. Members/Owners must only breed from Large Munsterlanders of sound temperament and good type which show natural ability and always strive to produce Large Munsterlanders conforming to the Standard as published by the Kennel Club.
3. Neither dogs nor bitches in poor health, or unsound temperament, or with serious hereditary faults should be used for breeding.
4. Owners/Members are encouraged to have their dogs health checked with all four health checks (see below) whether or not their dogs are being used for breeding purposes to assist with tracking and monitoring the breed. The four health tests are: hip scoring, elbow scoring, eye testing for hereditary cataract and DNA testing for HUU. Members whose bitches or stud dogs are being used for breeding must ensure that all four health tests are completed and results obtained before mating takes place. Members will ensure that when advertising proposed or actual stock, the results of all health checks carried out for both sire and dam prior to mating are included in the information being given, so avoiding misrepresentation of themselves or their stock.
  - a. **Hips and Elbows.** Must be scored on the BVA/KC scheme. Breeders who offer puppies that are a result of Artificial Insemination (AI) or Pet Passport matings must state clearly to prospective purchasers why both parents may not conform to the UK Health screening requirements in these guidelines. In the interest of breed health, any member taking their dogs for hip/elbow scoring must submit the plates to the BVA, whatever the likely score of the hips/elbows might be.
  - b. **Eye Test for Hereditary Cataract.** Under the BVA scheme this must be within the previous 12 months of the mating. It is recommended that all Large Munsterlanders have their eyes tested after the dog has reached the age of 8 years, particularly if the dog has been used for breeding.
  - c. **DNA Test for HUU.** Only Large Munsterlander matings between Clear/Clear and Clear/Carrier are permitted to take place: only these will be included on the Club Puppy Register. All DNA results must be submitted to the Kennel Club for publication.

5. Members/Owners must not allow matings between dogs and bitches which do not conform to the colour as defined in the Breed Standard as published by the Kennel Club.
6. Members/Owners must not allow a bitch to whelp before she is fully mature. Members/Owners must not let a bitch whelp under 12 months between litters. (Maturity is defined as not less than 20 months and not more than 8 years of age.) Members/Owners must also ensure that stock from which they breed is registered at the Kennel Club and conforms to the Breed Standard.
7. A bitch must have no more than four (4) litters in her lifetime and accordingly no more than four (4) will be accepted onto the Puppy Register.
8. Members/Owners must not knowingly sell puppies to dealers, pet shops or puppy farms and only offer for sale puppies which are healthy, free from parasites and have hind dew claws removed.
9. Members/Owners when advertising are advised to take care to avoid misrepresentation of themselves or their stock and only deal in a fair and honest manner with clients who must be advised of any fault the dog may have. Clients buying stock must be advised to present the dog to a veterinary surgeon within three days of purchase. Should a veterinary surgeon at such examination advise that the dog is not suitable for the purpose for which it was bought by reason of ill health, hereditary abnormality or unsound temperament, members must agree to take back such a dog and refund the purchase price.
10. Members/Owners when with their dogs must conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the breed or the Club, and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

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