



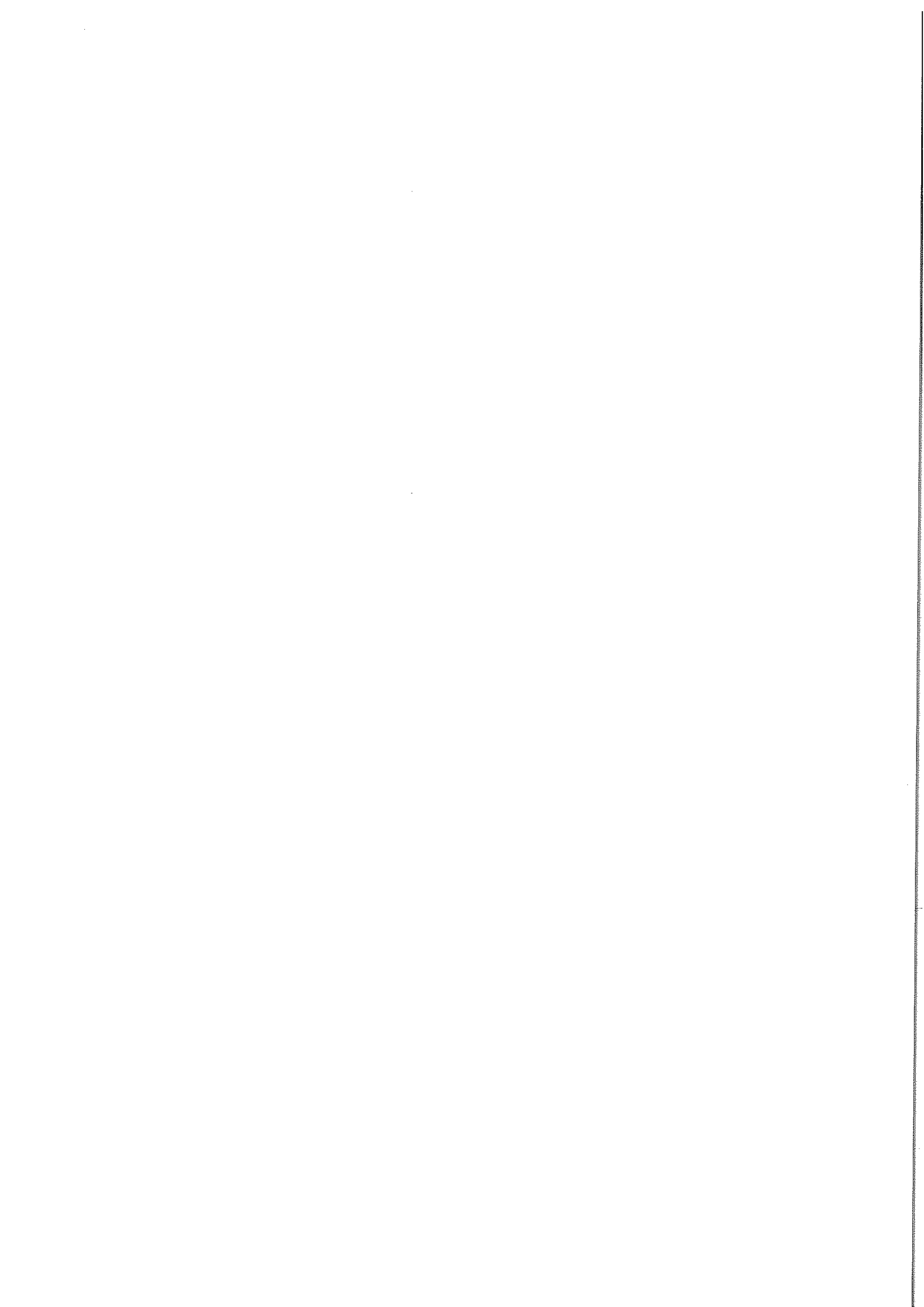
*Constitution of
United Gordon Setter
Rehoming and Support*

Registered Charity Number 299369

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incorporating amendments made in

April 2016 and April 2018



CONSTITUTION OF UNITED GORDON SETTER REHOMING AND SUPPORT

1 NAME

The name of the Association is **UNITED GORDON SETTER REHOMING AND SUPPORT**, (formerly known as The United Gordon Setter Rescue and hereinafter called "The Association")

2 OBJECTS AND POWERS

- (A) The Association is established to assist Gordon Setters (whether or not registered) in need, sickness or distress and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, to assist in the re-housing of them.
- (B) In furtherance of the said objects but not otherwise the Association may
- (i) Employ and pay any person or persons not being members of the Executive Committee to supervise, organise and carry out the work of the Association.
 - (ii) Bring together in conference representatives of voluntary organisations, Government departments, statutory authorities and individuals.
 - (iii) Promote and carry out or assist in promoting and carrying out research, surveys and investigations and publish the useful results thereof.
 - (iv) Collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting the said objects and exchange such information with other bodies having similar objects whether in this country or overseas.
 - (v) Undertake execute, manage or assist any charitable trust which may lawfully be undertaken, executed, managed, or assisted by the Association.
 - (vi) Cause to be written and printed or otherwise reproduced and circulated, gratuitously or otherwise, such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documents as shall further the said objects.
 - (vii) Purchase, take on loan or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of the said objects and construct, maintain and alter any building or erection necessary for the work of the Association.
 - (iix) Make regulations for any property which may be so acquired.
 - (ix) Subject to such consents as may be required by law, sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Association.
 - (x) Subject to such consents as may be required by law, borrow or raise money for the said objects and accept gifts on such terms and on such security as shall be deemed to be necessary.
 - (xi) Raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription and otherwise PROVIDED THAT the Association shall not undertake permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said objects.

(xii) Invest the monies of the Association not immediately required for the said objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless conditions (if any) as may for the time being, be posed or required by law.

(xiii) Do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the said objects.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association shall be open to fully paid up members of The British Gordon Setter Club, The Gordon Setter Association, The Gordon Setter Club of Scotland and The Gordon Setter Field Trial Society (hereinafter called the "Breed Clubs") resident in the United Kingdom.

4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (A) Subject as hereinafter mentioned the general management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by an Executive Committee (hereinafter called "The Committee") which, when complete, shall consist of not less than sixteen members.
- (B) The Committee shall consist of
- (i) Two representatives appointed by each of the Breed Clubs.
 - (ii) Chairperson, Secretary, Co-ordinator and Treasurer (hereinafter called "the Officers") appointed by the Committee, except that the roles of Secretary and Co-ordinator may be combined in one person at the discretion of the Committee.
 - (iii) Four other persons appointed by the Committee from the Membership.
- (C) The Breed Club representative members of the Committee shall serve as determined by the appointing Breed Club. Officers and Members of the Committee appointed in accordance with clause 4(B)(iii) shall serve for a period of three years, when they shall retire but be eligible for reselection by a majority vote of the Committee
- (D) In addition to the Committee appointed under the terms of clause 4(B), the Committee may co-opt up to four further members whether individual or representative or a combination of both who shall serve until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting following their co-option. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.
- (E) Any casual vacancy occurring may be filled by the Committee appointing replacements in accordance with clause 4(B) above.
- (F) The Committee may appoint such special or standing committees as may be deemed necessary by the Committee and shall determine their terms of reference, powers, duration and composition. All acts and proceedings of such special or standing committees shall be reported back to the Committee as soon as possible.
- (G) A member of the Committee may, for good and sufficient reason, be removed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at a General Meeting.

5 GENERAL MEETINGS

- (A) An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held each year in March or April at such time and place as the Committee shall determine. Notice shall be given of the meeting by way of pre-paid insertions in the weekly dog paper "OUR DOGS" a minimum of 21 and a maximum of 35 clear days before the due date. At such Annual General Meeting the business should include Annual Reports, consideration of the Accounts, appointment of an appropriately qualified Accountant and the transaction of such matters as may from time to time be necessary.
- (B) A Special General Meeting of the Association may be called at any time by the Committee or on the receipt of a written request signed by not less than twenty members whether individual or representative. The Secretary shall, within 28 days of receiving such request, cause notice of the meeting to be PUBLISHED by way of pre-paid insertions in the weekly dog paper "OUR DOGS" not less than 14 clear days before the date of such meeting and stating the business to be considered at the meeting. No business other than that stated may be considered at a Special General Meeting.
- (C) A quorum for General Meetings of the Association shall be twenty members.
- (D) Every member attending a General Meeting shall have one vote notwithstanding that he/she may be a member of more than one of the Breed Clubs. In case of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (E) Minutes of all General Meetings shall be kept by the Secretary as a record of proceedings and resolutions, and these shall be available for inspection by the members.

6 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (A) The Committee shall meet once in each month provided there is business to despatch. Meetings of the Committee shall be summoned by the Chairperson. If any three members of the Committee, excluding the Chairperson, request a meeting, the Chairperson shall accede to this request.
- (B) The quorum at a Committee meeting of the Association shall be six members of the Committee.
- (C) Save as otherwise herein provided, all questions arising at any Committee meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. No person shall exercise more than one vote notwithstanding that he or she may have been appointed to represent two or more interests, but in case of equality of votes the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (D) Minute books shall be kept by the Committee and all other committees, and the Secretary shall therein enter a record of all proceedings and resolutions.

7 STANDING ORDERS AND RULES

The Committee shall have power to adopt and issue Standing Orders and/or Rules for the Association. Such Standing Orders and Rules shall come into operation immediately PROVIDED ALWAYS that they shall be subject to review by the Association in General Meeting and shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

8 FINANCE

- (A) All monies raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the objects of the Association and for no other purpose PROVIDED THAT nothing herein contained shall prevent payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Association or the repayment of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses to members of the Committee or any committee appointed under clause 4(E) hereof or any other member or person acting on behalf of the Association.
- (B) The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Association.
- (C) The accounts shall be examined at least once a year in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission by the Accountant appointed at the Annual General meeting.
- (D) A certified statement of the accounts for the last financial year shall be submitted by the Committee to the Annual General Meeting as aforesaid.
- (E) A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Association with such bank as the Committee shall from time to time decide. The Committee shall authorise in writing the officers of the Association to sign cheques on behalf of the Association. All cheques must be signed by not less than two of the authorised signatories.
- (F) No expenditure shall be incurred without the prior approval of the Committee.

9 TRUST PROPERTY

The title of all real or personal property which may be acquired by or on behalf of the Association shall be vested in a corporation lawfully entitled to act as Custodian Trustees or in not less than three of their number appointed to be trustees at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

10 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any alteration to this Constitution shall receive the assent of not less than twenty members of the Association present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting PROVIDED THAT notice of any such alteration shall have been received by the Secretary in writing not less than 28 clear days before the meeting at which the alteration is to be proposed. Notice of such a meeting, setting forth the terms of the alteration shall be sent to the weekly dog paper "OUR DOGS" by way of a pre-paid insertion, by the Secretary, to be PUBLISHED 14 clear days prior to such meeting, PROVIDED THAT no alteration shall be made

to clause 2 (OBJECTS), clause 11 (DISSOLUTION) or this clause until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease to be a charity at law.

11 DISSOLUTION

If the Committee by a simple majority decide at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association, it shall call a meeting of all members of the Association who have the power to vote. Notice of such meeting shall be PUBLISHED in the weekly dog paper "OUR DOGS" stating the terms of the Resolution to be proposed thereat, by way of a pre-paid insertion, 28 clear days prior to such meeting. If such decision shall be confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at such meeting the Committee shall have power to dispose of any assets held by on behalf of the Association. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association as the committee may determine and if and so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.

12 NOTICES

Any notice may be served by the Secretary on any member either personally or on its appointed representative as the case may be, or by sending it through the post in a pre-paid letter addressed to such a member at his, her or its last known address in the United Kingdom, and any letter sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

*Signed as being a true and certified copy of the Constitution of
UNITED GORDON SETTER REHOMING AND SUPPORT
as approved at the Annual General Meeting held on 5th April 2009
and incorporating amendments approved at the Annual General Meetings held
on 24th April 2016 and 8th April 2018.*

Chairperson

S. Mitchell

Secretary

R. Melville

