

# CONSTITUTION OF CANICROSS CORNWALL

## 1. Name

The Group shall be called Canicross Cornwall (the Group).

## 2. Aims

The aims of the Group shall be:

- i) to promote the sport of Canicross.
- ii) to encourage people of all age groups to engage in the activity of running with their dogs which provides a positive channel for their dog's energy as well as promoting their own health benefits and their dog's.
- ii) to encourage the development of a person's running ability and provide training for members.
- iii) to help bring like-minded people together on a fortnightly basis and provide encouragement to develop their skills so they can enjoy the sport of Canicross either as a group or individually.
- iv) to promote responsible dog ownership, care and control when canicrossing.

### **3. Objectives**

The objectives and activities of the Group shall be:

- i) to meet regularly to participate in the sport of Canicross at a place accessible to all members.
- ii) to provide training for members to improve their and their dog's fitness levels.
- iii) to provide "taster sessions" for people who have never tried the sport of Canicross to encourage new members.
- iv) to organise local race events to promote the sport of Canicross and raise money for charity.
- v) to organise a team of members to represent Canicross Cornwall at other national race events and international race events.

### **4. Members / Membership**

The First Members of the Group are those people named below. Membership is on a rolling-year basis. Anyone wishing to become a member must complete a membership application form and comply with the conditions of membership. Members who are under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian at any Group runs. First Members of the Group have the right to reject any application for membership that they deem unsuitable. Members must abide by the ethos of the Group and First Members of the Group have the right to expel any member who has in their opinion not conducted themselves in a manner reflecting the ethos of the Group or in the best interests of the Group.

## 5. Bye-Laws

- i) Members must display responsible dog ownership, care and control when attending and participating in a Group run and also any other run when wearing the Group logo.
- ii) The Group will not be responsible for the actions of any member's canines at a Group run.
- iii) Members should ensure that they have adequate canine insurance.
- iv) It is each member's responsibility to ensure that their dog is fit to run before participating at a Group run.
- v) The Group will provide third party liability for members at its events against third parties not involved in the event.
- vi) Members may bring guest(s) to Group runs. Guest(s) will be considered as Temporary Members.
- vii) Non-members attending a Group run will be considered as Temporary Members. A Temporary Member can attend a maximum of 3 Group runs after which they must apply for membership if they wish to continue to join the Group runs.
- viii) Members under the age of 18 must be accompanied to a Group run by their Parent/Guardian and that Parent/Guardian accepts full responsibility for that person. If the Parent/Guardian does not participate in the Group run then a prior arrangement must be made by the Parent/Guardian for an adult member to accompany the minor and that adult member must be prepared to take in-loco parentis responsibility for the minor during the Group run.