

11. DISCIPLINARY POWERS. Proposed Amendments

<p>1. (b) Any act, conduct, default or omission arising out of, connected with or relating to the keeping, breeding, exhibiting or judging of cats which is or may be discreditable or prejudicial to the welfare of cats or the interests of cat owners or the breeding or exhibiting of cats.</p>	<p>Add “health” before welfare. 2nd para. Add ““In the event of such discreditable conduct being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee, the GCCFI will no longer accept any cat or kittens owned by the person concerned into any show run according to its Rules for a period of 5 years after the occurrence of such misconduct.” Add new final para “The Council strongly recommends that in the event of a cat or kitten being advertised on any form of social media, extensive searches and enquiries are made by the vendor into the circumstances of the purchaser, their reasons for the purchase and their suitability to own such a cat or kitten.”</p>
<p>11.2</p> <p>(a) It shall be the right of any person, club or any committee of the Council (hereinafter called 'the complainant') to bring to the attention of the Honorary Secretary of the Council any fact or matters indicating that an affiliated club or any person (hereinafter called 'the defendant') may have become liable to disciplinary action as aforesaid. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary forthwith to lay such facts and matters before the Disciplinary Committee.</p> <p>(b) Where any such fact or matters have been laid before it the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to call for and it shall be the duty of every affiliated club or any person mentioned in sub-article 1 hereof to provide such further information as the Committee may consider necessary to enable it to carry out its duties under this Article. The Disciplinary Committee shall provide the defendant with details of the complaint and then give him an opportunity to make written representations</p>	<p>Before “It” add “Such Complaint must be accompanied by a completed Complaints Form (available on the GCCFI website) together with a fee of €25.00. The form shall be sent to the Hon Secretary no later than 8 weeks after such cause of complaint has arisen. In the event of late receipt such complaint will not be accepted or considered”.</p> <p>Change to Investigation Panel.</p> <p>Substitute all references to Disciplinary Committee with Investigation Panel.</p> <p>The Investigation Panel</p>

<p>within 14 days of the letter being issued.</p> <p>(c) The Disciplinary Committee shall thereupon decide whether a prima facie case has been made out against the defendant and, if so, it shall process the complaint.</p> <p>(d) In the event that the Disciplinary Committee finds that no prima facie case has been made out against a defendant it may at its absolute discretion require the complainant concerned to make a contribution towards the cost of processing the complaint not exceeding €100. Failure without good cause to pay a contribution so required shall be deemed to be discreditable conduct within the meaning of sub-Article 1d of this Article.</p>	<p>Delete “Process the complaint” and insert “it shall refer a complaint to the Disciplinary Committee and shall send the committee a summary of the facts & matters which were before the Investigation Panel together with a copy or summary of any representations made to it by the defendant.”</p> <p>Substitute “Investigation Panel”</p>
<p>11.3</p> <p>(b) The Disciplinary Committee shall appoint one of its number or a member of a club affiliated to the GCCFI to present the formal complaint before it or shall allow the complainant to present such complaints, if he so wishes.</p>	<p>Delete “or a member of a club affiliated to the GCCFI”</p>
<p>11.4</p> <p>(c)</p>	<p>At beginning insert “A written report of the findings and decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be furnished within 14 days of the hearing to the Executive Committee and the Defendant. The Disciplinary Committee may then make one of the following orders.....”</p> <p>Missing from copies issued. The following should be inserted: “In the case of any defendant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the said defendant should be censured and warned 2. Imposition of a fine up to a maximum of €500.00 payable within a three month period. <p>Failure to comply with any order imposing of fine hereunder shall cause the defendant to be</p>

	<p>automatically disqualified and suspended under the terms of b 1 & 2 thereof, or disaffiliated as the case may be for so long as the failure to comply continues.”</p> <p>Add “If in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee, deliberate cruelty or neglect has occurred, the GCCFI reserves the right to report any such incidents to the ISPCA or An Garda Siochana.”</p>
<p>11.6</p> <p>An order of the Disciplinary Committee shall take effect from the date of the order. Notice of the order shall be given forthwith to the defendant and the Council.</p>	<p>Add “within 14 days”.</p>
<p>11.8</p>	<p>Line 3 the following should be in bold “but not a finding of fact”</p>
<p>11.11(a) Where the Disciplinary Committee finds a complaint against a defendant proved wholly or in part it may in addition to any order made under the provisions of this Article including an order that no further action be taken, direct that the defendant pay a sum not exceeding €500 by way of cost.</p>	<p>Change to “The unsuccessful party to any complaint heard by the Disciplinary Committee shall be liable to ALL costs relating to the Hearing payable by both parties”.</p>
<p>11.12</p> <p>(a) Whenever the Disciplinary Committee finds that a formal complaint has been proved in whole or in part it shall subject to paragraph d) hereof cause its order to be published provided that where the Disciplinary Committee has ordered that no further action be taken on the complaint the order shall not be published unless the defendant so requests.</p> <p>(b) The Appeals Committee shall likewise cause any order made by it to be published provided that if the Appeals Committee has ordered that no further action be taken on the complaint the order shall not be published unless the</p>	<p>Add “As a result of any proven complaint, a report in writing will be furnished to the Secretary of the GCCF Disciplinary Committee, who will inform their Registrars, who undertake registrations on our behalf, solely for the purpose of making them aware of such complaint and the result thereof.”</p>

<p>defendant so requests.</p> <p>(c) Unless the Disciplinary Committee, or as the case may be, the Appeals Committee in its absolute discretion otherwise directs, any such publication shall state the name of the defendant, the substance of the complaint, and the order or orders made against such defendant, but need not include the name of any person concerned in the complaint or appeal.</p> <p>(d) No publication under paragraph a) hereof shall be made until after the expiry of the appeal period aforesaid and in the event that notice of appeal as aforesaid is received by the Council no publication under paragraph b) hereof shall take place but publication shall be under paragraph a) hereof.</p>		
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