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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIETIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

RULES

AMENDMENT TO RULE 4.6

No Society, its employees, members of the Governing Body or other members, may provide consent should they be approached to appoint a person, nationally or otherwise on any body, committee or organisation, interim, temporary or otherwise whose decisions will affect or have an impact upon the welfare of animals, this matter shall be referred to the Council for its determination.

2 **NEW RULE 4.8**

Societies are to have their current membership lists available at an AGM or Special General Meeting for perusal and confirmation that only paid-up members are voting. Furthermore the attendance register for the AGM should be forwarded along with the other year-end requirements, noting the date of payment by each member present at the meeting.

ADDITION TO RULE 5.19

A Society shall not raise nor endeavour to raise funds outside the area of its operation as defined by its constitution or its registration except in the case of applications to national Trusts. In the event of a dispute the Board shall act as mediator. This rule shall not apply where the NSPCA in exceptional circumstances deems it necessary to raise funds on behalf of a Society.

4 NEW RULE 5.37

Pre and post home inspections shall be carried out physically by a trained individual for all species of animals adopted by a Society. All aspects of the possible adoption shall be inspected i.e. property, housing and feeding of animal/s, present animals and capability and knowledge of new owner to care for animal/s adequately. Furthermore animals shall not be adopted into areas where there are no animal welfare organisations and/or SPCA that are able to provide this service and are in agreement with carrying out these inspections on a regular basis. This Rule shall be in conjunction with Rules 5.13 and 5.14 respectively.

NEW RULE 5.38

No exotic animal may be homed by any Society. This provision shall not apply where the animal may be relocated to a sanctuary approved by the NSPCA, which relocation shall be subject to such conditions as may be necessary to promote the welfare of the animal concerned. Where this is not possible and it is reasonably practical and/or possible to do so, such animal may be repatriated to its country of origin. Where neither of these alternatives is available then the animal shall be humanely euthanased by a veterinarian/appropriate skilled person with the requisite knowledge, skill and experience.

6 **NEW RULE 5.39**

Pre home checks must be undertaken for all animals adopted from an SPCA prior to the animal leaving the Society. Post home checks should be undertaken at least annually.