

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

AND

DOMESTIC POULTRY KEEPERS' COUNCIL

SUGGESTED RULES FOR DOMESTIC RABBIT CLUBS

Adopted  
by  
(Loders) 16/4/43.

The Rules set out below contain no more than the bare essentials to the efficient working of a Club in accordance with the requirements of the scheme under which clubs are being provided with rationed bran. They can be amplified to meet special needs or circumstances.

1. The name of the Club shall be the **LODERS** Rabbit Club, hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

2. The objects of the Club shall be

(a) the encouragement of domestic rabbit keeping for the production of flesh or of flesh and fur;

(b) the collection and utilisation of household scraps, of waste vegetable material from the garden and allotment, and of waste greenstuff from the field and hedgerow, for the feeding of members' rabbits;

(c) the provision of facilities for the acquisition of suitable breeding does and stud bucks, or the services of such bucks, by members;

(d) the provision of advice on feeding and management. *Committee*

Membership

3. Membership shall be open to any person whose application for membership is approved by the Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") of the Club. Persons engaged in rabbit keeping on a commercial scale may only be admitted as honorary members.

Officers and Committee

4. The members shall elect from among their number a Chairman and a Secretary and, with any other persons elected by the members, they shall for the time being act as the Committee.

Meetings

5. The Committee shall as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year convene the Annual General Meeting.

6. The Committee shall submit to the Annual General Meeting

- (a) the audited accounts of the Club together with a report on the working of the Club in the period covered by the accounts;
- (b) Such other matters as should in the opinion of the Committee be considered at the meeting.

Operative Powers

7. The Committee shall

- (a) *1/-* fix, with the approval of a meeting of members, an annual subscription payable by members to meet the expenses of the Club,
- (b) establish a fund and cause to be paid into the fund all monies received on account of the Club, and cause to be paid out of the fund all monies required for the Club's activities;
- (c) cause proper accounts to be kept and an Income and Expenditure account to be made out in respect of the period ending *31<sup>st</sup> March* of each year;
- (d) cause the accounts to be audited by an auditor or auditors appointed until the first Annual General Meeting by the Committee and thenceforth elected by the members in annual general meeting;
- (e) obtain, on behalf of members, the necessary authority for the purchase of rationed feedingstuffs and arrange for the purchase and distribution of such feedingstuffs among members;
- (f) *1/-* nominate an approved buyer and arrange for the disposal to that buyer of such proportion or amount of the rabbit meat produced by members as may from time to time be prescribed by the Minister of Agriculture;
- (g) arrange so far as may be required for the disposal of pelts, and of young does for breeding, on behalf of members;
- (h) cause to be kept such records and returns as the Minister of Agriculture may require to be rendered from time to time.
- (i) have the right to expel any member who fails to supply the required quota of stock for sale over a period of 12 months.

8. The Committee may

- (a) affiliate the Club with any county, regional or national organisation having objects similar to those specified in Rule 2;
- (b) co-operate with any other person or organisation for any of the purposes of this or the preceding Rule.



Minutes of 1943.

Loders Rabbit Club.

At the invitation of Sir Edward de Breton, a meeting was held at Lodgers Court, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1943, at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of forming a Rabbit Club in connection with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The following were enrolled as members:-

Horace Read, Milred Crabb, Mrs Mary Crabb, Clifford Pitcher, Peter Rogers, Denis Larde, Philip Symes, David Crabb, Jessie Crabb, Dorcen Watts, Ronald Hunt, Tony Wells, & Mrs Budden. The members possessing a total of 23 Doe Rabbits.

A Committee was formed, consisting of

Sir Edward de Breton, Chairman  
Mr Rev C Palmer (Vicar) Secretary  
Horace Read.  
Philip Symes.  
Denis Larde.

It was decided to adopt the Rules suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries & Domestic Poultry Keepers Council; and that the name of the Club should be "The Lodgers Rabbit Club".

An Annual Subscription to meet the expenses of the Club payable by all members, was fixed at one shilling (1/-).

Edward de Breton

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1943.

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