

CUDAHY KENNEL CLUB CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1. The name of the club shall be the CUDAHY KENNEL CLUB.

SECTION 2. The objectives of the club shall be:

- (a) to educate the people of the community and provide assistance on how to care for, train, and exhibit their dogs:
- (b) to further the advancement of all breeds of pure-bred dogs
- (c) activities to do this could include but not be limited to conducting training classes, educational seminars, matches, and shows
- (d) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of pure-bred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, and field trials.

SECTION 3. The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder of residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

**BY-LAWS
CUDAHY KENNEL CLUB**

**ARTICLE I
Membership**

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be two (2) types of membership: 1) All persons 18 years and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club, and 2) All persons between the ages of 15 and 18 years old who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. All persons described in 2) shall be called Junior Members. Junior members are not eligible to vote or hold office.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its area.

SECTION 2. Dues. Membership dues shall be payable on February 1st. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall send each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year. Membership dues (not to exceed \$25.00) and initiation fees shall be set by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors. The form shall state that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitutions and By-Laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of three (3) members in good standing.

SECTION 4. Termination of Membership. Membership may be terminated:

- a) by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary.
- b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the 1st day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional grace period.
- c) by expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws.
- d) A member may reapply to the Club within one year without paying the initiation fee.

ARTICLE 11

Meetings

SECTION 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the Club shall be held within the Greater Cudahy area on the third Tuesday of each month, at a time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing, but not less than ten (10) members.

SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or a majority of the members of the Board, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held within the Greater Cudahy area at a time and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized therein to call such meeting. Written notice of the meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such meeting shall be 20% of the membership but not less than ten (10) members.

SECTION 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held within the Greater Cudahy area at a time and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be the majority of the Board.

SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or may be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Special Board Meetings shall be held within the Greater Cudahy area at such place, date and time as may be designated by the person authorized to call such meeting. Written notice of the meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted. A quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5. Voting. Each member in good standing, whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III

Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and six Directors. The officers shall be elected to a one-year term and two directors shall be elected to a three-year term at the Club's annual meeting, as provided in Article IV. The immediate past president will preside at the Board Meetings. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Officers. The Club's officers consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meeting and the Board and its meetings.

- a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall have the duties and powers normally appertain to the office of the President in addition to those particularly specified in the By-Laws.
- b) The Vice President shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club.
- d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notifying members of the meetings, notifying new members of the election to membership, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in the By-Laws.
- c) The Treasurer shall collect all monies due or belonging to the Club and receipt therefore. He shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board. The Treasurer shall report to the Board at every meeting, the condition of the Club's finances and every receipt or payment not before reported. At the annual meeting the Treasurer shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a majority vote of the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancies. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and resulting vacancy in the office of the Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV
The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January at which directors and officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this article. They shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after election.

SECTION 3. Election. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office and the two nominated candidates for the positions of the Board who receive the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of September, the Board shall select a nominating committee consisting of five (5) members and two alternates, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately notify the committee persons and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the committee and it shall be his/her duty to call a meeting, which shall be held on or before November 1st.

- a) The Committee may nominate at least one candidate for each office and at least two candidates for the two positions on the Board. The Committee shall obtain the consent of each candidate so nominated and shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Corresponding Secretary shall immediately notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- c) Additional nominations may be made at the December meeting by any member in attendance providing that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed or if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one office. Additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from those members who are not nominated by the Nominating Committee or who declined such nomination as above provided. However, no person who has declined the committee's nomination may be nominated at the December meeting for the same position.
- d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any other manner other than as provided in this Section 4, Article IV.

ARTICLE V
Committees

SECTION 1. The Board may appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog show, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. All committees shall be subject to the final authority of the Board.

- a) Bench show and Obedience Trial committees, consists of seven (7) members, which will be in charge of and responsible for all phases of the Club's sanctioned matches, dog shows and field trials. Members shall be the Officers, Show Chairperson and Obedience Chairperson.
- b) Auditing Committee shall consist of three members, who will examine the records of the Treasurer during the last month of each fiscal year and report its findings to the Club at the annual meeting.
- c) Other committees as deemed necessary.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI

Discipline

SECTION 1. American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Recording Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board. The Recording Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of hearing by the Board not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Recording Secretary shall send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the Defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 3. Board Hearing. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from the date of the hearing. And, if it deem that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/ her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board had reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty (60) days but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he/she wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret, written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose. The proposed amendments must be embodied in the call for any meeting and mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Dissolution

SECTION 1. Dissolution. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. After payment of all the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be donated to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs, as shall be approved by a majority vote of those in attendance and voting at a Club meeting.

ARTICLE IX
Order of Business

SECTION 1. At the meetings of the Club, the order of business, as far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of Chairman of the Board
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Elections of Officers and Board
(at annual meeting)
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading Minutes of last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Board Policies

Training

To be eligible for the club member 15% discount on continued training classes, one has to be a member in good standing for at least six months. (08-21-2001)

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Exhibiting at CKC Shows

No club member exhibiting at CKC shows shall have contact with any judge at a club-sponsored function prior to their exhibiting. (1994)

Member of Good Standing

To be a member in good standing, one must meet all requirements as prescribed in the by-laws. Good standing is retained unless their dues lapse, their privileges are suspended as a result of disciplinary action, or they are expelled from the club. Good standing is defined as a member's right to vote, participate on committees, or hold office. (08-21-2001)