

**BY-LAWS of the
SACRAMENTO COUNCIL OF DOG CLUBS, INC.**

(as revised October 2000)

ARTICLE I
NAME

This organization shall be known as the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs, also known as the Dog Council.

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES

This shall be a non-profit organization with the following objectives:

Section 1. To promote and advance the welfare of purebred dogs and to develop and bring to perfection their natural high qualities.

Section 2. To promote a central and permanent location for dog shows.

Section 3. To operate a Referral Service designed to make available knowledgeable breeders to answer questions about their specific breed and advise the general public on problems involved in raising, training, handling and registering AKC breeds.

Section 4. To assist and encourage all clubs in all types of obedience trials, field trials, tracking tests and dog shows.

Section 5. To promote biannual Breeders' Showcases for the dissemination of information to the general public, to familiarize the public with the various breeds represented by the council and make available information on the breed clubs and obedience clubs in the area and to promote better communication between member clubs.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs shall be for the association of societies organized as obedience clubs, breed clubs, field trial clubs, or all-breed clubs, or other dog clubs, whose purpose, either wholly or in part, is dedicated to the advancement of purebred dogs. Such Associations or societies shall have open membership at all times, shall have officers and a board of directors elected by vote of the general membership, and shall hold regular membership meetings throughout the calendar year.

Section 2. Any club in compliance with Article III, Section 1 which has been in existence for a period of at least one year and is a non-profit organization, is eligible to apply for membership in the Council.

Section 3. Any club may apply in writing for membership by including a copy of its articles and by-laws. A two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present shall determine acceptance for membership.

Section 4. The Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs shall appoint a committee of two (2) delegates, each from a different member club, to attend a meeting and report on any club applying for membership into the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs before accepting or rejecting such club for membership. The Council may waive the visitation requirement by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

Section 5. Any member club who is not represented at three (3) consecutive meetings may be dropped at the discretion of the Council by a two-thirds vote of the member clubs present. The member club shall be notified in writing by the Corresponding Secretary thirty days prior to such action. The Secretary shall notify such member club of the action taken. Any club so suspended, may be reinstated with six (6) months by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE IV
DELEGATES

Section 1. One regular delegate and one alternate delegate shall be appointed or elected from each member club. The Corresponding Secretary must be notified in writing of all appointees. Each member club is entitled to one vote.

Section 2. Delegates shall be designated by the member clubs on the annual membership renewal documents returned to the Council during the July renewal period, and shall serve during the following year.

Section 3. No person shall concurrently represent more than one member club as a delegate or an alternate delegate.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The general management and business of the Council shall be controlled by the Board of Directors. The Board shall supervise all officers, agents and employees and see that their duties are properly performed.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members who shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and six (6) members at large. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the January meeting and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 3. Each Director must be a delegate at the time of election.

Section 4. If, after election, a Director ceases to be a delegate, he/she may be retained as a Director for the remainder of the term by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present.

Section 5. A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a special election at the next regular or special meeting of the delegates.

Section 6. Any action by the Board may be taken without a meeting if seven members of the Board shall consent in writing to such action.

Section 7. Directors shall serve without compensation.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to keep a record of all its meetings and proceedings.

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as designated by the President.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or by three members of the Board. A written notice stating time and place of such meeting shall be mailed to each Director at least five days prior to such meeting.

Section 4. Six (6) or more Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Section 1. (a) The officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

(b) At the annual January meeting the Officers of this Council shall be elected from the member delegates and shall hold office until the next annual meeting.

(c) Nominations for officers and Board members at large shall be made at the meeting proceeding the annual meeting.

(d) If any office becomes vacant, the same may be filled by special election at the next regular meeting.

Section 2. (a) The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the delegates and shall be entitled to vote. He/she shall appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

(b) The VICE-PRESIDENT shall perform all the duties of the President in case of absence or disability of the President, and shall succeed to the Presidency in the event the office is vacant.

(c) The TREASURER shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Council and present a balance sheet in report form, showing all the assets and liabilities of the Council at each annual meeting. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all money and other valuables of the Council in the name and to the credit of the Council. The funds shall be placed in a bank selected by the Treasurer with the concurrence of the Board.

(d) The RECORDING SECRETARY shall keep an accurate and up to date list of all Council delegates and their addresses, shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be charged with the mailing of all regular Council meeting minutes to each and every Council Delegate of record.

(e) The CORRESPONDING SECRETARY shall have a complete and up-to-date list of all Council delegates and their addresses, shall have charge of all Council correspondence and shall cause to be served all notices required by laws or the by-laws of the Council. The Corresponding Secretary shall also keep the corporate seal and affix said seal to all papers requiring said seal.

Section 3. (a) Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the member delegates present at a regular meeting provided the charges are filed with the Recording Secretary or the President at the preceding regular meeting. The charges shall be in writing and may be filed by any delegate of the Council who shall be in attendance at all resultant proceedings.

(b) The delegates shall be notified of the impending impeachment proceedings by written notice at least seven days prior to the regular or special meeting at which the proceedings will be heard. At the same time, the member so charged shall receive a copy of the charges.

(c) The member being charged shall be privileged to defend himself/herself and may obtain benefit of counsel.

ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual meeting shall be the first regular meeting of each calendar year.

Section 2. There shall be a minimum of four (4) regular meetings per year.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a written petition signed by 25% of the delegates. Written notice, including the agenda, shall be mailed at least seven days prior to such meeting. No business other than that included on the agenda shall be conducted at a special meeting.

Section 4. For the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting, a quorum shall consist of 25% of the Council's delegates including at least two Council officers.

ARTICLE IX
DUES

Section 1. Annual dues for each member club shall be payable upon acceptance and at the beginning of each fiscal year. The fiscal year shall run from July 1 to June 30.

Section 2. Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved by two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

ARTICLE X
MOTIONS AND VOTING

Section 1. When a motion is before the Council, the second to that motion shall be from a member club other than the member club proposing the original motion.

Section 2. No proxy or absentee votes will be accepted at any time.

ARTICLE XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. All order of business not otherwise provided by these by-laws shall be governed by the procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2. Any question as to interpretation of the by-laws may be resolved by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present.

Section 3. The Council will not act as a forum for complaints or dictate policy or procedure to any club.

ARTICLE XII
PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. The Council may lease, own, purchase, hold and maintain real and other property of any kind in the State of California to facilitate and accomplish its objectives.

Section 2. No member club shall have any rights, title or interest in, or to the whole, or any part of the property or assets of the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs, and no member club shall be entitled to either the whole or any part thereof in the event of the termination of its membership.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The by-laws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present at a duly constituted meeting of the Council. However, the proposed changes must have been presented and discussed at the preceding meeting and written notice must have been sent to the delegates notifying them of such proposed changes and the impending vote. Written notices shall be mailed at least seven days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE XIV
SUSPENSION

Section 1. Any delegate or member club who is suspended from privileges of the American Kennel Club shall be suspended from privileges of the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs for a like period.

ARTICLE XV
DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of no less than two-thirds of the member clubs.

Section 2. After payment of all debts of the Council, its property and/or assets shall be given to a charitable organization selected by the Board of Directors.

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