

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

DURHAM KENNEL CLUB, INC.

October 12, 1953

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE:

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the Durham Kennel Club, Inc.

SECTION 2: The aims of this club shall be:

- (a) To bring about a closer and more friendly association of dog owners and dog lovers in general;
- (b) To promote an appreciation on the part of the general public of the value of pure bred and of well behaved dogs;
- (c) To support legislation and community action looking to the betterment of dogs' welfare;
- (d) To sponsor and supervise such exhibitions, matches and dog shows as the members may propose;
- (e) To cooperate with other duly organized kennel clubs in the interest of all clubs as a group.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP:

SECTION 1: The number of members shall be unlimited.

SECTION 2: There shall be two classes of membership; adult and junior. The adult membership shall include persons over eighteen years of age. The junior membership shall include persons under eighteen years of age. Junior members shall not have the privilege of voting.

SECTION 3: Application for membership shall be made to the chairman of the membership committee who shall present the application to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power to accept or reject the applications and shall direct the Secretary to issue membership cards to accepted applicants.

SECTION 4: The Board of Directors may present, with discretion, honorary membership cards to not more than six persons during any calendar year. Membership cards so presented shall be void at the end of the calendar year in which they are presented. Recipients of these cards shall not have the privilege of voting.

SECTION 5: The annual membership dues shall be \$3.00 per person per year for adults and \$1.00 per year for juniors, payable in advance at the beginning of each calendar year. Annual membership dues for husband and wife shall be \$5.00. Members joining the Club after July first shall pay only one-half of the annual dues for that year.

SECTION 6: A renewal membership for which dues have not been paid within the first four months of the year shall be considered terminated. Reinstatement shall be within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7: Discipline of Members:

- (a) American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.
- (b) Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. The Secretary shall promptly notify the Board which shall meet and fix a date of a Board hearing not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly 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 own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.
- (c) 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 the complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems 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 fellow-members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has 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.
- (d) 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 Sub-section (d) of this Section. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege

of appearing in his 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 own behalf if he wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-third 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 III - OFFICERS:

SECTION 1: The officers of the Club shall be: President, 1st Vice-president, and Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2: The governing body of the Club shall be a Board of Directors, composed of the officers of the Club and five other members to be elected at large from the Club membership. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to other members of the Club. The Board of Directors shall have supervision of any and all Club enterprises including exhibitions, matches, obedience trial, or shows held under the auspices of the Club. The Board of Directors may delegate supervision when deemed necessary.

SECTION 3: The President shall be the administrative and executive head of the Club and shall be the ex-officio member of all committees. Upon him or her shall rest the responsibility of the performance of the duties of all other officers and committees of the Club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4: The 1st Vice President shall assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and shall be in charge of and maintain the Club's Breeders Information Service.

Section 5: The 2nd Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and 1st Vice President in their absence and shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

SECTION 6: The Secretary's duties, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, shall be limited to: (1) The recording of the proceedings of the Club and of the Board of Directors; and (2) The handling of the Club's correspondence only insofar as he or she is directed by the other Club officers of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7: The Treasurer's duties, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, shall be limited to: (1) The collection of all monies destined for the Club's treasury; (2) The endorsement of all financial instruments, the disbursement of monies of the Club for its expenses, and these only upon authorization by the Board of Directors; (3) Keeping an account of the Club's receipts and expenditures, being prepared at any time to render an account of the financial status of the Club.

SECTION 8: The Board of Directors may, in the absence of an officer, delegate the responsibility of such person, temporarily, to another member.

SECTION 9: The terms of office shall be for one year from the date of election.

SECTION 10: The officers of the Club shall be elected at the May meeting, and shall take office upon election.

SECTION 11: All expenditures less than fifty dollars shall be authorized by a majority of the directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors and all expenditures over fifty dollars shall be authorized by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS:

SECTION 1: The Club shall hold stated meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. Temporary alteration of this schedule may be made by the Board of Directors providing members be duly notified of the change.

SECTION 2: The Board of Directors likewise shall hold regular meetings and may be convened at the call of the President or upon the request of a representation of six members of the membership at large. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be six members.

SECTION 3: Special meetings of the Club may be called at any time by the President, at the request of 3 members of the Board of Directors, or by a representation of six members of the membership at large, providing sufficient time be allowed for notifying the Club membership of the meeting.

SECTION 4: The retiring officers and chairmen of standing committees shall make their yearly reports at the June meeting. Chairmen of other committees shall report at this time upon request of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5: The Bench Show Committee shall make a final report on the show at the first stated meeting following the show.

SECTION 6: The meeting place, or places, shall be determined by the Chairman of the program committee.

SECTION 7: Notices of all Club meetings for which time and place have not been announced at a previous meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to the address given by each member not later than 5 days before the date of such meeting.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES:

SECTION 1: The President, at the direction of the Board of Directors shall appoint at the June meeting chairmen for the following standing committees: (1) Program; (2) Publicity; (3) Entertainment. Each chairman may name a committee to serve with him.

SECTION 2: The chairman of the Bench Show Committee for the following year shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, as elected at the May meeting.

SECTION 3: The President, at the direction of the Board of Directors, shall appoint at any time any committee that is deemed necessary.

SECTION 4: At the April meeting a committee of two persons shall be appointed by the President to audit the Club accounts and to submit a report at the May meeting.

SECTION 5: The Board of Directors not later than one month prior to the May meeting shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members whose duties shall be to make nominations for the various officers of the Club including the membership at large of the Board of Directors. Nominations from the floor shall always be in order, irrespective of the nominations of the nominating committee.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS:

All amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be proposed to Club members at a stated meeting. The amendments shall be tabled until the next stated meeting of the Club at which time they may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VII - MISCELLANEOUS:

SECTION 1: All funds of the Club shall be kept in a bank or depository designated by the Board of Directors in a separate account in the name of the Durham Kennel Club, Inc. and shall not at any time be co-mingled with the funds of any other person.

SECTION 2: In case of a tie vote at either a regular or a special meeting of the Club or the Board of Directors, the President shall have another vote by virtue of his office.

SECTION 3: The Secretary shall have at her disposal a petty cash fund payable to her by the Treasurer by check and to be replenished when exhausted. The Secretary shall be accountable to the Treasurer for the expenditure of this fund.

SECTION 4: The address of the Club may be that of the Secretary.

SECTION 5: All previous Constitutions and By-laws of this organization shall be declared null.

SECTION 6: This Constitution and By-laws are made and adopted subject to the rules, regulations, Constitution and By-laws of the American Kennel Club and in case of conflict, the American Kennel Club rules, regulations, Constitution or By-laws shall control.

SECTION 7: All powers not herein delegated to the officers of the Board of Directors shall rest with the members of the Club.