

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

DURHAM KENNEL CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

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

SECTION 2: The aim 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 to 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, field trials and dog shows or any other activities 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 membership. The adult membership shall include all persons eighteen years of age or older and the junior membership shall include all persons under eighteen years of age. Junior members shall not have the privilege of voting.

SECTION 3: 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. Members joining the Club after July 1st shall pay only one-half of the annual dues for that year.

SECTION 4: A membership for which dues have not been paid within six months shall be considered terminated. Reinstatement shall be within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5: The Board of Directors shall have the power by a two-thirds vote to expel any member of the Club for conduct likely to endanger the welfare, character and reputation of the Club.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of the Club shall be: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

SECTION 2: The governing body of the Club shall be a Board of Directors, composed of the officers of the Club and three 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 general supervision of any and all Club enterprises, including exhibitions, matches, trials or shows held under the auspices of the Club.

SECTION 3: The President shall be the administrative and executive head of the Club and shall be 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 perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and shall serve as Chairman of the membership committee.

SECTION 5: The 2nd Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and of the 1st Vice President in their absence.

SECTION 6: The Secretary shall keep the records of all proceedings of both the Club and of the Board of Directors, and shall handle the Club's correspondence. The mailing address of the Club may be that of the Secretary.

SECTION 7: The Treasurer shall collect, receive and hold the money of the Club, endorse all checks and similar financial instruments, pay all Club expenses out of the Club funds as authorized by the Board of Directors, and keep an account of receipts and disbursements, being prepared to render an account of the status of Club funds at any time.

SECTION 8: The Board of Directors may, in the absence of an officer, delegate the responsibility of such person for the time being to some one else.

SECTION 9: The terms of office shall be for one year from the date of election or until a successor is elected and qualified.

SECTION 10: A vacancy in any office shall be filled at once by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The Club shall hold regular meetings as designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: The Board of Directors shall likewise hold regular meetings, and may be convened at the call of the President.

SECTION 3: The officers of the Club shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting held in December.

SECTION 4: The retiring officers and committees shall give their reports covering the year's work at the December meeting.

SECTION 5: The place, or places, for holding meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6: Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or upon request of three members of the Board of Directors.

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

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, at the January meeting of each year, such committees as he may deem necessary and proper. The personnel of committees so appointed shall serve during the term of the president making the appointments.

SECTION 2: The President shall appoint a committee of two persons to audit the Club accounts and submit a report at the annual December meeting.

SECTION 3: The President, not later than one month prior to an annual December meeting, shall appoint a nominating committee whose duty shall be to make nominations for the various offices of the Club, including the membership at large of the Board of Directors. The election of officers shall be held at the December meeting of each year. Nominations from the floor shall always be in order, irrespective of the appointment of the nominating committees.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular meeting, provided however, that the amendment shall be proposed at a regular meeting and no action shall be taken thereon before the next regular meeting.

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 Club 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: 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.

Adopted in above form December 17, 1945