

The Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Inc.

CONSTITUTION

These Bylaws are subject to and governed by the State of Delaware Corporation and Business Entity and the Articles of Incorporation of the Pharaoh Hound Club of America. In the event of a direct conflict between the provisions of these bylaws and the mandatory provisions of the State of Delaware Laws, the State of Delaware Laws will be controlling.

ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

Section 1. The name of the Club shall be The Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Inc.

Section 2. The objects of the Club shall be **to**:

- a) encourage and promote quality and health in the breeding of purebred Pharaoh Hounds and to keep the natural qualities of Pharaoh Hounds as close as possible to the Written Standard.
- b) encourage and promote research into health-related issues that impact the Pharaoh Hound breed.
- c) encourage the organization of independent local Pharaoh Hound Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club.
- d) urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Pharaoh Hounds shall be judged.
- e) do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, lure coursing tests and trials, obedience trials and other dog-related events.
- f) Conduct sanctioned matches, and license events for which the club is eligible, including but not necessarily limited to dog shows, field trials, and obedience trials, under the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club and the governing organization giving authorization to hold the event.
- g) provide education appropriate to the needs of owners, breeders, judges, potential owners, and all others with an interest in the breed.
- h) protect Pharaoh Hounds from private or commercial exploitation and encourage rescue operations pertaining to the purebred Pharaoh Hound.

- Section 3.** The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or distributed to its members, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions on furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Constitution or Article I of the Bylaws.
- Section 4.** The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE II

Membership

- Section 1.** **Eligibility.** The following types of membership shall be open to all persons eighteen years of age or older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club.
- a) **Regular Individual Membership** – is open to individuals with permanent residence in the USA (or its territories or possessions). Enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote, hold office and serve on committees.
 - b) **Regular Household Membership** – is open to up to three adult individuals with permanent residence in the USA (or its territories or possessions) residing in the same household, each eligible to vote, hold office and serve on committees. All persons within a household must first apply and be accepted for membership as individuals. Their membership status will convert to a “Regular Household Membership” upon dues invoicing for the subsequent year.
 - c) **Foreign Membership** – is open to persons having permanent residence outside of the USA (or its territories or possessions). Members in this category shall be entitled to all club privileges except voting and office holding and do not count in the determination of a quorum. Foreign members must be in good standing with their respective country’s kennel club. Foreign members may provide one endorsement for a member application if accompanied by an endorsement by a “regular” member in good standing with the club.
- All members having permanent residence outside of the USA, its territories, or possessions, prior to January 1, 2022, shall continue to have the right to vote but not hold office as long as membership in good standing with the club is maintained.
- d) **Honorary Membership** - an individual non-member, from among those people who have made outstanding contributions to the breed over a period of 25 years. They do not pay dues and have no voting privileges and cannot hold office. An Honorary Membership may be nominated by the Board or by written petition of 20% of the membership in good standing. The Board shall elect Honorary Member(s) from

those nominated by affirmative votes of 2/3 of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board or of 2/3 of the entire Board voting by mail, email, or electronic ballot.

- e) **Associate Membership** – is open to persons with interest in the breed and in supporting club objectives, entitled to club privileges except voting and holding office. Associate members do not count toward determination of a quorum.

The following membership shall be open to children under 18 Years of age.

- f) **Junior Membership** - Junior members cannot vote and cannot hold office. At age 18, junior members may submit a letter to the Board requesting a move to regular membership. Upon Board review and approval, the junior membership will automatically convert to a 'Regular Individual Membership' without further application. The letter request must be submitted to the Recording Secretary within 6 months of the junior's aging out of the junior membership category.

Section 2. Dues. Membership dues shall be in such amount as shall from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors and shall be payable on or before January 1st of each year. Membership dues shall not exceed \$100 per member, nor \$200 per household. Membership dues will not be charged for a Junior member.

No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year. New members elected after September 30 shall not be charged dues for the following year.

Section 3. Application for Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws and the rules of The American Kennel Club and the AKC's Code of Sportsmanship. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing from two separate households. No more than one endorser may be a Foreign member. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit a copy of the Code of Ethics of The Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Inc. signed by the applicant, an application fee payment, and dues payment for the current fiscal year.

Section 4. Endorsers. No member shall endorse an applicant for membership for a period of one year following election to membership in the Club.

Section 5. Election to Membership. Applicants may be elected to membership at any meeting of the Board of Directors or by vote of the Directors by mail, email, or electronic ballot. Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board or of 2/3 of the entire Board voting by mail, email or electronic ballot shall be required to elect an applicant.

Section 6. Appeal. An application which has received a negative vote by the Board of Directors may be presented by one of the applicant's endorsers at the next Annual Members

Meeting of the Club and the Club may elect such applicant by secret ballot and a favorable vote of 75% of the members present and eligible to vote.

Applicants who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within 12 months after such rejection.

Section 7. Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated:

- a) **by resignation.** Any member may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Recording Secretary.
- b) **by lapsing.** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid as of April 1, however, the Board of Directors may grant up to sixty (60) days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- c) **by expulsion.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VIII of these by-laws.

ARTICLE III

Members Meetings and Board Meetings

Section 1. Annual Members Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in conjunction with the National Specialty Show, if possible, at a place, date, and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Club meetings may take place at a physical location and/or be held by methods such as electronic, virtual, teleconference or methods as may be developed by Board. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing eligible to vote or a minimum of ten (10) members in good standing eligible to vote, whichever is greater. Non-voting members do not count towards the determination of a quorum.

Section 2. Special Members Meetings. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present at a meeting of the Board or who vote by mail, email, or electronic ballot, and may also be called by the Recording Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meetings shall be held by methods in accordance with State Law – such as electronic, virtual, teleconference or methods as may be developed designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be sent via Mail and/or via email in accordance with State Law by the Recording Secretary to each member in good standing at least ~~30~~ fourteen (14) days, but not more than forty-five (45 days,) prior to the date of the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be the same as that for the annual meeting. Non-voting members do not count towards the determination of a quorum.

Section 3. Board Meetings. The first meeting of the Board of Directors shall be scheduled after the annual election of members to the Board and election of officers as set forth in Article VI, Sections 2 and 3, and prior to January 30th of the upcoming year. The Club's Officers shall be elected annually by that year's Board of Directors as set forth in Article VI, Section 4.

A minimum of four (4) meetings per year of the Board shall be held at such times and places, including electronic, virtual, teleconference call or video conference or methods as may be designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such other meetings shall be sent to each member of the Board prior to the date of the meeting, with fourteen (14) days preferred, and not more than thirty (30) days advance notice prior to the meeting. Meetings scheduled less than fourteen (14) days in advance must have a quorum. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board. Non-voting members do not count towards the determination of a quorum.

Section 4. Board Business.

The Board of Directors may conduct its business by telephone conference, video conference or any other methods in accordance with State Law, such as electronic, virtual, teleconference or other methods that may be developed. Items voted upon by any method other than "in person" meetings must be confirmed in writing by the Recording Secretary within fourteen (14) days.

ARTICLE IV

Directors, Officers and AKC Delegate

Section 1. Board of Directors. General management of the Club's affairs and custody of its property shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors which shall consist of nine (9) regular members who permanently reside in the United States, (its territories and possessions) and shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4) other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing for a minimum of two (2) years prior to nomination. No more than one member of a household may serve on the Board at one time. Board members shall be elected to the Board annually for a three-year term each as provided in Article VI and shall serve a maximum of two full consecutive terms on the Board followed by a minimum of one full term (3 years) off the Board before running or being nominated again.

Board members shall sign a Board Code of Conduct that includes but is not necessarily limited to being liaisons for the membership, being available and receptive to club members' concerns, working to advance club objectives, participating in club events and regular attendance at Board and Club meetings. Each member of the Board shall have an unqualified right of access to the books, records, and files of the Club.

Section 2. Officers. The Club's officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. The Board of Directors shall elect the Officers

of the Club following the annual election of members to the Board as provided in Article VI, Section 4. Officers shall serve in their respective capacities, both to the Club and its meetings, and to the Board and its meetings until their successors are elected.

- a) The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws.
- b) The **Vice-President** shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's absence, incapacity, or death.
- c) The **Recording Secretary** shall:
 - keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all votes taken, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club
 - be responsible for all communications among the Board of Directors and from the Board to the membership. receive applications for membership in accordance with Article II, Section 3, and submit notice of same to the Board within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof for such action as the Board may take.
 - provide applicants with their results of their membership application.
 - notify Directors and Officers of their election to office,
 - keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses,
 - carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws or normally appurtenant to the office of secretary which are not otherwise specifically assigned to the Corresponding Secretary by these by-laws, the Board of Directors, or the membership.
- d) The **Corresponding Secretary** shall:
 - be responsible for all correspondence to and from the public all communications to the membership which do not originate from an official action of the Board of Directors
 - be responsible for all notices and correspondence to and from the AKC and communicate the information to the Board.
 - provide and forward to the Recording Secretary all matters which require being made of permanent record and such other matters as may from time to time be specifically assigned by the Board of Directors to the membership.
- e) The **Treasurer** shall:
 - collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club and deposit same in the name of the Club in a bank or banks approved by the Board.
 - maintain the financial records of the Club on a double-entry system,
 - make all disbursements in the name of the Club as may be approved by the Board.
 - keep complete records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - always provide open books, be open to inspection to the Board and be available upon request, for inspection of the Board.
 - report to the Board at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported.

- report at the annual meeting and render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year.
- send to each member during the month of November a statement of dues for the ensuing year and shall report to the Board the names of those members who dues are in arrears 60 days after the beginning of the fiscal year.

The club shall be insured in such amount and through a type of policy as the Board shall determine which will cover the actions of the Treasurer.

Section 3. AKC Delegate. Among other duties, the AKC Delegate shall represent the Pharaoh Hound Club of America at AKC's Quarterly Delegate Meetings, shall represent the club in voting matters coming before the AKC Delegate, and shall report to the club all actions and matters discussed at AKC's Quarterly Delegate meetings. The position of AKC delegate shall be elected by the Board of Directors by majority vote for a term of three years with an unlimited number of terms permitted. The AKC Delegate is not a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board of at any time and from any cause, including the resignation or removal of a director, shall be filled at any meeting of the Board by the affirmative vote of the majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, or sole remaining director. Each director so elected shall hold office until the next annual election. However, a vacancy in the office of President arising at any time and from any cause, including resignation or removal, shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President. If an officer is temporarily incapacitated, the President may assign their duties to another Board member during that time. In the event of a vacancy of the AKC Delegate, the club must apply to the office of the AKC Executive Secretary for approval of Delegate credentials.

ARTICLE V

Fiscal and Official Year

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first (1st) day of January and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of December.

Section 2. Official Year. The Club's official year shall begin on the first (1st) day of January and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of December. The Club officers as elected by the Board of Directors shall take office coincident with the beginning of the Club's official year and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties, access and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days thereafter. Refusal or failure to allow access and to transfer properties and records within 90 days thereafter may result in the member being subjected to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE VI

Voting, Nominations, Elections

Section 1. Voting. Each regular individual or regular household member and those individual or household 'foreign' members who have been granted voting privileges in accordance with Article II, Section 1, who are in good standing with the club and whose dues are paid for the Fiscal year shall be entitled to one vote at the Annual Members Meeting or at a Special Members Meeting of the Club at which the member is present, except for the following: The annual election of officers and directors and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be decided by secret written ballot cast by mail or by electronic balloting in accordance with State Law and AKC policy.

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any club meeting or election. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail or by electronic ballot in accordance with AKC policy.

Section 2. Nominations and Ballots. No person may be a candidate for the Board of Directors who has not been nominated in accordance with these by-laws.

A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before July 1st. The Committee shall consist of three members from different areas of the USA, and two alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom shall be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be such person's duties to call a committee meeting(s), which shall be by August 15. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail or methods such as electronic, virtual, teleconference or methods as may be developed by the Board.

- a) All members of the Nominating Committee, petitioners nominating additional candidates and nominees shall have been members of the Club in good standing for one year prior to November 1st immediately preceding the annual election.
- b) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club one candidate for each open position on the Board and shall procure the written acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practical to do so. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Recording Secretary prior to September 1st. The Recording Secretary on or before October 1st shall mail or email the slate of candidates, including the full name of each candidate and the name of the State in which he resides, and a brief biographic statement to each member of the Club so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.
- c) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to and received at the Recording Secretary's regular address or email address on or before November 1st, signed or scanned signatures to a total of ten (10) endorsements from separate households and accompanied by the written

acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. The additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee. Except for the position of AKC Delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position. If the Recording Secretary is an opposed candidate in the election and the Board does not utilize an independent professional firm, the board shall designate another officer or director who is not a candidate in the election to send the final slate to the membership and receive ballots for tabulation applicable to subsections "2-e" and "2-f."

- d) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before November 1st, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected, and no balloting will be required.
- e) If one or more valid additional nominations are received on or before November 1st, by Recording Secretary, (or designated director per subsection "2-c") the Recording Secretary shall, on or before November 15th, mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees in alphabetical order, with the names of the States in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary (or designated professional firm or board member) marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking his ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope marked "Ballot" addressed to the Recording Secretary (or designated professional firm). The ballots must be received by the Recording Secretary or designated professional firm on or before December 15th, to be counted by the inspectors of the election, in the presence of the Recording Secretary (or designated professional firm). The inspectors of election, as defined in Article VI, Section 3, shall check the returns against the list of eligible voting members whose dues are paid for the current year prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting.
- f) Nominations for the Board of Directors cannot be made at the Annual Members Meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

Section 3. Annual Election. If balloting is required, the annual election of members to the Board of Directors shall be conducted by written secret ballot. Ballots to be valid must be received by the Recording Secretary as set forth in Article VI, Section 2. Ballots shall be counted by either three inspectors of election who are members in good standing, do not serve on current Board, are not candidates on the ballot and are chosen by the Board of Directors from among members residing in the same general locality as the Recording Secretary – or – by an independent professional firm designated by the Board. The persons receiving the largest number of votes for open positions shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the first Board meeting (Article III, Section 3), is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall be declared "not

elected” and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided in Article IV, Section 4.

Section 4. Election of Officers. The Club’s officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors from among the Board following the annual election of members to the Board of Directors and prior to the first Board meeting of the year. The upcoming year’s Board shall conduct an election for that year’s Club Officers. No less than two weeks prior to the first scheduled Board meeting of the year, the Recording Secretary shall conduct a confidential ballot in any manner provided for by State laws. The Recording Secretary shall ~~send~~ mail or email each member of the Board a ballot listing the club’s officer positions. The ballot shall include the name and contact information of each member of the Board. Board members seeking specific officer positions shall submit their requested position and supportive information to the Recording Secretary for inclusion on the ballot. Each Director may write on the ballot their choices for Club Officers from the names of the Directors appearing in the listing, shall seal their ballot in an envelope-marked “ballot” and shall mail it to the Recording Secretary. The designated return date shall be no less than two (2) weeks from the time the ballot is distributed and prior to the first Board Meeting of the year.

The ballots to be valid must be received and counted by the Recording Secretary or by a designated independent professional firm on or before the date so indicated on the ballot. The person receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast for each office shall be declared elected and shall take office on the date of the first board meeting following the election.

ARTICLE VII

Standing Committees

Section 1. Committee Appointments. The Board may each year appoint Standing Committees to advance the work of the club. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

Section 2. Termination of Appointments. 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 service has been terminated.

Section 3. Length of Service. Committees shall serve until discharged by the Board, succeeded by new appointees, or terminated as provided in Section 2 of this Article. Each succeeded committee appointee shall turn over to his successor all properties and records relating to that committee within thirty (30) days after notice that a successor has been appointed. Discharged committees and their members shall turn over to the Recording Secretary all properties and records relating to that committee within thirty (30) days after being discharged if no successors are named.

Section 4. Audit Committee. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually either by an Audit Committee composed of three members which shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board or by a Certified Public Accountant approved by the Board. Such appointment shall be made not later than the first day of April for the audit of the prior year's records. The Committee or Certified Public Accountant shall examine the records of the Treasurer, audit the Treasurer's books, and provide a written report signed by each Committee member or the Certified Public Accountant. They shall submit their report to the Board prior to the annual members meeting, but not later than the last day of December for that prior year's audit. Not more than one member of the Board may serve on the Audit Committee and in no case shall the audited-year's Treasurer be a member of the Audit Committee. The report of the Audit Committee shall be read to the Club Members by the President at the next annual meeting or may be reported to the membership via USPS mail or email.

ARTICLE VIII

Discipline

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

Section 2. Charges. Any Club member in good standing may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written notarized charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Recording Secretary together with a deposit, of at least Twenty-Five dollars (\$25) but not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board or a Committee following a hearing. Disciplinary hearings may be held via telephone conference call or video conference. 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 first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct that would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or of the breed it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board or a Committee of not less than three (3) members of the Board, not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter.

The Recording Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail together with a notice of the hearing date and time and assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes. A copy of the charges shall also be sent to the accused member via email with copy to the Board.

Section 3. Board Hearing. If the Board has a hearing, the Board or a committee appointed by the Board may hear the charges. The Board or the Board's appointed committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both the 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 or Board's appointed committee may by a majority vote of those present reprimand or suspend the accused as follows:

- a) Formally reprimand that member with a detailed written warning directed exclusively to the member indicating that, after a board hearing, that member was officially reprimanded as a result of charges filed by members listed in the complaint.
- b) Suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing, or until the next annual meeting if that will occur after six (6) months.
- c) And, if it deems either reprimand or suspension insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the resulting action 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 recommendation of the Board or Committee as outlined in Article VIII, Section 4.

Immediately after the Board or Committee has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's or the Board's appointed Committee's decision and penalty, if any.

Section 4. Expulsion. The members shall vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

**ARTICLE IX
Amendments**

- Section 1.** Amendments to the constitution and by-laws and/or the Code of Ethics, may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership in good standing eligible to vote. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Recording Secretary within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Recording Secretary.
- Section 2.** The constitution and by-laws may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed or emailed by the Recording Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Dual-envelope and balloting procedures described in Article VI, Section "2-e" shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. The notice sent via USPS and/or via email to each member with such ballot shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date received, by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted.
The favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing eligible to vote who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.
- Section 3.** No amendment to the constitution and by-laws adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club.

**ARTICLE X
Dissolution**

- Section 1.** The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing. In the event of a dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club; but after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors that qualifies under the Internal Revenue Code as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE XI

Order of Business

Section 1. Club Meetings. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall follow the most current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order.”

ARTICLE XII

Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. The Rules of Parliamentary Procedure contained in the current of Robert’s “Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.

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