

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Name and Objects

Section 1. The name of the Club shall be The Evansville Kennel Club.

Section 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) to further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs;
- (b) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and tracking tests;
- (c) to conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials and tracking tests under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

Section 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or 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 objects.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. There shall be 2 types of membership open to all persons who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. 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 immediate area.

- (a) *Regular membership:* Open to all persons 18 years of age and older. Regular members are entitled to vote and hold office.
- (b) *Junior membership:* Open to persons 10-17 years of age. Junior members cannot vote or hold office. However, a junior member may convert to regular membership upon reaching their 18th birthday.

Section 2. Dues. Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors on or before the 1st day of April of each year and will be payable on or before the 1st day of June. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of April, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

Section 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and bylaws 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 two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Corresponding Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At the next Club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within six months after such rejection.

Section 4. Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated:

- (a) *by resignation.* Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of June of each year.
- (b) *by lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of June; however, the Board may grant an additional 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 VI or these bylaws.

ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

Section 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the Club shall be held each month in the greater Evansville area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be 40 percent of the members in good standing.

Section 2. Special Club Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board; or shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Evansville area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 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 thereat. The quorum for such meeting shall be 40 percent of the members in good standing.

Section 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each odd numbered month in the greater Evansville area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Section 4. Special Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board may be called by the President or the Corresponding Secretary after receipt of written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such meetings shall be held in the greater Evansville area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. A quorum for such meetings 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, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chairman, AKC Delegate and two other persons all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for two year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. 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, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

- (a) 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 bylaws.
- (b) Vice-President – shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) Corresponding 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; have charge of approved club correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership; notify officers and directors of their election to office; keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.
- (d) Treasurer – shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of any member in good standing and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- (e) AKC Delegate – shall serve for two years and represent the Club at AKC meetings for member clubs.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of 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 first day of January and end on the last day of December.

The Club's official year shall begin with the Annual Meeting in non-election years and immediately at the conclusion of the election at the Annual Meeting in election years and shall continue until the next Annual Meeting

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of February. Every two years an election of officers, AKC Delegate and directors shall be held at the annual meeting for the ensuing two years. The election shall be by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. The elected officials shall take office on April 1 following the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office on April 1.

Section 3. Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions 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 October, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members, and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately notify the committee members and alternates of their selection. An alternate shall participate only if a member of the Nominating Committee is unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before November 15.

- (a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office, AKC Delegate, Show Chairperson and two other positions on the Board, and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Corresponding Secretary in writing.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Corresponding Secretary shall before December 15th notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the December and January meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposed shall present to the Corresponding Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position (except for the position of AKC Delegate).
- (d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V Committees

Section 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes and other field which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board for particular projects.

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 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 member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$20 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Corresponding 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. 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 a hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his 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 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 finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding 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 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 finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds 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 VII Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing. 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 Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Corresponding Secretary.

Section 2. The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. No amendment to the constitution and bylaws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE VIII Dissolution

Section 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of the 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.

ARTICLE IX Order of Business

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

- Roll Call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meetings every two years)
- 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 of minutes of last meeting
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of the Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE X Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition 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.

EVANSVILLE KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS

April 2015

The Bylaws of the Evansville Kennel Club establish broad policies for the operation of the club. The Board of Directors has adopted the following Rules and Regulations to clarify and enhance the Bylaws. If there is a conflict between these Rules and Regulations and the Bylaws, the policies established by the Bylaws will control.

1. No club member will handle any dog at the EKC show and no dog owned or co-owned by a member will be shown at this show. This wording shall be used in show premium lists and catalogs.
2. Failure of any member to attend the Club Show(s) and Match(es) and/or perform assigned duties, without Board excuse, is sufficient (but not mandatory) cause for expulsion, in accordance with Article VI of the Bylaws
3. The financial records of the Club shall be reviewed biannually by an independent CPA within 90 days of the end of the then fiscal year, commencing in 2000.
4. The Board will appoint an Assistant to the Treasurer whose duties will include:
 - a. Depositing cash into the Club's bank account.
 - b. Be a second signatory for checks.
 - c. On the day of an EKC show:
 1. Make an accounting of the number of catalogs we receive from the Show Superintendent.
 2. Make cash pickups from Catalog sales tables and deliver to the Treasurer on-site at the show, using a pre-numbered receipt system to replace the cash taken in the cash box.
 3. Account for and deliver catalogs to the announcer's stand to be given away to various approved individuals. Such recipients will be previously approved by the Show Chair who will submit a duplicate listing to the Board.
5. Only four people will be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the club:
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. President
 - c. Assistant to the Treasurer (co-signer only)
 - d. Show ChairpersonTwo signatures will be required on checks greater than \$500.00.
6. No member may commit the club to incur expenditures or obligations without obtaining prior written approval from the club Treasurer. Such commitments will be documented by a written agreement between the club and the supplier of goods/services and must be anticipated in the club's annual operating budget.
7. The Club will reimburse members for reasonable expenses (as determined by the Board) incurred in connection with the transaction of club business. Expenses of this nature must be pre-approved by the Treasurer. Reimbursement requests shall include original receipts and detailed supporting documentation that satisfactorily explains the necessity of all expenditures.
8. AKC Code of Sportsmanship (added 07/2016 meeting)