

PREAMBLE TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws at no time will change or take away any Bylaws set forth in the Kennel or Pack Bylaws statute ever. These are enacted to see that every Dog in Pound is treated fairly, squarely and equally. They are for the good of the Pound and the members of Pound.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

A. All new members must be voted on by the membership of Pound at a Pound Growl according to Kennel Bylaws statute Article I, Section C and must be adhered to.

B. Dues for all Non-Paid Life Members in Pound shall be Big Bones if paid before 1 January 1 of the fiscal year of those dues. If not paid before 1 January Pound dues will be Big Bones with Big Bones being late fee. This will make the total of Big Bones until 31 December and Big Bones after that date. This includes Kennel Dues of Big Bones and Pack Dues of Big Bones. New Fiscal Year Dues are due on 1 September following the Supreme Growl.

ARTICLE II – POUNDS

A. A Quorum of Pound shall be a minimum of 5 Pound members, this includes Pound Officers present at any Pound Growl.

B. Any Officer in Pound who absents themselves from two consecutive growls without a valid reason shall have that office declared vacant by the Pound Keeper and the Pound Keeper shall appoint a new officer as so stated in Kennel Bylaws.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

- A. The Pound shall hold at least four meetings per year, one per Quarter.
- B. The Pound shall hold one annual Growl, at which time the Pack shall transact all pertinent business, nominate, elect, and install officers for the ensuing year, and shall participate in such other proper activities as may be desirable.
- C. The Annual Growl shall be held during the 90 days immediately following the Kennel Supreme Growl, in accordance with the Kennel Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV - AWARDS

- A. DOG OF THE YEAR
 - a. POUND DOG OF THE YEAR - Committee is made up of all former recipients who will choose the new Pound Dog of the Year. The Chair of this committee shall be the most recent Pound Dog of the Year. Discussion should be held strictly to the work performed by the Dogs so nominated. The likes or dislikes of any Dog nominated shall not be discussed, tolerated or allowed at any time, only discussion should be the activities of the Pound the Dog participated in. All Devil Dogs of Pound shall be eligible for this award.
 - b. PACK DOG OF THE YEAR - Only one Pack Dog of the Year will be nominated. The Pack Dog of the Year nominee can be selected from all past recipients of the Pound Dog of the Year that meet the criteria for nomination. That is then forwarded on to the Pack by

the Pound as per Pack Guidelines. The nomination for Pack Dog of the Year will be at the discretion of the convening Pound Dog of the Year Committee.

- c. **KENNEL POUND DOG OF THE YEAR** - Only one Kennel Dog of the Year will be nominated. The nominee must be a Pedigreed Devil Dog. The Kennel Pound Dog of the Year nominee can be selected from all current and past recipients of the Pound Dog of the Year award that meet the criteria for nomination. That is then forwarded on to Kennel by the Pound as our nomination. The nomination for Kennel Dog of the Year will be at the discretion of the convening Pound Dog of the Year Committee. No discussion about the working and discussions of this Committee will be public at any time, punishable by discipline.

- B. All other Pound Awards are at the discretion of the Pound Keeper such as Certificates of Appreciation and Pound Keepers Commendation.

ARTICLE V – FISCAL AND FINANCE

Section 501 – Fiscal Year and Membership

The fiscal year of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs is for the same time and identical to the fiscal year of the Marine Corps League. However, the Order utilizes a Membership Year that begins the month after the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. Currently this starts on 1 September and ends on the following 31 August. Membership dues are payable in accordance with the Kennel Bylaws.

Section 502 – Revenue

- A. The revenue of this Pound shall derive from the collection of membership dues, election fees and from such other sources as may be approved by the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, the administration of the Kennel Staff, the Grand Growl of the Pack, the Pack Staff, the Growl of the Pound or the Pound Staff.
- B. All monies collected for Passport or Visa stamping shall be forwarded to the Kennel Dog Robber within 7 business days of each Pound Growl.
- C. Funds collected from fines shall be distributed as follows – 50% for Pound / Pack donations, 50% Kennel donations. Determination as to which project(s) the donations shall be made to will be voted upon by the membership.
- D. **Administrative Expenses:** The Pound Keeper and the Pound Dog Robber shall be reimbursed for normal administrative expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The expenses to be covered may be for such items as: telephone, postage, copying, and office supplies. Payment to be made upon submission of an expense receipt, which is required for the annual audit of the Dog Robbers records.

Section 503 – Election Fees and Membership Dues

- A. The Pound shall fix the amount to be charged for any Election Fees and the Annual Membership dues at the Annual Growl of the Pound. The Annual Membership dues shall include the Annual Membership dues of the Pack and the Kennel.
- B. Election Fees for both the Pound and the Pack shall include the cost of the required Devil Dog items, (i.e. dog tag, dog collar, cap patch, etc.), that are considered appropriate for the

Degree sought by the candidate. These items will be available to the individual following their obligation.

Section 504 – Forwarding Membership Dues

- A. After collecting the appropriate Annual Membership dues and obtaining current Marine Corps League Membership Numbers, the Pound Dog Robber shall promptly forward all Pack and Kennel Membership dues together with pertinent Marine Corps League Membership Numbers on Kennel Membership Dues Transmittal Forms to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber with separate checks for the Pack and Kennel Dues. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall promptly forward the Kennel Dues to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.
- B. Paid Life Membership Dues shall be submitted on Membership Dues Transmittal Forms separate from regular renewing members in the Order. Date of entry into the Marine Corps League shall be stated thereon, as well as the Marine Corps League Paid Life Membership Number, issued by National Headquarters, MCL. A check(s) for the full amount of the Paid Life Membership Dues for each Paid Life Member in the Order will accompany each Paid Life Member so transcribed.

ARTICLE VI – DISCIPLINE

Including all Kennel and Pack Bylaws offenses this article will strengthen the right to discipline where the oath of the Military Order of the Dog unequivocally is circumvented. Where another member or member's family is wronged or injured by word, act or deed by any member. This oath is to be strictly adhered to, especially at election time and selection of awards. Every member should be elected or receive and award on their merit not at the discredit of others.

A. CHARGES: Any such charge can and should be file with the Dog Robber by submitting triplicate copies as so defined under the Kennel Bylaws. The charges will distribute as by the directive.

B. PROCEDURE: These shall be carried out according to the Kennel Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – FINES

No fine shall be in violation of the Kennel Bylaws or guidelines. Each infraction in Pound, shall be one small bone, with a maximum of two small bones, at one time. This means the same Dog can be fined again for other infractions or disruptions at another time in the Growl.

ARTICLE VIII – ADVANCEMENTS

A. No Dog in Pound shall be proposed for advancements to the next degree without attending of one-half (1/2) Pound Growls the year of the Convention they are advancing. The Dog must have participated in Pound functions.

B. The Pound shall discuss the advancement and vote whether to recommend advancement.