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Words from Our President

Greetings;

WOW 2023 is here. How crazy is that? I hope the New Year finds everyone well. What is new for 2023? NBCA is now a FIT Dog Club, our first walk will be this coming weekend (Saturday January 14, details on page 9). If you would like to plan one for your area please reach out and we can get you the information to get started.

The by-law ballots went out and the votes are in. 64 ballots went out and 38 were returned. All proposed changes passed. The breakdown is included in this newsletter. Again, Thank you to Ted Kenyon, Marti Kincaid and Ben Daniels for all your research and hard work.

Congratulations to all that went to the National Dog show in FL and congrats to all the winners. What a nice lineup. Congratulations juniors Octavia Stensen and Zarin Godfrey for qualifying and competing in the tough junior competition! Congratulations to our junior Octavia Stensen for placing 4th in the junior competition. What an awesome job!!!!!!

Please check your email for your renewal. Renewals should be sent to the treasurer by March 1st. Please update any address changes at this time. The renewal notice did say that you could pay by paypal that is not the case - please send in a check.

Also, keep an eye out for the next survey to vote for 2024 and 2025 locations for the national specialty. Carol Walsh is working on getting that out to you.

We have one supported entry for 2023 this will be in Kalamazoo, MI. I hope you can attend. Any questions on the supported entry you can contact Christine VanVleet or her co-chair Christa Kenyon.

Tina Hamblin and I will be going to Meet the Breed in NYC at the end of this month to spread the word about our wonderful breed. We expect to greet about 1000 people in the 2 days we are there. If you can, come out and join us.

Stay warm and safe. Happy New Year

--Faye

Congratulations on Your New AKC Titles!

Dog Title	Dog Name	Owners	Title Date
DCAT	Blackrose's Bitter Sweet Symphony BN FDC DCAT CGC TKN	Maria Markin & Anna Markin	10/02/22
Canine Good Citizen Advanced Canine Good Citizen	CH Trollheimen Crystal Bu Persuasion Of Gardstun BN PT FDC CGC	Ann M Wood Ann Marie Wood & Benjamin M Wood	10/07/22 10/07/22
Grand Champion	Zodiac's Regal Krupnik CD BN HT FDC CGCA GCH CH Trollheimen's Axel Bjorn CDX BN DCAT DJ DN CGC TKA	Anna Markin	10/09/22
BCAT	Kyon's Lett There Be Peace BCAT	Mary Ellen Georoff & Alexander Georoff	10/16/22
DCAT	Kyon's Norse God Of The Stars RN FDC DCAT RATN CGC TKI	Mary Ellen Georoff & Alexander Georoff	10/16/22
Coursing Ability	Blackrose's Wise Norseman CA DCAT	Sonja Haasper	10/22/22
Coursing Ability	Forest Grove Fam's Spirit Of Norway CA DCAT	Sonja Haasper	10/23/22
Rally Intermediate	Zodiac's Amo Probos De Lady Freya RI	Lori N Blair & Corey L Blair Mrs. Sandy Vilahu & Mr. George Vilahu & Ms. Amie McLaughlin	10/30/22 11/02/22
Trick Dog Intermediate	Cloudpointe License To Krill CGC TKI	McLaughlin	11/02/22
FCAT	Blackrose's Wise Norseman CA FCAT	Sonja Haasper	11/05/22
FCAT	Forest Grove Fam's Spirit Of Norway CA FCAT	Sonja Haasper	11/05/22
Rally Novice	CH Windsong When You Wissh Upon A Star RN	Richard T Fowler & Joy A Fowler & Adrienne L Fowler	11/06/22
DCAT	Zodiac's Little Norse Wolf DCAT	Sonja Haasper	11/06/22
Grand Champion	GCH CH Windsong When You Wissh Upon A Star RN	Richard T Fowler & Joy A Fowler & Adrienne L Fowler	11/11/22
Rally Advanced Excellent 3	GCH CH Jotunn's Dashing Darwin CDX GN RM2 RAE3 FDC N A N A J B C A T S W A A T T	Vali Eberhardt & Marti Kincaid	11/11/22
Rally Master 2	GCH CH Jotunn's Dashing Darwin CDX GN RM2 RAE3 FDC N A N A J B C A T S W A A T T	Vali Eberhardt & Marti Kincaid	11/11/22
Grand Champion FCAT2	GCH CH Windsong Keeper Of The Stars At Indium Blackrose's Wise Norseman CA FCAT2	Adrienne L Fowler & Joy A Fowler & Richard T Fowler Sonja Haasper	11/20/22 11/27/22

New Title Information was obtained from the American Kennel Club records system on January 1, 2023, for events processed from October 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022. Due to a technical error, September 2022 titles are not included but will be added to the next newsletter report when they become available. Please email buhundnews@gmail.com with any corrections.



AKC National Championship Photos



Congratulations Winners! Also, many congratulations to Junior Handler Octavia Stensen placed 4th at the AKC National Championship Junior Showmanship Finals!



Go Octavia and Pineapple! There were over 130 juniors entered, and this is the first time a Buhund Junior has ever placed. Octavia was #1 Herding Junior for 2022, showing only Norwegian Buhunds!



Stunning breed lineup in Orlando!



2022 AKC National Championship

Norwegian Buhunds, Judge Dr. Steven L. Keating

Herding Group - 3rd Place Bred by Exhibitor

GCHS CH Cloudpointe Ringside Gossip

Dog. BREEDER: Amelia McLaughlin By GCHB CH Arnscroft Be A Sailors Son Di -GCHP CH Jotunn Bella Binna CA BCAT CGC OWNER: Amie McLaughlin

Best of Breed

GCHS CH Cloudpointe Ringside Gossip

Dog. BREEDER: Amelia McLaughlin By GCHB CH Arnscroft Be A Sailors Son Di -GCHP CH Jotunn Bella Binna CA BCAT CGC OWNER: Amie McLaughlin

Best of Opposite Sex

GCHP CH Jotunn Bella Binna CA BCAT CGC

Bitch. BREEDER: Vali Eberhardt/John Bradstreet By Gnipagrottans Jezze James -Jotunn Anja Kola OWNER: Vali Eberhardt & Amelia McLaughlin& J Bradstreet

Select Dog

CH Fabrajs Enchantingly Loyal

Dog. BREEDER: Patricia Faye Adcox By GCHG CH Tsarshadows Ragnar Lodbrok -Fabraj's Everyone Is Going To Know My Name TKN OWNER: Patricia Faye Adcox

Best Bred By in Breed/Variety

GCHS CH Cloudpointe Ringside Gossip

Dog. BREEDER: Amelia McLaughlin By GCHB CH Arnscroft Be A Sailors Son Di -GCHP CH Jotunn Bella Binna CA BCAT CGC OWNER: Amie McLaughlin

Winners Bitch

Bo-Co-Pa's Rescued By The Kachimushi At Hanafubuki CGC TKI

Bitch. BREEDER: Joanne M David/Erika David/Terry L Campbell/Robert Noraas/Zarin Godfrey By GCHB CH Cloudpointe Grand Theft Auto At Evigronne RE TKN CD-V VSWB -Norsklyn's Lucky Charm For Bo-Co-Pa CGC TKN OWNER: Zarin Godfrey Jo Ann Wright-Godfrey Erika David

1st Award of Excellence

CH Cloudpointe Nothing Betta Than This

Dog. BREEDER: Amelia McLaughlin/Vali Eberhardt By GCHB CH Arnscroft Be A Sailors Son Di -GCHP CH Jotunn Kola Karina OWNER: Amie McLaughlin & Sarah Woodworth & K Woodworth



Juniors' Corner:

AKC Performance Events Scholarship

From <https://www.akc.org/sports/juniors/performance-scholarship/> (Accessed 1/1/2023)

The Performance Events Department is pleased to announce the creation of a \$10,000 scholarship fund for students that are active in AKC Performance Events who will be attending an institution of higher education during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Definition of Performance Events:

Field trials, hunting tests, lure coursing, earthdogs, coonhound events, herding, scent work, and any Parent Club administered performance event that has been recognized by the AKC as part of the AKC Performance Events Title Recognition Program.

Definition of a Higher Education Institution:

Vocational school, two-year junior college program, four-year college program, or advanced studies beyond a four-year degree.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be active in AKC Performance Events.
- Applicants must be attending or planning to attend an institution of higher education during the 2022-2023 academic year.
- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Applicants must be a current or past Junior.
- The Criteria for Awarding AKC Performance Events Scholarships Include:
 - Applicant's degree of involvement in AKC Performance Events. Examples – handler, club member, assistance in hosting events, community involvement in promoting Performance Events.
 - Applicant's higher education goals. (vocational/college)
 - Applicant's financial need.
 - Applicant's GPA.
- Extracurricular activities – school, community related, youth organizations (4-H, FFA, Scouts, etc.)

Apply for AKC Performance Events Scholarship here: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/27133214/2023-Scholarship-Application-PE-edit.pdf>

Application Deadline: March 3, 2023



Supported Entry Announcement

Apple Blossom Cluster

Kalamazoo, MI at the fair grounds

show 5/25 - 5/29

Supported Entry 5/28



Bylaws Changes Voting Results

1. ~~THE NORWEGIAN BUHUND CLUB OF AMERICA CONSTITUTION~~
Remove THE (THIS IS REQUIRED BY AKC)

Ballot vote - 38 yes - 0 No

2. The name of the Club shall be ~~THE NORWEGIAN BUHUND CLUB OF AMERICA~~
Remove – THE

Ballot vote 38 Yes - 0 No

3. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Eligibility -~~There shall be two types of membership: individual and household, m~~Membership for the Norwegian Buhund Club of America (NBCA) requires ownership or co-ownership of a Norwegian Buhund to become a Member, verified with American Kennel Club certificate or other means deemed suitable by the Board upon request. There are two types of voting Members, Individual Membership and Household Membership which shall be open to all persons who meet the ownership requirement

Ballot vote 33 Yes - 4 - No

4. and NBCA Code of Conduct and NBCA Breeder Code of Ethics

Ballot vote 35 Yes - 3 - No

5. Associate Membership may be offered to applicants who are in good standing with ~~The~~American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of ~~the~~NBCA, but who do or do not currently own a Buhund. An Associate Membership has all the rights and responsibilities of a Member except the right to vote, hold an office or sponsor Members. If an Associate Member meets the ownership requirements for Membership and is in good standing with ~~The~~American Kennel Club and ~~The~~Norwegian Buhund Club of America, they may apply for Membership.

Ballot vote - 36 Yes - 2 No

6. Foreign Membership may be offered upon application to individuals who do not live in the United States of America and who are in good standing with ~~The~~American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of the NBCA. A Foreign Member has all the rights and responsibilities of a Member except the right to vote, hold an office or sponsor Members.

Ballot vote 37 Yes - 1 No

7. Honorary Lifetime Membership may be offered to deserving individuals who have made a significant contribution to the sport, Breed or ~~the~~ NBCA. Honorary Membership of an individual will be decided by the board of directors. An Honorary Member pays no dues and has all the rights and responsibilities of a Member except the right to vote, hold an office or sponsor Members.

Ballot vote 36 Yes - 2 No

8. Dues for individual members shall not exceed ~~\$20~~\$50 per year

Ballot vote 28 Yes - 9 No - 1 - Abstain

9. Dues for household members shall not exceed ~~\$25~~\$75.00 per year

Ballot vote 28 Yes - 9 No - 1 Abstain

10. Associate or foreign membership dues shall not exceed \$35.00 per year.

Ballot vote 36 Yes - 2 - No

11. All meetings may be conducted via teleconference and video conference in accordance with Washington State Law. (REQUIRED BY AKC)

Add to Article II, Section 1

Ballot vote 37 Yes - 1 No

12. Voting. At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the annual election of officers, the delegate and directors, and for amendments to the constitution and bylaws and the breed standard, which shall be decided by ~~written ballot cast by mail.~~

Remove the words that are crossed out

Ballot vote 34 Yes - 3 No

13. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, ~~teleconference or video conference in accordance with Washington State Law.~~

Add this to Article IV Section 4

Ballot vote 38 Yes - 0 No

14. ~~and the candidate shall have been a member of the NBCA for a minimum of a full year before eligible to hold an office or be on the board.~~

Add to Article IV, Section 4 a)

Ballot vote 37 Yes - 1 No

15. ~~together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary or the independent firm marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to which 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 addressed to the Secretary or the independent firm, who shall check the returns against the list of 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.~~

Remove Article IV, Section 4 d)

Ballot vote 35 Yes - 3 No

16. ARTICLE V – METHODS OF BALLOTING
SECTION 1. ELECTRONIC BALLOT. A ballot that utilizes electronic media or computerized systems for presenting the names of the offices and candidates and statements of questions to ~~be~~ voted on and for recording votes may be used.

Add this

Ballot vote 35 Yes - 3 No

17. SECTION 2. BALLOT BY MAIL. An envelope pre-addressed to the chairman of the tellers shall be enclosed with the ballot. The return address on the pre-addressed envelopes shall be that of the member voting. A plain envelope shall also be enclosed with instructions to place the ballot in the plain envelope, seal it and place it in the pre-addressed envelope. The chairman of the tellers shall open all addressed envelopes and destroy them before opening the plain envelopes containing the ballots, thereby meeting the conditions of a secret ballot.

Add this

Ballot vote 35 Yes - 3 No

18. SECTION 3. Where secret ballots are desired, electronic balloting is the preferred method. Any member may request a mail-in ballot, following the protocol established by the Board of Directors.

Add this

Ballot vote 36 Yes - 2 No

19. & 20. – 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. —

Add bold to article VII, Section 1 **AND** remove crossed out word

Ballot vote 38 Yes - 0 No

20. - Any Member who is under pending active inquiry or any disciplinary action determined by AKC shall be suspended from ~~the~~ NBCA for a like period.

Add to Article VII, Section 1

Ballot vote 38 Yes - 0 No

21. SECTION 1: Amendments to the Constitution **and** Bylaws ~~and~~ or Breed Standard may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments **to the bylaws** proposed by

Add the bold and remove the crossed out word

Ballot vote 36 Yes - 2 No

22. Proposed amendments to the standard for the breed must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote following the procedures established by ~~the~~ AKC Board of Directors. (REQUIRED BY AKC)

Add to Article VIII, section 1

Ballot vote 38 Yes - 0 No

23. The Constitution ~~and~~ Bylaws ~~and~~ Breed Standard may be amended at any time [or the Standard for the breed in accordance with AKC policies]. (REQUIRED BY AKC)

Add the bold and remove the crossed out

Ballot vote 38 Yes - 0 No

24. 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. [Applicable only to member clubs] (REQUIRED BY AKC)

Add this

Ballot vote 37 Yes - 1 No

AKC FIT DOG Club Update



We are hosting our first Fit Dog Walk!

January 14, 2023, walk starts at 9 AM

Location: 3400 Williams Rd, Three Creeks Metro Parks - Heron Pond Area., Columbus Ohio

Day of Registration at 8:30 am to 9 am.

Cost: \$ 10 per dog. Max two dogs per person.

Trail is handicap accessible.

Please bring you AKC Fit Dog documentation form(s). One form per dog.

Link to the form: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/21100550/FIT-documentation-form-10-20-22.pdf>

If you are interested in hosting a Fit Dog Walk in your area, please contact Mona (Monaasmul@aol.com) or Faye (corgpinmom@aol.com) for organizer information.



As an official Fit Dog Club, NBCA is excited to offer events to help our members and our communities stay active with their dogs. Fit Dog Walks are documented events that qualify toward AKC's new Fit Dog titles. Keep an eye out on our facebook page and the various Buhund facebook groups for announcements for future walks.

Please visit AKC's Fit Dog page for more information on activities and titles:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>



A Tribute to Beyla

by Faye Adcox



In 2009 I discovered an amazing breed, the Norwegian Buhund! I was thrilled to find a breeder in NJ who it turned out had the perfect puppy for me. The minute I met her I knew she was to be mine. This may sound strange but we had an instant connection. The day I brought her home I actually cried.

Beyla and I became a team - We were the only ones in the area showing, and one of the few in the breed out showing on the east coast--she was an ambassador for the breed. She was 6 mos old out in the group ring showing people how amazing the breed is. She had a wonderful personality and a presence about her - people would see her sitting on the grooming table and had to know what breed she was. She had personality in the ring as well - The 1st NBCA national in MA she was in the ring the judge decided to give her a piece of hot dog that she had gotten from another exhibitor. Well ,it was a chicken hot dog and Beyla was not impressed--she spit it out at the judge, which luckily the judge found rather funny! Another time, after the exam the judge said take her down and back, well before I could move Beyla promptly does a play bow to the judge and then stretches forward as if she was taking her bow before leaving. She was a princess in the ring. When we attended our second National she won Best of Opposite Sex. Beyla also took me to Westminster, a dream come true! On her second time there she took BOS.

We had a morning ritual - she would come out of her crate, run into the living room and jump on the chair. From there, she would put her paws on my shoulder and give me a hug--this went on for years. Beyla was my heart. When I had my accident she would lay in my hospital bed in my room and just be with me. At first my husband didn't want her in the bed, he was afraid she would jump on my pelvis that was broken in 9 places, but she didn't - she would go to the end of the bed and gently jump up by my feet and gently walk beside me until she could get as close to my head as she could -which was not that close because I had a metal xfix attached to my hips. She would just lay there with me and keep my company all the hours and days I was stuck in that bed. The day the xfix was removed she jumped on the bed and got as close to me as she could get.



When my PTSD would be triggered and I would be laying in my bed wanting to scream and would be crying or shaking, she was right there--she just laid beside me until I was ok.

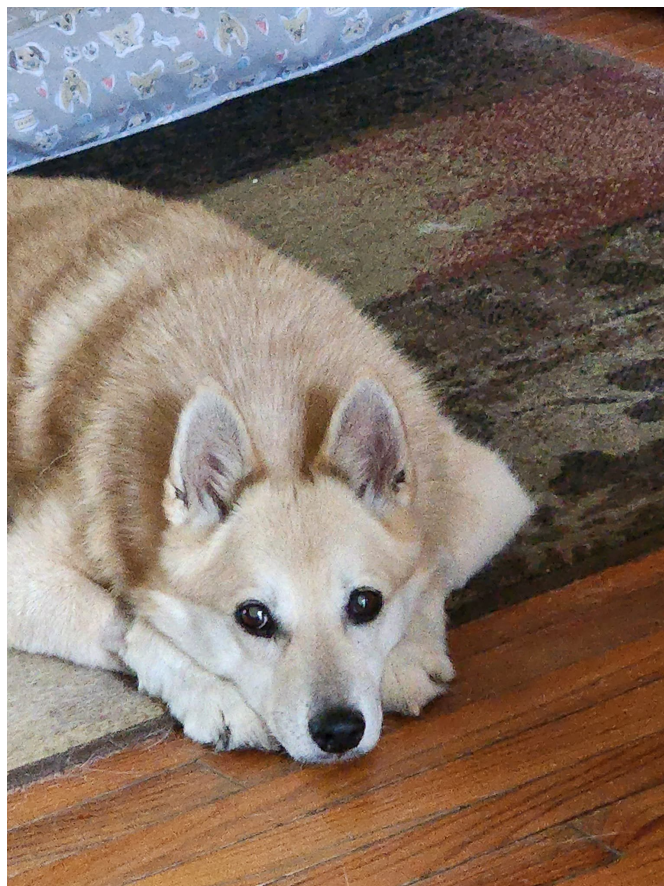
She did achieve her Grand Championship and her novice Jumpers with Weaves title and her Novice Trick dog title. She loved agility, but she was a tunnel wh%\$e! When we started agility she did not like being with all the other dogs especially the border collies; the way they ran upset her. We started doing some private lessons to get her focused on the job and not the other dogs running and she excelled. She never did like the teeter but that was ok, we were doing agility for fun and to help her with her reactivity. Our 1st trial we were suppose to do 3 jumps and head to the weaves well there was a tunnel next to the jumps -she did 2 jumps and straight to the tunnel, out of the tunnel and she looked at me as if to say "I did good," and then ran right back in it, After that we were able to try to complete the course which we did not complete because we ran out of time, but she had fun.

Beyla was the alpha in the house - all the dogs knew she was the boss. If she barked they all barked. She also loved to catch snakes. The first summer she was with us she caught 15 baby snakes in our backyard. She was very proud of every catch. She would strut around the yard with it in her mouth and nothing would get her to release it. The largest one she caught was a 7 ft black snake - OMG she ran around the yard carrying that thing and shaking it! She was very proud that day.

She was a wonderful teacher to the puppies in the house - they learned the pack rules from her. They all knew right away she was the boss and if she wanted to play then they would play, if she didn't you better leave her alone.

Beyla made her last trip to the National this past year - she was 13 1/2 years old and she smiled all the way around the ring. She loved the applause; she was so happy to be there.

Beyla was my heart, my companion, she helped me get through so much. Rest in Peace my Beautiful girl. I miss you every day.



Member Photos



We love to hear from our members! Please send photos, stories, brags and ideas to buhundnews@gmail.com



Ghost and Santa during a Therapy Visit



Sammi says "Goodnight!"



Puppies with Santa!



Sirius says there's no day like a snow day!





Welcome New Members!

Alina Tkachenko

Adrienne Fowler and Aaron Morrow

Julie Vanderloop

Patricia and Jerry Lalli



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Newsletter Info

Submissions Policy

We welcome ideas, suggestions and critiques concerning the newsletter. Our submission policy is open, with submissions subject to approval by the NBCA Board of Directors. Submissions may also be edited for length, clarity, appropriateness and style.

Publication Schedule

The NBCA Newsletter is published four times per year: January, April, July and October*

*Since the October edition is also typically the Specialty edition, publication may be delayed to middle or end-of month.

Submissions Deadlines

The deadline for submission to the editor is the tenth of the month (December, March, June and September) for publication the first week of the following month. Please send submissions to: BuhundNews@gmail.com

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF

NORWEGIAN BUHUND CLUB OF AMERICA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME AND OBJECTIVES SECTION 1:

The name of the Club shall be NORWEGIAN BUHUND CLUB OF AMERICA

SECTION 2:

The objectives of the Club shall be: a) to encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Norwegian Buhunds, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection; b) to encourage the organization of independent local Norwegian Buhund Specialty clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club; c) to 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 the Norwegian Buhund shall be judged; d) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsman like competition at dog shows, obedience and agility trials, and herding and tracking tests; e) to conduct sanctioned matches, Specialty shows, obedience and agility trials, and herding and tracking tests under the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3:

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any profits 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 objectives.

BYLAWS ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1:

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Associate Membership may be offered to applicants who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of The NBCA. Associate Membership is for individuals that do not own a Buhund. An Associate Membership has all the rights and responsibilities of a Member except the right to vote, hold an office or sponsor Members. If an Associate Member meets the ownership requirements for Membership and is in good standing with The American Kennel Club and The Norwegian Buhund Club of America they may apply for Membership.

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Honorary Lifetime Membership may be offered to deserving individuals who have made a significant contribution to the sport, Breed or the NBCA. Honorary Membership of an individual will be decided by the board of directors. An Honorary Member pays no dues and has all the rights and responsibilities of a Member except the right to vote, hold an office or sponsor Members.

SECTION 2:

Dues - Yearly rates are set by the Board of Directors - payable on or before the first day of March each year. Dues for individual members shall not exceed \$50 per year; dues for household members shall not exceed \$75.00 per year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of January the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year. Associate or Foreign membership dues shall not exceed \$35.00 per 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 one NBC A member in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. Applicants may be elected by secret ballot at any meeting of the Board of Directors or by mail, using the two envelope system. Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the Directors voting are required to elect an applicant. An applicant who has received a negative vote by the Board may be presented by the applicant's endorser at the next Annual Meeting of the Club and the members present may elect such applicant by secret ballot and a favorable vote of 2/3 of the members present. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within twelve months after such rejection.

SECTION 4:

Termination - Memberships may be terminated: a) by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the 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 each fiscal year. b) By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however the Board may grant an additional 90 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a member be entitled to vote whose dues are unpaid. c) By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article V of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS

SECTION 1:

Annual Meeting - The annual meeting of this Club shall be held in months of September, October or November in conjunction with the Club's Specialty Show if possible. The Board shall designate the place, date and hour. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be 10 percent of the members in good standing. All meetings may be conducted via teleconference and video conference in accordance with Washington State Law.

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 at a meeting of the Board or who vote by mail; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business shall be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3:

Board Meetings - The first meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the election. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board. SECTION 4: Board Business - The Board may also conduct its business by telephone conference call, video conference, mail, email and FAX, provided it does not conflict with any other

provision of these bylaws. Items voted upon by telephone conference call, mail or FAX must be confirmed in writing within 7 days.

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

Board of Directors - The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Members-at-Large, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the U.S., and eighteen years of age or older. They shall be elected for a rotating two-year term as provided in Article IV. The President, Secretary, and two Board members shall be voted on in years ending in an odd number. The Vice-President, Treasurer, and the remaining two Board members shall be voted on in years ending in an even number. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board.

SECTION 2: Officers - The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meeting, and the Board and its meetings. 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 the President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws. b) The Vice-president shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity. c) The 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 the 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) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. He shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. The books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Board, and a report shall be given at every meeting on the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported. At the Annual Meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the Board shall consist of at least seven persons. f) AKC Delegate. Among other duties, the Delegate shall report to the Club all actions and matters discussed at the AKC's Quarterly meetings.

SECTION 3: Vacancies - Any vacancies occurring in the Board or among the officers in the middle of their term shall be filled until the next election for that position by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board; 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 the Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

THE CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS, AND 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 immediately at the conclusion of the election and shall continue through the next election. The elected officers and directors shall take office on the first day of the month following the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 2:

Voting. At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the annual election of officers, the delegate and directors, and for amendments to the constitution and bylaws and the breed standard, which shall be decided by ballot. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.

SECTION 3: Annual Election - The election of officers and delegate to The American Kennel Club (who may but need not be a director or officer of the Club) shall be conducted by secret ballot. Voting for candidates, if necessary, shall take place in September. The Secretary or an independent firm should send, receive and count ballots.

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The results of the mail-in balloting shall be announced in the next Quarterly Newsletter.

SECTION 4: Nominations and Ballots - No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these bylaws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board before March 15. The Committee shall consist of three members from different areas of the U.S.A. and two alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board. The Board shall name a chairman of the committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, teleconference or video conference in accordance with Washington State Law. a) The Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each open office, and for each open position on the Board and for the delegate to The American Kennel Club, and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee should consider geographical representation of the membership of the Board and the candidate shall have been a member of the NBCA for a minimum of a full year before eligible to hold an office or be on the board. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary, who shall mail the list, including the full name of each candidate and the state in which he resides, to each member of the Club on or before August 1 so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire. b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and postmarked on or before August 24. The petition shall be signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. Except for the position of delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position. c) If no valid additional nominations are received postmarked on or before August 24, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required. d) If one or more additional nominations are received by the Secretary postmarked on or before August 24 the Secretary or an independent firm shall mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all nominees for each contested position in alphabetical order with names of states in which they reside. The membership shall be notified of the election results in the next Quarterly Newsletter. e) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

ARTICLE V – METHODS OF BALLOTING

SECTION 1. ELECTRONIC BALLOT. A ballot that utilizes electronic media or computerized systems for presenting the names of the offices and candidates and statements of questions to be voted on and for recording votes may be used.

SECTION 2. BALLOT BY MAIL. An envelope pre-addressed to the chairman of the tellers shall be enclosed with the ballot. The return address on the pre-addressed envelopes shall be that of the member voting. A plain envelope shall also be enclosed with instructions to place the ballot in the plain envelope, seal it and place it in the pre-addressed envelope. The chairman of the tellers shall open all addressed envelopes and destroy them before opening the plain envelopes containing the ballots, thereby meeting the conditions of a secret ballot.

SECTION 3. Where secret ballots are desired, electronic balloting is the preferred method. Any member may request a mail-in ballot, following the protocol established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION 1:

The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may 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 to aid it on 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 service has been terminated.

ARTICLE VII DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1:

American Kennel Club suspension: Any member who is suspended from any of the privileges of American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period. Any Member who is under pending active inquiry or any disciplinary action determined by AKC shall be suspended from the NBCA 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 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 by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board, 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 which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Breed it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date for a hearing by the Board or a committee of not less than three members of the Board, 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 certified 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.

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, or the Board committee may by a majority vote of those present reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing or until the next annual meeting if that will occur after six months. 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 next annual meeting, which considers the recommendation of the Board or the Board committee. 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 decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4:

Expulsion - Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at an annual meeting of the Club following a Board hearing, and upon the recommendation of the Board or Board committee as provided in Section 3 of this Article. 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 findings and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf the meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board’s suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws or Breed Standard may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments to the bylaws proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with the recommendation of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary. Proposed amendments to the standard for the breed must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the secretary for a vote following the procedures established by AKC Board of Directors

SECTION 2:

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any time, [or the standard for the breed in accordance with AKC policies] provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the 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

procedures described in Article IV, Section 4(d) shall be followed in handling such ballots to insure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date postmarked by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

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 American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE IX

DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of 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.

ARTICLE X

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION I: At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting permit, shall be as follows:

Roll call

Minutes of last meeting

Report of President

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Report of Committees Installation (Officers and Board at Annual Meeting)

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:

Minutes of last meeting

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Report of Committees

Unfinished Business Election of new members New Business Adjournment

ARTICLE XI

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