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Official Standard of the Canaan Dog

General Appearance: The Canaan Dog, the National dog of Israel, is a herding and flock sentry dog originating in the Land of Canaan. The Canaan Dog is a pariah dog type that is naturally alert, inquisitive and watchful. He is mistrustful of strangers and unfamiliar environments, yet loyal and loving with his family. A square dog of medium size, moderate and balanced without extremes, showing a clean outline. The moderately angulated Canaan Dog moves with athletic agility and grace in an efficient, ground-covering endurance trot. He has a wedge-shaped head with low-set erect ears, a high set brush tail that curls over the back when confident, and a straight, harsh, flat-lying double coat. There is a marked distinction between the sexes.

Size, Proportion, Substance: *Size* - Height at the withers is 20 to 24 inches for dogs and 19 to 23 inches for bitches. The ideal Canaan Dog lies in the middle of the stated ranges. *Proportion* - Square when measured from the point of the shoulder to the ischium and from the point of the withers to the ground. *Substance* - Moderate. Dogs generally weigh 45 to 55 pounds and bitches approximately 35 to 45 pounds. Dogs distinctly masculine without coarseness and bitches feminine without over-refinement.

Head: Elongated, the length exceeding the breadth and depth considerably. Wedge-shaped, when viewed from above. Slightly arched when viewed from the side, tapering to stop. The region of the forehead is of medium width, but appearing broader through ears set low to complete an alert expression, with a slight furrow between the eyes. *Expression* - Alert, watchful and inquisitive. Dignified. Eyes - Dark, almond-shaped, slightly slanted. Varying shades of hazel with liver-pointed dogs. Eye rims darkly pigmented or of varying shades of liver harmonizing with coat color. Fault - Unpigmented eye rims.

Ears - Erect, medium to large, set moderately low, broad at the base, tapering to a very slightly rounded tip. Ears angled very slightly forward when excited. A straight line from the inner corner of the ear to the tip of the nose should just touch the inner corner of the eye and a line drawn from the tip of the ear to the tip of the nose should just touch the outer corner of the eye. Ear motion contributes to expression and clearly defines the mood of the dog. Major Fault - In the adult dog, other than erect ears. Stop - Slightly accentuated. **Muzzle** - Tapering to complete the wedge shape of the head. Length equal to or slightly longer than the length of the skull from the occiput to stop. Whisker trimming optional. Nose - Darkly pigmented or varying shades of liver, harmonizing with coat color. Lips - Tight with good pigmentation. **Bite** - Scissors.

Neck, Topline, Body: **Neck** - well arched. Balance to body and head and free from throatiness. **Topline** - Level with slight arch over the loins. **Body** - Strong, displaying athletic agility and trimness. Chest - Moderately broad and deep, extending to the elbows, with well-sprung ribs. Loin - Well-tucked up. Short, muscled flanks. **Tail** - Set high. When confident tail will be carried curled over the back, either in a curl or sickle, with one full curl being the ideal. When extended, the bone shall reach to the hocks.

Forequarters: Shoulders moderately angulated. Legs straight. Pasterns flexible with very slight slope when viewed from the side. Dewclaws may be removed. Feet - Catlike, pads hard, pigmentation harmonizing with nose and eye rims. Nails strong, hard, pigmentation harmonizing with either nose and eye rims or coat. **Hindquarters:** Moderately angulated. In balance with forequarters. Straight when

viewed from the rear. Thigh musculature well-developed, moderately broad. Hocks well-let-down. Dewclaws must be removed. Feet and nails as in fore-quarters.

Coat: Double coat. Outer coat-straight, harsh, flat-lying. Outer coat of medium length on body, shorter on front part of the legs and head; longer on ruff, tail, top of withers and back of thigh. Ruff more pronounced on males. Thick brush tail tapering to a pointed tip. Undercoat - soft and short with density varying with climate. Excessively long outer coat that masks the clean outline of the dog is undesirable as is any trimming that alters the natural appearance of the dog.

Color: There are two color patterns. Pattern 1) Predominantly white with mask and with or without additional patches of color (large body patches are desirable). Pattern 2) Solid colored with or without white trim. Color may range from black through all shades of brown - sandy to red or liver. Shadings of black on a solid brown or tan dog are frequently seen. The trim on a solid colored dog may include chest, undercarriage, feet and lower part of leg and tip of tail. In all color patterns self-ticking may be present. Disqualifications - Gray and/or brindle. All white.

Mask: The mask is a desired and distinguishing feature of the predominantly white Canaan Dog. The mask is the same color(s) as the body patches on the dog. The basically symmetrical mask must completely cover the eyes and ears or can completely cover the head as in a hood. The only allowed white in the mask or hood is a white blaze of any size or shape and/or white on the muzzle below the mask. Faults - On predominantly white dogs - absence of mask, half mask, or grossly asymmetrical mask.

Gait: The characteristic gait is a brisk and tireless trot covering more ground than expected. Moderate angulation results in the appropriate reach and drive of the natural dog's endurance trot. In this trot the rear paw steps into the footprint of the front paw. His trot tends to converge to the center at higher speeds. The Canaan Dog is agile, graceful and able to change speed and direction instantly. Correct movement is essential to this breed.

Temperament: Alert, vigilant, devoted and docile with his family. Reserved and aloof with strangers. Highly territorial, serving as a responsive companion and natural guardian. Very vocal, persistent. Easily trained. Faults - Shyness or dominance toward people.

Disqualifications: Gray and/or brindle. All white.

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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

CONSTITUTION**PREAMBLE**

The utilization of any male gender pronoun within this Constitution and By-laws includes the female and vise-versa.

ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be the CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

SECTION 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Canaan Dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- (b) To encourage the organization of independent local Canaan Dog Specialty Clubs in those areas 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 this club as the only standard of excellence by which the Canaan Dog shall be judged.
- (d) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests and other events for which the club is eligible.
- (e) To conduct sanctioned conformation, obedience, agility, herding, tracking, and other performance events 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 By-laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

BY-LAWS**ARTICLE 1****Membership**

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be four 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, and its Code of Ethics, and are 18 years of age and older. Membership is open to National Singles - one voting member; and National Households - two voting members residing in the same household; and International Singles - one member; and International Households - two members residing in the same household. National members must reside within the United States of America and any U. S. Territories; International members reside outside of the United States of America.

International members cannot vote or hold office and do not count in determining the quorum. Exception - Any member of the Club in good standing who as of 31 July 1996 enjoyed full rights and privileges, including voting rights and the right to run for office, shall not be deprived of these powers and rights by this clause, but shall retain the same so long as they remain members in good standing,

1 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Open to persons 18 years of age and older. Open to Singles and Households. Open to Nationals and Internationals. Persons holding Associate memberships cannot vote or hold office and do not count in determining the quorum. Associate members can serve on committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee and the Breed Standard Committee, but cannot chair committees. Associate members receive the Club newsletter. Associate members pay full dues. An application for Associate membership requires an endorsement by one Full member in good standing, who will supply a paragraph on why the person(s) applying for Associate membership should be accepted as a member(s). Associate membership requires Board approval.

Associate members shall be notified, after their first anniversary date, that they are eligible to apply for Full membership if they meet all of the other requirements for Full membership.

2 FULL MEMBERSHIP

Applicants must be an Associate member in good standing for one year. Applicants for Full membership must currently own a Canaan Dog. An application for Full membership requires endorsements by two Full members in good standing, who are not from the same household. Open to persons 19 years of age and older. Open to Singles and Households. Open to Nationals. A Full member can vote, hold office, chair committees and endorse new Associate member applicants. Full membership requires Board approval.

An Associate member who applies for Full membership status, who is turned down by the Board, retains Associate membership status and may reapply for Full membership after 6 months from the Board vote tally date.

It is only possible to go from Full Single to Full Household membership after the second member goes through the Associate membership process. When the second member applies for Associate membership, the difference between Single dues and Full dues must be paid regardless of the time of year. The first (Full) member of the household may not be an endorser for the second (Associate) member of the household.

Any member of the Club in good standing as of the date this Constitution and By-laws is approved will be “grandfathered” into Full membership status regardless of Canaan Dog ownership status.

3 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

For those individuals who have been Full National members in good standing for 25 years. Lifetime members pay no dues but retain all of the privileges of a Full member. Requires Board approval.

4 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary members do not pay dues and cannot vote or hold office. Honorary members receive the Club newsletter. Honorary members may apply for Associate membership and Full membership if they meet the membership requirements herein set forth and upon payment of dues. Requires Board approval.

SECTION 2. Dues. Membership dues shall be payable on or before the first day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of October, the Club shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. New applications received after September first of any year shall receive membership for the balance of that year and all twelve months of the year immediately following.

The dues schedule shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall not exceed \$100 per year. Changes to the dues schedule may only be made by either the Board of Directors or a majority of the voting membership, at any special meeting called for that purpose, or any regular meeting of either body. Any alteration to the dues schedule shall take effect the next calendar year and the altered amounts due shall be payable as of the first day of January of that year.

A notice of any change in the dues schedule made by the Board of Directors shall be published in the club newsletter together with a copy of the pertinent sections of this Constitution and By-laws, setting forth the rights of the membership to call a special membership meeting to consider the Board action. If such a meeting is held, the membership vote shall be by mail and shall be controlling. If such a decision of rescission or alteration is rendered at a membership meeting, the Board shall not reconsider the matter for a minimum of one year following the certification of the membership vote.

SECTION 3. Election to 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 by 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 member in good standing for Associate membership and two members in good standing for Full membership, and be filed with the Membership Chair. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. Any person whose application for Associate membership is rejected shall be refunded any dues paid.

Applicants may be elected by secret ballot, or by ballot known only to the Recording Secretary or an independent auditor, at any meeting of the Board of Directors or by mail, FAX, telephone or other electronic means. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the officers and Directors present at any meeting of the Board or the members of the Board voting by mail, FAX, telephone or other approved means, shall be required to elect an applicant. An application which has received a negative vote by the Board may be presented by one of the applicant’s endorsers at the next meeting of the Club and the Club may elect such applicant by a favorable vote of 75% of the members present. Such a vote shall be by secret ballot. An applicant that is rejected by the Club may not reapply within 6 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 Secretary. No member may be designated as resigning in good standing who resigns while in debt to the Club.

(b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member’s dues remain unpaid after March 31; however, the Board may grant an additional 30 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. Membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in ARTICLE VII of this Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE II Meetings

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Specialty at a place, date and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member or published in The Canaan Kibitzer, the official publication of the Club, at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be 10% of the Full members in good standing. Each officer and Board member shall be counted in both the membership quorum and Board of Directors quorum.

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, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the Club members in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. 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 may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 10% of the Full members in good standing.

SECTION 3. Board Meetings. The Board shall meet prior to the annual membership meeting. 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 each such 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 such a meeting shall be a majority of the board voting in person, by mail, FAX, telephone, e-mail or other electronic means as defined in ARTICLE II, SECTION 4.

SECTION 4. Electronic communication of business by the Board of Directors. Business, including voting, may be conducted at meetings or via mail, FAX, telephone, e-mail or other approved electronic means through the Secretary provided it does not conflict with any other provision of these by-laws. Items voted on by mail, FAX, telephone, e-mail or other approved electronic means must be confirmed in writing within seven (7) days. In order for business to be conducted by e-mail, the following precautions must be in place:

- (a) every Board member must be provided with the means to participate;
- (b) a procedure must be in place to verify that the identity of the individuals participating to ensure that they are the eligible Board members;
- (c) a mechanism must be in place to verify that the eligible Board members are "listening";
- (d) all Board members must agree to participate in this manner.

ARTICLE III Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors, each of whom shall be Full member in good standing who is a resident of the United States. Each of the three geographical regions described in SECTION 2 must have at least one Director residing in that region. Should, during the term of office, a change in a Director's residence leave a void in one of the geographical regions, the void will remain until the next regular election. The Board of Directors shall be elected for two year terms 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. Sectional Representation. The three geographical regions shall be comprised of the following states and US Territories and shall have approximately the same number of members for each region. The Board shall review the composition of the regions every 6 years for the purpose of making any adjustments to the Section(s).

- (a) Eastern Section consisting of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and US Territories.
- (b) Central Section consisting of Arkansas, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.
- (c) Western Section consisting of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Alaska, and Hawaii.

SECTION 3. Officers. The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, 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) 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 this Constitution and By-laws.

(b) The Vice-President shall have the power and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

(c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, and of all votes taken, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club.

(d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, 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 duties as prescribed in this Constitution and By-laws.

(e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club and receipt therefore. He shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board, in the name of the Club. His books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and he shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported and at the Annual Meeting he shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year.

(f) The Treasurer shall be bonded, the expense of bonding to be borne by the Club.

(g) There shall be, after acceptance of the Club by the AKC as a member club, an additional office, an AKC Delegate. This Delegate shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the election of officers and may be any person who has been a Full member in good standing of this club for a minimum of one year, including officers and Board members. The term of office of the Delegate shall be from the time of his election to the time of the election of the next Delegate, which shall be at the next meeting of the Board of Directors following a general election. The Delegate is, however, subject to the will of the Board and may be removed and replaced at any time.

The duties of the AKC Delegate are as follows: The AKC Delegate shall report to the Board of Directors all actions and matters discussed at the AKC Delegate meetings and shall represent the Club in all matters at such meetings. The AKC Delegate shall report to the Club at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next election 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 Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin January 1 and end on December 31. The Club's official year shall begin on August 1 and end on July 31. The elected officers and Directors shall take office on August 1 and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all Club properties and records relating to that office within 30 days following the election.

SECTION 2. Voting. At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those Full members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for election of officers and Directors, amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and the Standard for the breed, which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may at any time decide to submit other specific questions for decision to the members by written ballot cast by mail.

SECTION 3. Elections. The election of officers and Directors shall be conducted by secret ballot. Ballots to be valid must be received by an independent election auditor designated by the Board of Directors by July 15 of the election year. No member of the Club or immediate relative of a member may act as an election auditor. Ballots shall be counted by the election auditor.

If any elected nominee, at the time of the election, is unable to serve for any reason, that nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by ARTICLE III, SECTION 4.

SECTION 4. Nominations and Ballots. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-laws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before February 1 of the election year. The committee shall consist of three members and three alternates, one from each geographical section, all Full members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, FAX, telephone, or other electronic means subject to similar provisions as otherwise set forth herein.

(a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club in good standing, one candidate each for President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer as well as one candidate for Director from each of the three geographical sections set forth in ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, and one additional candidate for Director without regard to the geographical section, and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Correspond-

ing Secretary who shall mail the list to each member of the Club on or before May 1, so that additional nominations may be made by members if they so desire.

(b) Additional nominations of persons who meet the residence requirements of ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, may be made by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary at his regular address and postmarked on or before June 1, signed by five Full members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office.

(c) If no valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before June 1, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.

(d) If one or more additional nominations are postmarked on or before June 1 of an election year, the Corresponding Secretary shall, on or before June 15 mail to each eligible member in good standing a ballot listing candidates for each of the 5 offices in alphabetical order. Candidates for Director shall be listed by sections of the country and in alphabetical order within each section. With each ballot the Corresponding Secretary shall mail a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary or an independent auditor marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. The Recording Secretary is obligated, under Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, not to divulge any individual's member's vote, but only to provide a tally of all the votes. 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 election auditor. The election auditor shall check the returns against the Corresponding Secretary's official list of members in good standing 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. Upon completion of the count, the election auditor shall render a written report to the Corresponding Secretary and shall turn over to the Corresponding Secretary the envelopes and the marked ballots. The report, which shall give the number of members voting and the votes cast for each candidate, and the ballots shall be retained for one year by the Corresponding Secretary and then destroyed. The Corresponding Secretary shall, within five days after receiving the election auditor's report of election results, notify by telephone or mail each candidate of such results. In addition, the Corresponding Secretary shall mail the election results to the Editor of The Canaan Kibitzer, who shall publish such results in the next issue.

The election auditor shall count and certify all ballots of eligible candidates. The persons receiving the largest number of votes for the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be declared elected. The candidate for Director from each of the three geographical sections set forth in ARTICLE III, SECTION 2 receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The candidate for Director receiving the largest number of votes after the geographical requirement has been fulfilled shall also be declared elected.

(f) Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided above.

ARTICLE V

Committees

SECTION 1. At the first Board meeting after the election of officers, members may be appointed to the following committees: Budget, Auditing, Historian, Advertising, Ways and Means, Newsletter Editor, Health Chair, Herding, Agility, Awards, Judges Education Coordinator, Public Education Coordinator, Membership, Obedience and any other committee deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, performance trials and matches, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President to aid in particular projects.

SECTION 3. Any committee appointment, excepting ad hoc committees, may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee. The Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated. Ad hoc committee membership may be terminated by the President with Board approval.

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 immediately suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. *Charges.* All disciplinary matters will be conducted in an Executive Session. 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 Corresponding Secretary, together with a deposit of \$75 in U.S. funds which shall be forfeited to the Club if such charges are not sustained by the Board or a Committee 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 thereafter, within a reasonable period of time, 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 of 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 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 an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 3. *Board Hearing.* The Board or Committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Counsel must be a licensed attorney. Attorneys, if allowed, may only advise their clients but may not participate in the proceedings. General notes or tape recordings of the hearing may be made and kept by the Board or Committee, but a detailed transcript is not required. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board or 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 fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board or Committee. Immediately after the Board or Committee has reached a decision, its findings 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 decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. *Expulsion.* Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board or Committee as provided in SECTION 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in their own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in their own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws (and to the Standard for the breed) may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary and signed by 20% of the membership which is entitled to vote and in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petitions shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and, after acceptance of this Club as a member club by the American Kennel Club, such proposals either by petition or by the Board must be submitted to the American Kennel Club for approval within thirty days. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three months of the date of reception of American Kennel Club approval. If such approval is withheld, the proposal of the Board or petition shall be void.

SECTION 2. The Constitution and By-laws and the Standard for the breed may be amended at any time, subject to the provisions of SECTION 1 of this Article, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to each Full member in good standing, accompanied by a ballot on which he may indicate his choice for or against the action to be taken. The notice shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned to the Corresponding Secretary to be counted. To ensure secrecy of the vote, with each ballot the Corresponding Secretary shall mail a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary or an independent auditor marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. The Recording Secretary is obligated, under Robert's Rules of Order, newly Revised, not to divulge any individual's member's vote, but only to provide a tally of all the votes. 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 Recording Secretary or independent auditor.

The Recording Secretary or independent auditor shall check the returns against the Corresponding Secretary's official list of members in good standing 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. Upon completion of the count, the Recording Secretary or independent auditor shall render a written report to the Corresponding Secretary and shall turn over to the Corresponding Secretary the envelopes and the marked ballots. The report, which shall give the number of members voting and the votes cast for each candidate, and the ballots shall be retained for one year by the Corresponding Secretary and then destroyed. The Corresponding Secretary shall, within five days after receiving the Recording Secretary or independent auditor's report of the voting results, notify the Board of such results via mail, FAX, telephone, e-mail or other approved electronic means. In addition, the corresponding Secretary shall mail the voting results to the Editor of The Canaan Kibitzer, who shall publish such results in the next issue. The report, which shall give the number of members voting and the votes cast for each candidate, and the ballots shall be retained for one year by the Corresponding Secretary and then destroyed. The favorable vote of two-thirds of the members entitled to vote, who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

ARTICLE VIII**Dissolution**

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the Full members in good standing. 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 payments of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable, non-profit organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX**Order of Business**

SECTION 1. At meetings of the Club, except as otherwise provided herein, the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call
 Minutes of the Last Meeting
 Report of the Board
 Report of President
 Report of Secretary
 Report of Treasurer
 Reports of Committees
 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 Secretary
 Report of Treasurer
 Report of Committees
 Unfinished Business
 Election of New Members
 New Business
 Adjournment

ARTICLE X**Parliamentary Authority**

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts 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 By-laws and any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.



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CDCA All Breed Agility Trial	May 17-19, 2026	Pendleton SC
2026 CDCA National Specialty	July 16-19, 2026	Concord NC
CDCA Supported Entry	September 18-19, 2026	Prescott, AZ
CDCA Supported Entry	November 14-15, 2026	Oakes, PA
CDCA All Breed Agility Trial	November 27-29, 2026	Pendleton SC

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2027 CDCA National Specialty	June 18-20, 2027	Wilmington OH
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All events pending AKC approvals.

