

ARTICLE I

NAMES, OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

- Section 1 The name of the Association shall be the Yankee Jack Russell Terrier Network (YJRTN).
- Section 2 The objects and purposes of the Association shall be:
- a) To promote and maintain the Jack Russell as a working breed terrier, along with its courage, intelligence and working ability, in affiliation with the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America.
 - b) To appose affiliation with or influence by any organizations or persons whose beliefs or actions might result in practices considered detrimental to the breed.
 - c) To maintain a current list of the names and addresses of all members of the YJRTN.
 - d) To support and encourage the working ability of the Jack Russell Terrier.
 - e) To gather and distribute information which can be used to educate members and improve the conditions or methods employed in the breeding, raising and working of Jack Russell Terriers.
 - f) To support and encourage Jack Russell Terrier fun days and JRTCA-sanctioned trials.
 - g) The Association shall not be conducted or operated for a profit, and no part of any profits from dues, etc. shall inure the benefit of any member.
 - h) The Officers of the Association shall adopt and from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Persons applying for membership in the YJRTN (or renewing a current membership) and members of their immediate family shall not be a member of a conflicting JRT organization or club as defined by the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America. Applicants shall not register their JRTs with any conflicting organization of any kennel club. Membership may be terminated, suspended or refused by the YJRTN Officers for violation of this rule.
- Section 2 Dues must be paid and the member in good standing for club privileges.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

- Section 1 The officers of the Association shall be a Co-Chairperson (Internal), Co-Chairperson (External), and a Secretary/Treasurer. All officers must be members in good standing of the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America and the YJRTN. No one person shall hold more than one office at any given time.
- The term shall be one year for the term August 1997- July 1998 and two years thereafter for each office.

Elections shall be held biennially in August. Notification of election shall be published in the YJRTN newsletter and nomination solicited from membership via two newsletters prior to the election. Deadline for nominations shall be May 1. Votes shall be mailed via closed ballot; majority vote of responding members shall decide election results. Ballots are to be sent to the Secretary.

For purpose of conducting Club business, a quorum of Officers is needed. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of seated officers.

- Section 2 The Co-Chairperson (Internal) shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at meetings. He or she shall sign all contracts and obligations and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her or dictated by the needs of the Club.
- Section 3 The Co-Chairperson (External), in the absence of the Co-Chairperson (Internal), shall perform the duties of the Co-Chairperson (Internal).
- Section 4 The Secretary/Treasurer shall give notice of all meetings of the members and officers. He/she shall be responsible for the publication of the bi-monthly newsletter of the Association and recording of minutes at meetings and keeping records of the Association.
- The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the Association, shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association, which he or she shall deposit in the name of the Association such bank as the officers designate. He or she shall keep proper books of accounts, showing the disposition of all funds that may pass through his or her hands. There shall be two signatories for Club checks, the Treasurer or one other designated Officer. He or she shall make a full report in writing covering the financial condition of the Club yearly in the YJRTN newsletter.
- Section 5 Resignation: Any Officer may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein and if no time is specified, at the time of its receipt by the Co-Chairperson (Internal) or Secretary/Treasurer. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. A replacement shall be appointed by a majority vote of Officers.
- Section 6 Removal: Any Officer may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the quorum of Officers. The Officer in question must be advised of possible removal thirty days prior and given opportunity to respond.
- Section 7 Salaries: The Officers of the YJRTN shall perform their duties without salary except as to persons for whom the Officers shall specifically authorize the payment of a salary, or of compensation; the majority of Officers shall agree upon such payment or compensation.
- Section 8 Succession: All newly elected Officers shall take office upon election. Each retiring Officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office, as soon as is practical, but no later than one month after his or her retirement, all properties and records relating to that office.

ARTICLE IV

AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 By the Members: These By-Laws may be added to, altered and amended by written petition, submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer, and signed by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of YJRTN members in good standing. Changes in said petition shall be considered by the Officers and submitted to the YJRTN membership with the Officers' recommendation in the next scheduled newsletter. Petitions determined by the Officers to be detrimental to the breed standard or in support of conflicting organizations, as defined by the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America, will not be considered.

Section 2 By the Officers: These By-Laws may be added to, altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) quorum of Officers.

ARTICLE V

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1 Use of the YJRTN Logo: Property rights to any original concepts of the YJRTN logo are to remain the property of the YJRTN, as agreed by contract between the YJRTN and the artist.

ARTICLE VI

DISSOLUTION

Section 1 The YJRTN may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of members responding to notice of such. Notice of intent to dissolve shall be published in the next YJRTN newsletter and JRTCA National publication. In the event of dissolution of the YJRTN, property of the YJRTN may be sold at fair market value; notice of sale to be published in the newsletter. After payments of debts of the YJRTN, proceeds and assets shall be donated to the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment I
Officers Section 1 For the year 2000, Internal Co-Chairperson position shall be a one-year period. Thereafter, the Internal Co-Chairperson's position shall be a two-year period.

The External Co-Chairperson's position shall remain a two-year period of office.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall remain a two-year period of office.

This will guarantee that at least one experienced officer is in office at all times.

Amendment II
Officers Section 1 Elections shall be held annually in November. Notification of election shall be published in the YJRTN newsletter and nomination solicited from membership via the September issue of the newsletter prior to the election. Deadline for nominations shall be October 15th. Votes shall be mailed via closed ballot; majority vote of responding members shall decide election results. Ballots are to be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Amendment III
Officers Section 4 The Secretary/Treasurer shall give notice of all meetings of the members and officers. He/she shall be responsible for the publication of the quarterly newsletter of the Association and recording of minutes at meetings and keeping records of the Association.

Amendment IV
Dissolution Section 1 After payment of debts of the YJRTN, proceeds and assets shall be donated to the Jack Russell Terrier Research Foundation and Jack Russell Rescue, Inc., or to any comparable or successor Jack Russell Terrier non-profit organizations, in any proportion as voted by a majority of the then YJRTN officers comprised of a 2/3 quorum.

Amendment V
Officers Section 1

For purpose of conducting Club business that requires the Members' vote, a quorum of 21 Members in good standing is needed.

Amendment VI
Officers Section 1

The officers of the Association shall be two Co-Chairpersons, Treasurer and Secretary. All officers must be members in good standing of the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America and the YJRTN. No one person shall hold more than one office at any given time.

The term of office for one Co-Chairperson and Treasurer shall end June 30, 2007 and each two years thereafter. The terms of office for the other Co-Chairperson and Secretary shall end June 30, 2008 and each two years thereafter.

Elections shall be held annually at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Association in or around March of each year for the officers whose term expires in July of that calendar year. Notification of each election and nomination solicitations shall be via the YJRTN newsletter or other suitable written communications to current members by no later than 31 October of the year preceding the election. Nominations may be made by any member for any of the ending Officer positions, in writing, to the Secretary by no later than December 31 of the year preceding the election. Nominees must notify the Secretary of their willingness to accept the position, if elected, for the office for which they have been nominated. The names and other relevant information regarding the Nominees qualifications for the respective Office shall be sent to members by no later than February 28. Votes may be cast by voice at the AGM, or by Proxy sent to the Secretary two weeks prior to the AGM. A simple majority of votes cast by voice and by proxy shall decide election results. If a nominee or incumbent Officer shall run unopposed, a vote will not be required for the nominee to take office.

For the purpose of conducting Club business, a quorum of Officers is needed, which shall consist of a majority of seated officers.

Amendment VII
Officers Section 4

The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the members and officers. He/she shall be responsible for the publication of the bi-monthly newsletter of the Association and recording of minutes at meetings and keeping records of the Association.

The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the Association, shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association, which he or she shall deposit in the name of the Association such bank as the officers designate. He or she shall keep proper books of accounts, showing the disposition of all funds that may pass through his or her hands. There shall be two signatories for Club checks, the Treasurer or one other designated Officer. He or she shall make a full report in writing covering the financial condition of the Club yearly in the YJRTN newsletter.

Amendment VIII
Officers Section 8

Succession: All newly elected Officers shall take office as of July 1 of the year of their election. Each retiring Officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office, as soon as is practical, but no later than one month after his or her retirement, all properties and records relating to that office.

Amendments II and III added by Amy McCaslin, Secretary/Treasurer with consent from Co-chairs, Nancy Breakstone and Lisa Griffin on February 18, 2002.

Amendments IV and V added by Susan Riley, Secretary/Treasurer with consent from Co-chairs, Bob Franklin and Don Mumma on December 4, 2005.

Amendments VI, VII and VIII added by Renée Gamba, Secretary with consent from Co-chairs, Bob Franklin and Don Mumma, and Treasurer, Susan Riley, on July 30, 2006.