

UNITED TEDDY ROOSEVELT TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: This Organization will be known as the UTRTCA. Its membership will be made up of dedicated purebred dog enthusiasts of the United States of America and surrounding areas, or any person duly elected to membership.

ARTICLE II: CLUB PURPOSE The purpose of this club will be to educate, promote, publicize and encourage interest in the high standard of excellence of the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier in abidance with UKC directives and the UKC Breed Standard. To fulfill this Article, we also promise to:

1. To hold licensed UKC events that will be run in accordance with all the rules, policies, and procedures of the United Kennel Club. (This includes, but is not limited to, Breed Standards, and the rules for all Conformation and Performance events.)
2. To dismiss from our membership without hesitation those who violate these by-laws and the principles of good sportsmanship and honest conduct.
3. The club will not hold any other registry's events on the same day/location as that of any UKC event without the prior approval of UKC.
4. We reserve the right to refuse any entry in our competitions, as well as membership in this Club to any individual, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and members. However, no person will be refused entry or membership on a basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, age, or national origin.

ARTICLE III: NEW MEMBERSHIP

1. The method of obtaining membership in this Club will be as follows: Each applicant for membership in the Club will apply on a Board-approved application for Membership, which will provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the Club and the rules and regulations of the United Kennel Club. The prospective member will submit the completed application and dues for the current year to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will forward the application to the Secretary which will submit it to the Board of Directors for approval.
2. Once the membership application and dues have been submitted, the Board of Directors will vote on the applicant at the earliest convening. A simple majority vote is required to accept the applicant.
3. No applicant will be accepted to membership if he or she is not in good standing with UKC.
4. There are five types of membership available with this club:
 - a. Family/Household – Any two members of a household, 18 years of age or older, each Family/Household is entitled to two votes but only one may hold office at any one time.

b. Single – One member, 18 years of age or older, entitled to one vote and are eligible to hold office.

c. Junior – A non-voting member under the age of 18 on January 1 of the current year. There is no fee for a Junior membership. Once a junior is no longer eligible for this membership they must submit a new membership application with appropriate dues. Junior Membership is not entitled to vote or hold office.

d. Breeder Sponsored – Club members who are breeders and who are in good standing, may submit application for membership to New Puppy Buyers of a UKC puppy. A Breeder Sponsored membership is not entitled to vote or hold office and expires at the end of the calendar year that the application was submitted. Breeder Sponsored Members must convert their Membership to either “Single” or “Family/Household” memberships after expiration of their Sponsored Membership to remain in the Club.

e. Honorary – The Board of Directors may elect to give an individual who has done outstanding work for the canine community as a whole or who excels in other areas of expertise which are beneficial to the club, Teddy Roosevelt Terriers and/or its members. Honorary membership is not entitled to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP DUES The dues of this Club will be in the amount decided upon by the membership and will be due and payable on or before September 1 of the current year to the Treasurer. Any member who has not paid their dues by October 1st of the current year will be dropped from the rolls. However, if any member is in financial distress, his/her dues may be waived by a majority vote of the Board, on a case by case basis.

ARTICLE V: CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP

The following will be the conditions of continuing membership:

1. The attendance of as many member meetings as possible. Members will be notified of club membership meetings at least 14 days in advance.

2. The attendance of and participation in all Club activities. The attendance clauses of Article V, section 1 will be waived due to illness, disability, conflict with employment, excessive distance, or bona-fide previous commitments. Request for waiver must be submitted to the board prior to the meeting date.

3. Any member known to: promote, support, raise dogs for fighting; knowingly sell, give, or trade dogs that will be used for fighting; condone or be associated with the facing off, game testing, rolling or pitting of dogs will have their membership automatically revoked. The member will be reported to United Kennel Club for disciplinary action as well.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Officers and Board Members will be elected at the annual meeting of every odd year. Any Officer may succeed him- or herself. All elections will be by secret ballot and decided by a simple majority vote. This article will be used to govern the Officers of the Club. A member may hold no more than one position in office during a term. The officers and their respective duties will be detailed in the Standard Operating Procedures and will also include the responsibilities listed below:

1. **PRESIDENT:** The President will preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, and will have the duties and powers normally pertaining to the office of the President in addition to those specified in these bylaws.
2. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice President will assist the President whenever possible. The Vice President will have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
3. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary will keep a written record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board. The Secretary will have charge of the correspondence, including but not limited to; notifying members of meetings and events, notifying new members of their election to membership, and keeping a roll of the members along with current contact information which is required to be submitted to the United Kennel Club by December 31 of each year.
4. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer will collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. Monies will be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the Club. The books will at all times be accurate, up to date, and open to inspection by the board. A treasury report will be given at every meeting of the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment that was not previously reported; and at the annual meeting, an accounting will be rendered of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. In the event of the resignation, death or expulsion of the Treasurer, all monies and account books of the Club will be handed over to the Board until the office of Treasurer is filled by a majority vote of the Board. The President will sign all checks during any interim period. The books and accounts of the Treasurer will be audited annually, prior to the annual meeting, by a committee appointed by the President.
5. The checks on the account(s) of this Club will be signed by Treasurer and/or the President.

ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

1. The Board of Directors of this Club will be comprised of the officers listed in Article VI and three additional Board Members whom are elected at large by the membership at the annual meeting, the President, Treasurer, and two Board members in the even years and the Secretary, Vice President and one Board member in the odd years.

2. The Board will appoint committees as needed to advance the operation of the Club or to aid the Board on particular projects. Committee decisions will be subject to the final authority of the Board and can be dissolved at any time by a simple majority vote of the board.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

1. Elections will be conducted at the Annual Membership meeting held in December of each year, for those positions that are eligible for election, the term is 2 years. Newly elected officers will begin their term Jan 1st of the following year.

2. The election of Officers and directors will be conducted by secret written ballot, except if a nominee goes unopposed, then the person nominated will be declared elected by the Secretary at the annual meeting. If multiple nominations have been made, the Chairperson of the Tally Committee will report the results of the election at the annual meeting. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office or position on the board will be declared elected.

2. **NOMINATIONS:** No person may be a candidate for an office or position on the Board who has not been nominated. Nominations of eligible members will be made by the Nominating Committee and posted to the membership on or before October 1st. Additional nominations will be accepted on the floor or in writing to the Secretary no later than November 1st. All nominations will be accompanied by a written or electronic acceptance of the nomination from each additional nominee. No person will be nominated for more than one position.

3. **TALLY COMMITTEE:** The Board of Directors will select three current members, living within reasonable driving distance of one another. These members will serve as the Tally Committee, in the event that it becomes necessary to hold an election or vote on a proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws. Their duty will be to count and tally the ballots. The Board will name one member of this committee as Chairperson, who will receive all ballots and reports the totals to the Board, the Secretary will then report the results to the membership.

4. To make amendments to the Club Bylaws, Club Name or other procedural changes to the Club require a majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

1. **REGULAR MEMBER MEETINGS:** The Regular membership meetings of this Club will be held at least once every six months at a time and location decided upon by the Board. Members will be notified of time, location and agenda of the meeting no later than 15 days prior to the meeting.

2. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** This meeting is to be held in December of each calendar year. Board elections are to be held at this meeting every odd year and any new elected Officers or Board members will start their term January 1 of the following year.

3. **BOARD MEETINGS:** The first meeting of the Board will be held immediately following the annual meeting and election. Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held as needed at a time and location agreed upon by the Board but no less than quarterly. Written notice of each meeting will be posted at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting will be a majority of the Board.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE

1. **SUSPENSION:** Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the United Kennel Club will be automatically suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period. Any member suspended from the club through the process of a Board Hearing will be suspended for no more than one year.

2. **EXPULSION:** Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the next meeting following a Board Hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The respondent will have the privilege of appearing in his or her own behalf though no evidence will be taken to this meeting. The President will read the charges, and the findings and recommendations, and will invite the respondent, if present, to speak on his/her own behalf. The meeting will then vote on the proposed expulsion. A majority vote of those present and voting at the meeting will be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board can proceed with a suspension for no more than one year.

3. **BOARD HEARING:** The Board will have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and respondent will be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after the hearing, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the respondent from all privileges of the club for no more than one year. If the Board deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension will not restrict the respondent's right to appear before his fellow members at the next meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its finding will be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, will notify each of the parties of the Board's decision.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing.

2. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, other than for purposes of reorganization, none of the property of the Club nor any assets of the Club will be distributed to any members. After the club's debts have been paid, the remainder of the Treasury must be donated to a charitable organization.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

1. Bylaws and Amendments must be approved by a majority vote of the membership in good standing.
2. All changes to these By Laws must be approved by UKC before being implemented.

ARTICLE XIII: GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, firearms, or illegal drugs will be allowed on the grounds or in the buildings while participating in any licensed UKC events.
2. All United Kennel Club policies will be strictly adhered to during all UKC Events.
3. Members must conduct themselves in an honest and sportsman like matter at all meetings and events.
4. Every applicant must agree to abide by these By Laws before being accepted into membership.

The above By Laws are agreed to by the Board and Membership on 09-12-2018.

Board Signatures agreeing to the above By-Laws.

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Board Member: _____