

## OTTERHOUND CLUB OF AMERICA INC. CONSTITUTION

**Section 1.** The name of the Club shall be The Otterhound Club of America, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Club. The Club is incorporated in the State of Maryland as a 501(c)(4) organization, in compliance with the applicable laws of that State and the Internal Revenue Code applicable to such organizations.

**Section 2.** The objects of this Club shall be:

a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Otterhounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

b) to encourage the organization of independent local 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 Breed Standard as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Otterhounds shall be judged.

d) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by advocating responsible ownership and breeding of Otterhounds and by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and any other event for which the Club is eligible under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

e) to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, and other events for which the Club is eligible under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

**Section 3.** The Club shall be conducted and operated as a not 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 except that the Club will be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth above. The Club will not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office except to the extent allowed under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations there under.

**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 objects.