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# LINN COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1 NAME AND OBJECTIVE

**SECTION 1** The name of the club shall be the Linn County Kennel Club

**SECTION 2** The object of this Club shall be:

- a) To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs.
- b) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials, rally trials, and agility trials.
- c) To conduct dog shows, obedience and rally trials and sanctioned matches and any other eligible 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 donation to the Club shall inure to 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 *two types of membership, Individual and associate.*

- 1a) *Individual-open to all persons, eighteen years of age or older, who are in good standings with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purpose of this Club. Individual members must be actively involved in the Club.*
- 1b) *Associate;open to any person who subscribes to the purpose of the club but is under 18 or unable to attend regular meetings. An associate member is entitled to all club privileges except voting or holding office. An associate member can convert to regular membership at the start of new year on Board approval.*  
While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.  
**Application for membership will be accepted after applicant's attendance at two regular meetings.**

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Meetings and Voting**

**SECTION 1 Club Meetings.** Meetings of the Club shall be held in the greater Albany, Oregon area, on the first Thursday of each month, except for the month of December when the annual awards banquet will be considered the regular meeting, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

**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 and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, or shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Albany, Oregon area, at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standings

**SECTION 3 Board Meetings** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the greater Albany, Oregon area. The board shall meet not less than once every other month. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

**SECTION 4 Special Board Meetings** Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Albany, Oregon area, at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days and no more than 10 days prior to date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

**SECTION 5 Voting** Each Individual member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which they are present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

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**SECTION 3 Vacancies** Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose, 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.

a) *Attendance* An officer or board member that misses 3 consecutive regular Board meetings may be removed by the Board.

## ARTICLE IV

### The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

**SECTION 1 Club Year** The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December.

*The Clubs official year shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January and end On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December.*

**SECTION 2 Annual Meeting** The annual meeting shall be held in the month of November at which time Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records relating to the office within 60 days after the election.

**SECTION 3 Elections** The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The three nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

**SECTION 4 Nominations** No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. *Nominees must have attended the majority of the general membership meeting in the year prior to nomination. During the month of August, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee members and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the committee and it shall be his or her duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.*

a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and three candidates for the three other positions on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall

**SECTION 2 Sportsmanship:** A member of Linn County Kennel Club shall always conduct himself in a manner which will reflect credit upon himself, the Club, his breed, and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of the location or the circumstances.

**SECTION 3 Charges:** Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$100.00 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 or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than three weeks nor more than six week thereafter.

The 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 her or she wishes. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction..

**SECTION 4 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 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. 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 or her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. 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 Board's decision and penalty,

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Medicine and SafeHaven Humane Society or another recognized Humane Society.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Order of Business**

**SECTION 1** At meeting of the Club, order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call  
Minutes of last meeting  
Report of President  
Report of Secretary  
Report of Treasurer  
Reports of Committees  
Election of Officers and Board. (at annual meeting)  
Election of new members \*\*  
Unfinished business  
New Business  
Adjournment

(\*\*This should come after the election of the Officers and the Board, if taken up at an annual meeting.)

**SECTION 2** At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise Directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Roll Call  
Reading of the minutes of the last meeting  
Report of the Secretary  
Report of the Treasurer  
Report of the Committees  
Unfinished business  
New business  
Adjournment.

## **ARTICLE X**

**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 special rules of order the club may adopt.