

## **ARTICLE I Membership**

**Section 1**     **Eligibility.** There shall be two types of membership open to all persons eighteen years of age or older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purpose of this club.

1. Individual (Single) Membership – having one vote and entitled to hold office.

2. Associate Membership – available to any individual, enjoys all privileges of the Club except voting and holding office.

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.

**Section 2.**     **Dues.** Membership dues shall not exceed \$30.00 per individual membership, or \$25.00 per associate membership per year, payable on the first day of April of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the November meeting the Board of Directors shall set the amount of annual dues. The Treasurer shall send to each member no later than February 1st, a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. There will be a 90-day grace period after the due date, before membership shall lapse for unpaid dues.

**Section 3**     **Election to membership.** Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and bylaws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall; state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the coming year and a signed copy of the Code of Ethics.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting following its receipt. At the next Club meeting the application will be voted upon by secret ballot and affirmative votes of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants will be notified by mail within 30 days of the vote, of the outcome. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not re-apply within six 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; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.

(b) **By lapsing.** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 90 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.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these bylaws.