



**The Bulldog Club of Denver
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The Bulldog Club of Denver, Inc.

The By-laws Committee moves that the attached Constitution and By-laws be adopted by the membership of the Bulldog Club of Denver, Inc., and shall supersede all previous constitutions and by-laws, rules and regulations of the Club.

**ARTICLE I
Name and Objects**

Section 1. The name of the Club shall be Bulldog Club of Denver, Inc.

Section 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

(a) to encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Bulldogs and do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;

(b) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as the only standard of excellence by which Bulldogs shall be judged;

(c) to do all in it's power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows;

(d) to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows 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 donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

**ARTICLE II
Membership**

Section 1. Eligibility. There shall be one type of membership open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and who subscribe to the purpose of this club and who must have an ownership interest in at least one Bulldog within the immediate family (3-15-91).

Section 2. Initiation Fees. There shall be an initiation fee of \$10.00(5-19-00) for all new members due and payable at the time application for membership is submitted. This amount may be changed by two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the annual meeting. No member may vote whose membership has lapsed in accordance with Article II, Section 6, Subsection (b). Any change in the initiation fees shall go into effect on the 1st day of January of the following year. (3-15-91).



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Section 3. Dues. Membership dues shall be \$15.00(5-15-15) per year, payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. This amount may be changed by two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting. No member may vote whose membership has lapsed in accordance with Article II, Section 6, Subsection (b). During November the Secretary shall said to each member notice that dues for the ensuing year are due. (3-15-91).

Section 4. Election to Membership. Each applicant shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by this constitution and by -laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and phone number of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of a member in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year and initiation fee. Applicants must be elected at a regular meeting of the Club. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the membership present at the meeting shall be required to elect an applicant. (3-15-91).

Section 5. Voting by New Members. No new member shall be eligible to vote on any matter of club business until the next regular meeting after the meeting at which the applicant was elected to membership. (3-15-91).

Section 6. 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 calendar year.

(b) **By Lapsing.** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such members' dues remain unpaid after the last day of February. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are lapsed.

(c) **By Expulsion.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of these constitution and by-laws.

**ARTICLE III
Meetings**

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of May, at a place, date and time designated by the Board of Directors. A quorum at any regular or special meeting shall be not less than 20% of the membership in good standing, based on the number of members residing in the Denver-Metro area, which consists of Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson, and Denver counties, (revised unanimously by the membership. Annual meeting 1983).



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Section 2. Special Club Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 20% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least seven days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other club business may be transacted.

Section 3. Board Meetings. The first meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the annual meeting and election. Other meetings of Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by a majority vote of the entire Board. The quorum for a board meeting shall be five members. However, all business transacted must have the affirmative vote of five members. All board meetings shall be open to the general membership.

ARTICLE IV
Directors and Officers

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of nine members- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past President, and four members at large, all of whom shall be elected at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article V, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

(a) The chair officers shall be elected for 1 year terms.

(b) The four members at large shall be elected for two-year terms. However, two of the four members will be elected to two-year terms and two will be elected to one-year terms at the first election only.

(c) General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors whose action shall be considered final unless overridden by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

Section 2. Officers. The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these constitution and by-laws. The President may not be eligible to succeed himself after four consecutive terms.



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(b) The Vice-president shall assist the President and shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

(c) The Secretary shall keep record of all meetings of the Club and the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. (The Secretary) shall have charge of the correspondence and notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these constitution and by-laws.

(d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. (The Treasurer) shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board, in the name of the Club. (The) books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and (The Treasurer) shall report to the Club at regular meetings the Club's financial condition and all items of receipt or disbursement not before reported. The Treasurer (may) be bonded in such amount, as the Board of Directors shall determine. There shall be annual review of the books and records of the Club by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the members voting at a regular meeting as designated by the Board.

**ARTICLE V
The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections**

Section 1. Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the May annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting The elected officers and directors shall take office immediately upon the adjournment of the annual meeting. Each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

Section 2. Voting. At any regular or special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, unless exempted by these constitution and by-laws.

Section 3. Absentee Ballots for Annual Election. Absentee and Proxy ballots, by Rule of the American Kennel Club, are prohibited for any election. (5-16-03)

Section 4. Balloting Committee. The balloting committee shall consist of the Secretary and two other members to be appointed by the Board. It shall be their responsibility to count the ballots and report the results to the membership. A majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to elect any officer or director.



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Section 5. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these by-laws. No person may be nominated for an elective office who has not been a member in good standing for one year. A nominating committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors no later than the February meeting. The committee shall consist of five members all in good standing, no more than (two) of whom shall be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chairman for the Committee.

(a) The nominating committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office and for each at large position on the Board of Directors due for re-election. They shall obtain the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary who shall see that all members are advised of such slate prior to the April regular meeting, so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire (3-15-91).

(b) Any person, including the nominating committee, making a nomination must secure from the nominee his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The President, with the approval of the Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the works of the Club in such matters, as they deem necessary. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

Section 2. Any committee appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors for those persons whose service has been terminated.

ARTICLE VII

Discipline

Section 1. American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

Section 2. Charges. Any member may proffer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. The Secretary shall promptly notify the Board which shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board, not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail



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together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

Section 3. 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 majority vote suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing, or until the next annual meeting if that will occur after six months. 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 fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board. 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 decision and penalty, if any.

Section 4. Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished at any regular meeting of the Club or any special meeting called for that purpose, following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak on his own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

**ARTICLE VIII
Amendments**

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution and by-laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within two months from the date the petition was received by the Secretary. The favorable vote of two third of the members in good standing, present and voting at the following two regular meetings, shall, be required to effect any such amendment.

**ARTICLE IX
Dissolution**

Section 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two - thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the



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Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs, selected by the (last) Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE X
Order of Business**

Section 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows: (3-15-91)

Minutes of last meeting
Report of the President
Report of the Secretary
Report of the Treasurer
Reports of committees
Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
Election of new members
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

Section 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote shall be as follows: (3-15-91)

Reading of minutes of last meeting
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Reports of committees
Unfinished business
New Business
Adjournment

**ARTICLE XI
Procedure**

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order, Revised shall govern the proceedings of this Club, except as provided above, or as may hereinafter be provided by a majority of the members.

**ARTICLE XII
By-laws Committee**

Chairman, Mr. T.R. Singleton, Dr. S.D. Schor, Mr. J.B. Duncan, Mr. R.L. Newcomb, Mrs. Evalyn Singleton.



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The above revision of the By-laws and Constitution of the Bulldog Club of Denver, Inc., was unanimously approved and submitted to the general membership for ratification on May 7, 1965. Ratified Same.

Additional revisions were unanimously approved and ratified by the general membership at the Annual Meeting, 1983.

Additional revisions were unanimously approved and ratified by the general membership on March 15, 1991.

Additional revisions were unanimously approved and ratified by the general membership on May 19, 2000.

Additional revisions were unanimously approved and ratified by the general membership on May 16, 2003.

Additional revisions were unanimously approved and ratified by the general membership on May 15, 2015.