



# CONSTITUTION *and* BY-LAWS

(INSERT CLUB NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

## ARTICLE I

This Organization shall be known as the *(insert club name or initials)* \_\_\_\_\_.

Its membership shall be made up of dedicated hunters and hunting dog enthusiasts of *(insert location)*

\_\_\_\_\_ and surrounding areas, or any person duly elected to membership.

## ARTICLE II

The purpose of this club shall be to promote the sport of hunting with dogs, to promote competition and to condemn the willful and unlawful slaughter of game and the destruction of its habitat. In addition, the purpose of this club shall also be to promote wildlife conservation and responsible hunting. To fulfill this Article, we shall attempt:

1. To aid and assist our members, other organizations and agencies, with the re-locating (when lawful), protection, and propagation of game.
2. To promote fair chase and support the right to free cast hunting dogs on public and private lands.
3. To cooperate with all federal, state, and local agencies, as well as land-owners for the betterment of all types of outdoor activities.
4. To dismiss from our membership without hesitation those who violate these by-laws and the principles of good sportsmanship and fair and honest conduct, both in hunting and competition.

## ARTICLE III

No member of this Club shall advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by unconstitutional methods. We reserve the right to refuse entry (ies) in our competition hunts, as well as membership in this Club to ANYONE at the discretion of the Officers and Board of Directors, and members. However, no person shall be refused membership on a basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, age, or national origin.

### **The method of obtaining membership in this Club shall be as follows:**

1. Be sponsored by a member in good standing, and supply the following information:
  - a. Name
  - b. Address and phone number
  - c. Occupation
  - d. Any game related court convictions within the past three years.
2. Application shall be in writing to the Secretary.
3. Application shall be read by the Secretary.
4. Applications must be approved by the Officers/Board of Directors prior to being voted upon by the membership.
5. Applicants shall receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present, by show of hands, or secret ballot, at the discretion of the President.
6. No applicant will be accepted to membership if he or she has been convicted of a felony, unless specifically approved by a majority vote of the Officers/Board and members.

## ARTICLE IV

### **The following shall be the conditions of continuing membership:**

1. The attendance of as many meetings as possible.
2. The attendance of and participation in all Club activities and hunts, excluding "buddy hunts", to the satisfaction of the Officers/Board. However, the attendance clauses of Article IV, sections 1 and 2 shall be waived due to illness, disability, conflict with employment, excessive distance, or bona-fied previous commitments.
3. Any member convicted in court of law of killing or attempting to kill game out of season shall be dismissed from the Club, if the Officers/Board so vote by majority ballot.

## ARTICLE V

### **This article shall be used to govern the Officers of the Club.**

#### ***Submit application and By-laws to:***

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The Officers shall be elected at the (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_ meeting every (insert term) \_\_\_\_\_ years. Any Officer may succeed himself. All elections shall be by secret ballot and decided by a simple majority. The officers and their respective duties shall be as follows:

1. PRESIDENT: shall preside at all meetings and conduct good order and discipline.
2. VICE-PRESIDENT: shall assist the president in the discharge of his duties, and will preside in his absence.
3. SECRETARY/TREASURER: shall keep an accurate record of all meetings and events. They shall keep an accurate account received and be responsible for the proper collection and distribution of all funds and accounts, under the direction of the Board. They shall preside in the absence of the other elected officers.
4. The books and accounts of the Secretary/Treasurer They shall be audited annually, prior to the election of officers, by a committee appointed by the President.
5. The checks on the account(s) of this Club will be signed by the (list officer(s))  
\_\_\_\_\_.

#### ARTICLE VI

The Board of Directors of this Club shall be nine (9) in number, and elected at large by the membership, and shall include one alternate director. The alternate should attend all Board meetings, and shall have a vote if one or more directors are absent.

#### ARTICLE VII

The dues of this Club shall be in the amount decided upon by the membership and shall be due and payable on (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_. Any member who has not paid their dues by \_\_\_\_\_ (insert dues payable) shall be dropped from the rolls. However, if any member is in financial distress, his dues may be waived by a majority vote of the Officers/Board, on a case by case basis. Any member who has reached retirement age of 62 and has been a member for five years will automatically become a Life Member.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The meetings of this Club shall be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (insert meeting date) at a location decided upon by the Officers/Board.

#### ARTICLE IX

These By-Laws may be amended as deemed necessary by the Officers/Board and must be approved by a simple majority of the members present. Notice of a proposed change must be in writing, and the membership properly notified.

#### ARTICLE X

##### General Regulations:

1. Members shall conduct themselves as ladies/gentlemen at all Club functions.
2. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, firearms, or illegal drugs will be allowed on the grounds or in the buildings while participating in any club or licensed events.
3. These By-Laws shall be read to every applicant before being accepted into membership.
4. These By-Laws shall become effective at the (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.
5. To become effective, these By-Laws must be approved by a majority vote of all members present when the vote is taken.
6. All United Kennel Club policies will be strictly adhered to during all UKC events.
7. This Club shall remain an active part of and maintain membership in the (insert state association)  
\_\_\_\_\_ for as long as the association remains in effect, and is

the voice of hunters in our region of the state.

8. Members shall conduct themselves in an honest and sportsman like manner at all meetings and events.
9. The Officers and Board shall serve as the nomination committee for all offices, board vacancies, and award recipients, however, any member in good standing shall have the right to make nominations from the floor.
10. The Officers/Board of Directors of the (insert club name) \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the inherent rights and powers to dismiss ANY member who is continually disruptive to the detriment of the orderly conduct of our meetings and/or events.

Read and approved by Officers/Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Read and approved by membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Amended: \_\_\_\_\_

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