

PUGET SOUND DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY- LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND OBJECTS

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be "Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club."

SECTION 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

(a) to encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Doberman Pinschers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

(b) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club and/or the Doberman Pinscher Club of America as the only standard of excellence by which Doberman Pinschers shall be judged.

(c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at all events.

(d) to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, agility, rally obedience, and all other events that the club is eligible for under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and shall operate in accordance with Local, State and Federal law. No part of any earnings, profits or remainder from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any Club member or other individuals except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions on furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. - ELIGIBILITY

There shall be five types of membership open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, the Doberman Pinscher Club of

America and who subscribe to the purposes of the club, and one type of membership open to persons under the age of eighteen

- (a) Regular Membership (Individual) Enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.
- (b) Household Membership — Two (2) adult members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote, dues will be at a discounted price.
- (c) Lifetime Membership – Open to members voted by fellow members to lifetime membership, will not pay any annual dues, will have all club privileges including voting, but will not count as part of quorum.
- (d) Junior Membership – Open to all persons less than eighteen years of age who otherwise meet the requirements for active membership. Junior members shall pay dues, may not vote nor hold office and will not count as part of quorum.
- (e) Associate Membership – Open to all persons over 18 years of age who otherwise meet the requirements for active membership. Individuals residing outside of Washington State shall be classified as Associate Members by default and may not apply for, nor request, Regular Membership. Individuals residing within Washington State who meet the eligibility requirements but are not active may also request Associate Membership. All new Club applicants are automatically assigned Associate Membership for the first full calendar year. Each year thereafter at membership renewal time any qualified member may change from Associate to Regular Member (or vice versa) by indicating so with the renewal payment and must have met geographical and meeting attendance requirements to become a Regular Member within the previous calendar year. Associate Members shall pay dues and are entitled to all club privileges except voting, holding office, or participating in discussion on motions on the floor. Because they are ineligible to vote, Associate Members do not count toward quorum.

SECTION 2. DUES

Membership dues shall be payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November, the Secretary shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

Membership dues are established by the Board of Directors and approved by the General membership at a regular meeting. A majority vote by the members present and voting is required for approval.

SECTION 3. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

- (a) 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 by-laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The applicant shall state their name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.
- (b) All applications are to be filed with the Secretary, and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. Each applicant, except for those applying for Associate Membership, must attend at least one general meeting prior to his/her acceptance. At the next Club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.
- (c) 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 calendar year.

(b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the first day of the calendar year; however, the Board may grant an additional 30 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 IX if these Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION 1. CLUB MEETINGS

All meetings shall be held in the Greater Seattle area or via any electronic platforms, telephone conference or similar communication equipment that allows members in the meeting to see and hear each other, and that allows for member participation. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

SECTION 2. GENERAL MEETINGS

General Meetings shall be in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November in each year, at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the President or Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed or electronically sent by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of the membership. The Club shall have at least one in person meeting per calendar year.

SECTION 3. 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 regular or special meeting of the Board, or by the Secretary upon receipt of petition signed by 25% of the members of the Club who are in good

standing. Such special meetings shall be held at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed or electronically sent by the Secretary at least 72 hours and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting; and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted there at. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20 percent of the membership.

SECTION 4. BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the greater Seattle area in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December in each year, at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the President or the Board of Directors. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed or electronically sent by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. - Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed or electronically sent by the Secretary at least 72 hours and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted. A quorum at such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 6. VOTING

Each member in good standing whose dues, when applicable, are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting. All voting may be by written or electronic ballot or by other means allowing for an accurate count.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other persons all of whom shall be elected for one-year terms at the Club's Annual meeting as provided in Article V. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

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 those constitution and by-laws.
- (b) The Vice-President shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. He/she shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, 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 and receipt thereof. He/she 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 by the Board and he/she shall report to them at every meeting, the condition of the Club's finances and every item or receipt or payment not previously reported for the year shall be included in

a final report by January 31st. He/she shall render an account of all money received and expended during the previous fiscal year.

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 all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy.

ARTICLE V THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of October and end on the 30th day of September. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January at which directors and officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 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 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.

During the month of October, the Board shall select a committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary

shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their select call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before October 20th.

- (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 nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, on or before October 20th notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one office, and the additional nominations, which are provided for herein, may be made only from among those members who were not nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- (d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment 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 to those persons whose service has been terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board.

SECTION 3. Standing committees shall have one board member serve on the committee or be designated as the committee's liaison to the board.

ARTICLE VII DELEGATE TO THE DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA

SECTION 1. A delegate to the Doberman Pinscher Club of America shall be appointed by the Board. He/she must be a member in good standing of the Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club and the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. He/she shall give a complete report on all matters coming before him pertaining to the Parent Club activities at each regular meeting of the Club; and shall discharge all other duties as required by the office and prescribed by the Club. In the event such a Delegate shall be unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Board shall appoint another Delegate from the membership to fill the vacancy created thereby.

ARTICLE VIII JUDGES

SECTION 1. As soon as is practicable, for conformation events, the members shall nominate candidates for judges. The Judges' Committee shall prepare a list of at least 6 candidates and annually present them via electronic ballot to the membership. For performance events, judges' selection shall be at the discretion of the Trial Committee.

ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club or the Doberman Pinscher Club of America automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. 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 considers that the charges do not allege conduct, which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains Jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks 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 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 a majority vote of those present, 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 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, if any.

SECTION 4. EXPULSION

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of

this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing on his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE X 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 twenty percent 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 three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, or the C&B may be amended by ballot and/or a vote of 2/3 of the members present at any meeting, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3. A copy of The Amendments receiving the necessary two-thirds vote will be sent to the secretaries of the American Kennel Club and the Doberman Pinscher Club of America within seven days.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 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 Club, its property and assets shall, be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. Rules contained in "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 the local, state or federal laws, or AKC rules and regulations or the Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE XIII ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

The 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 Board.

Report of President.

Report of Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of DPCA Delegate

Report of Committees

Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting) Election of new members

Unfinished business.

New business

Adjournment

SECTION 2. MEETING OF THE BOARD

The order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as

follows:

Reading of minutes of last meeting.

Report of Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of Committees.

Unfinished business.

New business

Adjournment