

CONSTITUTION AND BY -LAWS OF  
THE CHICAGOLAND DALMATIAN  
CLUB

CONSTITUTION

NAME

The name of this Club shall be the CHICAGOLAND DALMATIAN CLUB.

PURPOSES

The purpose for which this Club has been formed are:

- A. To promote the advancement of purebred Dalmatians as defined by the American Kennel Club (" AKC ") standards, including the dissemination of knowledge regarding Dalmatians.
- B. To encourage and foster dog shows, exhibitions, matches, obedience trials and performance events according to AKC rules.
- C. To protect the interests of the breed in accordance with the Chicagoland Dalmatian Club's ("CDC") Code of Ethics.
- D. The CDC is not formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain. No part of the assets, income, profit or net earnings of the CDC shall be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of, its members, directors or officers except to the extent permitted under the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986, as amended, of the State of Illinois.
- E. The members of the CDC shall adopt and may from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

TERM

The Club shall continue in existence until the members of the Club shall vote to dissolve it pursuant to the provisions of the By-Laws.

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ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.1 Membership Requirements. Any person, in good standing with the American Kennel Club (fIAKC<sup>fl</sup>), who, at the time of application for membership, is an owner or co-owner of a registered Dalmatian, or a member of an owner's immediate family, may become a member of this Club. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, its primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Section 1.2 Classes of Membership. There shall be two classes of membership, as follows;

- A. Members
- B. Honorary/Charter Members

Section 1.3 Election of Members. A person may be elected a member upon compliance with all of the following:

- A. Proposal by two members, in good standing, by written application to the Membership Chairman; such application shall furnish information required by the Board of Directors and shall set forth the name and address of each applicant. Each Application shall be accompanied by a letter of endorsement from each sponsoring member.
- B. The names of proposed members shall be published in the Spot News at least one month prior to Board action. This shall be a thirty (30) day informational period during which time any member in good standing may make written comment to the Membership Chairman.
- C. Election to membership shall be made by receiving the 2/3 vote of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors.
- D. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within six months after such rejection.

Section 1.4 Honorary or Charter Members. A person may be elected as an Honorary member or is a Charter member upon compliance with the following:

- A. Proposed by a member, by written application to the Membership Chairman; such application shall furnish information required by the Board of Directors and shall set for the name and address of such applicant.
- B. Seconding by one other member.
- C. Receiving the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

- D. Ratified by majority of the general membership at a monthly meeting.
- E. An original founding member (Charter member).
- F. A Honorary or Charter member may obtain or maintain active voting status by payment of dues and/or by compliance with the membership qualifications and election in Section 1.3.

Section 1.5 Voting Rights and Privileges. Any general business that shall be brought before a general business meeting may be voted upon by any member present who is in good standing. Each member of the Club who attends three (3) regular business meetings, is at least eighteen (18) years of age, and is in good standing shall be entitled to vote for officers, directors and in disciplinary matters (as defined in Section 1.5 hereof) with one vote per candidate, which must be cast in person. Honorary members and Charter members are not eligible to vote for officers, directors or in disciplinary matters unless they are members in good standing and have complied with Section 1.3. Officers shall be elected by plurality vote. Proxy voting is not permitted

Section 1.6 Disciplinary Action. A member may be suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined for misconduct prejudicial to the breed according to AKC and/or CDC By-Laws and the CDC Code of Ethics and Guidelines. Such suspension, expulsion, or discipline shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors which must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the attending membership entitled to vote on such matters, provided that a written statement of the charges shall have been mailed by registered or certified mail to the member at least fifteen (15) days before final action is taken thereon. This statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time when, and the place where, the Board of Directors is to take action, and the member shall be given an opportunity to answer or defend himself at the time and place mentioned in the notice.

## ARTICLE II

### DUES

Section 2.1 Payment of Dues. The Annual membership dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall be ratified by a majority vote of the general membership present at a monthly meeting. Dues shall be payable on or before the 15th day of May. All applications received after March 1st of any year, along with one year's dues paid and elected to membership, will be a member in good standing for the remainder of that year and the entire following year.

Section 2.2 Delinquent Dues. Members who fail to pay their dues within four (4) weeks from the time they become due shall be considered members not in good standing and after three months from the due date shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Such delinquent members shall thereupon forfeit all rights and privileges of membership and must reapply for membership, but absence from the country shall be valid excuse for delinquency in paying dues.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 3.1 Regular Monthly Business Meetings. There shall be a monthly business meeting of the Club at the Club meeting place in the greater Chicago area. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting and shall set forth the place, date, and time of the meeting. The Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors may, at its discretion, change the date of such regular monthly meeting or cancel such meeting. No more than three (3) regular monthly meetings may be changed or cancelled in any fiscal year. In such cases, notice of the meeting shall be given in the same manner as stated.

Section 3.2 Special Meetings. Special meeting of the Club may be called by the President, or shall be called by the President upon written request of five (5) members of the Club. Notice of any special meeting shall be given in the same manner as for the monthly meeting. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Club.

Section 3.3 Quorum. Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum at any regular monthly business meeting of the Club other than the Board of Directors meeting.

Section 3.4 Order of Business. The order of business at all meeting of the Club and of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- A. Opening of meeting
- B. Reading of Minutes
- C. Reports of officers and committees
- D. Elections to fill vacancies for officers, directors, judges, etc.
- E. Unfinished business
- F. New business.

This order of business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority of the members present. Any meeting suspended shall not constitute a regular business meeting and shall not qualify for voting purposes.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 4.1 Officers. The Officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 4.2 Election of Officers. The Officers shall be elected at the September meeting for the following year and/or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. The President can serve a maximum of two successive years in any three year period.

Section 4.3 Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs, a successor shall be elected to fill a

remaining term of office at the next general business meeting by those members present who are entitled to vote on officers.

Section 4.4 Eligibility. No member shall be eligible to the office of President or Vice President until he/she has been an officer or member of the Board of Directors for one year during the three years preceding election.

Section 4.5 President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the CDC. He/She shall preside, when present, at all meeting of the members and of the Board of Directors. He/She shall execute all instruments and documents on behalf of the CDC. He/She shall appoint all committees, with approval of the board of Directors, unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws or unless the membership by vote in requesting the appointment of a committee shall set forth specifically the manner of its selection.

Section 4.6 Vice-President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President or when the office becomes vacant, and shall assist the President in the performance of his duties. The Vice President shall serve as Show Chairman for the CDC Specialty.

Section 4.7 Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the proceedings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall keep the Policy Manual of the Club, such manual to be audited by at least two members of the Board of Directors annually.

Section 4.8 Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings; shall keep a record of the membership of the Club; shall have charge of the Club's correspondence; shall advise members of; their election to membership, election to office, appointment to committees, election to directorships, shall provide members with a printed copy of the Constitution and By-Laws; and the standard of the breed as accepted by the AKC.

Section 4.9 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Club; shall make such disbursements as are authorized by the Club; shall mail notices for annual dues at least thirty (30) days in advance; shall keep an itemized account of all funds received and expended; shall render a written report of all receipts and disbursements at the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members; shall prepare an annual statement at the end of the fiscal year, such statement to be audited by at least two members of the Board and one other member; shall deposit the funds of the Club in a Bank designated by the Treasurer, in an account in the name of the Club; shall file any documents deemed necessary by the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 4.10 Removal of Officers. Any officer may be removed at any time by a majority vote of two-thirds of the Club membership at any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.1 Number. The affairs, business, government, and management of the Club shall be invested in a Board of Directors, consisting of eight (8) Directors and the officers of the Club. A Director Emeritus may be appointed at the discretion of the President, but with the unanimous Board approval; his term to be for an indefinite length of time, the total number of Directors Emeritus not to exceed one for every three-hundred (300) active members. The Director Emeritus shall have no voting privileges at Board Meetings. The immediate past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors for the term of one year immediately following their term of office and shall have no voting privileges at Board Meetings.

Section 5.2 Election. Each candidate for director must have been a member for a minimum of two (2) years and have participated on a committee prior to election. Four of the directors shall be elected at each September meeting for a term of two years.

Section 5.3 Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs, a successor shall be elected to fill a remaining term at the next general business meeting by those members present who are entitled to vote on directors.

Section 5.4 Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have the power and duty to:

- A. Supervise the affairs of the Club and plan and promote measures for its growth.
- B. Admit, suspend, or expel members.
- C. Decide upon the time and place of the monthly meeting of the Club.
- D. Report to the Club the business transacted by the Board at the preceding Board meeting.
- E. Interpret the Constitution, By-Laws, ethical guidelines and policies of the Club.
- F. Transact any general business of the Club not otherwise provided for in these By-Laws.
- G. Each Director shall continue to participate on at least one committee for their entire term of office.

Section 5.5 Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet at least six times a year. Such meeting of meetings shall be called by the President. Additional meetings may be called by the President or by three (3) or more members of the Board upon written request to the Corresponding Secretary. Notice of any Directors' meeting must be received by each Director at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 5.6 Quorum. Seven (7) voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings thereof.



Section 5.7 Removal of Directors. Any Director may be removed at any time by a majority vote of two-thirds of the Club membership at any special meeting called for that purpose. A Director who misses three consecutive Board meetings may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the remaining Directors and Officers.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

Section 6.1 Appointment. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairmen with the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall be an ex-officio of all committees.

Section 6.2 Committees.

A. There shall be the following Standing Committees:

Show, Trophy, Membership, Public Relations, Obedience, Spot News, Dalmatian Research, Library, Fun Match, Ad Service and DCA Specialty.

B. There shall be the following AD-HOC Committees:

Ways and Means, Social, Program, Show Secretary, Historian, Catalog, DCA/Regional Council, Pedigree Book, Plaques, Dal Demonstration, Calendar, Specialty Dinner, Hospitality, Bertha Birthday/Brag Box, Raffle, Equipment, Transportation, Judges Education, Dalmatian Rescue and Parliamentarian.

And any such other committees that the President and Board of Directors deem necessary. These committees may be disbanded or suspended at any time upon the approval of the President and the Board of Directors without any further amendment to these By-Laws.

Section 6.3 Quorum. A majority of any committee of the Club shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof.

ARTICLE VII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**DISSOLUTION**

Dissolution of the Club, other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary, may occur after a three-fourths vote of the entire voting membership of the Club at a meeting duly called for that purpose, the Club may be dissolved after payment of all debts and liabilities of the Club; its property and assets, if any, shall be donated to the Dalmatian Club of America Research Foundation or to any other corporation exclusively organized for the same purposes as the CDC.

**ARTICLE IX**

**AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the members present at a regular monthly meeting of the Club, provided that the proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least one month before the date of the meeting and that the proposed amendments shall have been printed in the Spot News prior to the meeting. If notice of the proposed amendment or repeal is not sent to the membership as provided herein, such amendment or repeal shall be automatically tabled until the next regular monthly meeting and it shall immediately become the duty of the President to give such notice in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

**ARTICLE X**

**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

All meetings of the association shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or By-Laws.