

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be THE AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF COLORADO.

SECTION 2. The objectives of the Club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Australian Terriers 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 as the only standard of excellence by which Australian Terriers shall be judged:
- (c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials:
- (d) to conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, and s and any other event for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.
- (e) to protect and promote the general welfare of Australian Terriers

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residues from dues or donations to the Club shall insure to the benefit of any member or individual.

The club is incorporated under the laws of the state of Colorado as a not for profit organization.

SECTION 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

**BYLAWS
ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. The membership is 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 purposes of the Club.

- (a) Regular membership - enjoys all privileges of the club, including voting and holding office.
- (b) Junior membership is available to persons ten (10) through seventeen (17) years of age. The junior may not vote or hold office and may automatically convert to regular membership upon reaching their 18th birthday.
- (c) Life membership- For those individuals who have been members for a long period of time and who have made an exceptional contribution to the club. Life members pay no dues but are eligible to vote and to hold 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 for a regular voting membership shall be no more than \$75.00 and a nonvoting associate membership and non-voting junior membership (18 years and under) shall be no more than \$65.00 per year. Dues are payable on or before the 1st of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. The treasure shall send to each member a statement of his dues 60 days prior to renewal date.

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 by-laws, the rules of The American Kennel Club and Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc. Code of Conduct. . The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

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. At the next Club meeting the application will be voted upon by secret ballot and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present who are in good standing and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

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 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year: however, the Board may grant an additional 60 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.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION 1. CLUB MEETINGS. Meetings of the club shall be held four (4) times per year within the Greater Denver area (Ft Collins to Colorado Springs) at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Meetings will be held in person, electronic, virtual, teleconference or methods as may be developed. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed and/or emailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETING. 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 any regular or special meeting of

the Board: and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings will be held in person, electronic, virtual, teleconference or methods as may be developed at such place, date and time as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed and/or emailed by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS. Meetings of the Board of directors shall be held no less than four (4) times per year at such hour and place as may be designated by the board. Meetings will be held in person, electronic, virtual, teleconference or methods as may be developed. Additional meetings may be called as needed. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed and/or emailed by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board may be called, by the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in person, electronic, virtual, teleconference or methods as may be developed. at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed and/or emailed by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, or telegraphic notice shall be filed at least 3 days and not more than 5 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 thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which the member is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one-year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. 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, Recording Secretary, Corresponding 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 by-laws.

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

(c) The Recording 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, they shall notify members of meetings, notify new members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws.

(e) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence.

(d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. They shall deposit the same in a bank designated by 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 them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported: and at the annual meeting they shall render and account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The club shall be insured in such amount and through a type of policy as the Board shall determine which will cover the actions of the Treasurer.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for the purpose: except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-president.

ARTICLE IV THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December.

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 December at which Officers, and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret 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 retiring officer shall turn over to the 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.

If no valid additional nominations are received on or before the DECEMBER meeting the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required. Any uncontested position should be automatically elected.

SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of AUGUST , the Board shall select a nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chair for the Committee and it shall be their duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before SEPTEMBER 1.

(a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

(b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, two weeks prior to the OCTOBER meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the OCTOBER meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying their willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position:

(d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as specialty 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 services have been terminated

ARTICLE VI DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1. AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SUSPENSION. Any member who is suspended from **any of** the privileges of The American Kennel Club and/or the Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc. shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period. American Kennel Club suspensions are published on the Secretary's page of the AKC Gazette.

SECTION 2. CHARGES. Any member may prefer 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 \$50 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 interests of the club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club, 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 no more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the Charges to the accused member by certified mail return receipt requested, or other form of receipt or acknowledged delivery and set forth a time and place at which the accused may attend and present any defense, call witnesses or answer.

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. The members shall vote by secret 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 VII 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 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 secret vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and sent [such as via USPS and/or via email] to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. DISSOLUTION. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization 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 IX 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:

ROLLCALL
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
REPORT OF PRESIDENT
REPORT OF SECRETARY
REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
REPORT OF TREASURER
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD (at annual meeting)
ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
ADJOURNMENT

ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. The rules as contained in the current edition of 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 these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.