

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article 1 – Name and Objects

Section 1.

The name of the club shall be:

North Texas Non Sporting Association

Section 2.

The objects of the club shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred dogs and to do everything possible 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 these dogs shall be judged;
- (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at:
 - Dog shows
 - Obedience trials
 - Any other AKC events for which the club is eligible
- (d) To conduct sanctioned matches,
 - Dog shows
 - Obedience Trials
 - Any other AKC events for which the club is eligible.

Under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

Section 3.

The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4.

The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

Bylaws

Article 1 – Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

There shall be two (2) types of membership, regular and honorary, open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. Regular members will be entitled to vote and hold office. Honorary members will not be entitled to vote or hold any 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

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for setting the dues limit for each membership. Regular membership and Associate membership dues shall not exceed \$50.00 per year which will be set by the Board of Directors and voted on by the membership. Honorary members shall be assessed no dues. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.

Dues shall be remitted to the Treasurer on or before the start of the Fiscal year, which shall be February 1 to March 1.

Section 3. Election to Membership

Each applicant for membership shall apply on such a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. This application shall state the name, address, and qualifications 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 applications will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six (6) 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 are incurred on the first day of each fiscal year. Hence, no portion of dues will be refunded upon resignation.
- (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 30 days grace period 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 the bylaws.

Article II – Meetings and Voting

Section 1. Club Meetings

Club meetings will be held in the Dallas Fort Worth area and there will be no less than six (6) meetings in any given year. The date, hour and place of each meeting shall be designated by the Board.

Written or electronic mail notice of each such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. The conditional email

policy applicable to meeting notices is enclosed and must be followed verbatim and included in the bylaws.

The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

Email notification for Board Meetings and General Club Meetings effective January 1, 2006. Unless the laws of your state prohibit the use of email in general or for specific purposes, Clubs may send member's notification of Board Meetings via email provided that:

The Member or Board Member has signed an authorization agreeing to this sort of communication. Such authorization is revocable, will also release the Club from any liability should the notification be received late or not be received by the member or Board Member due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

Clubs adopting this method of communication must send AKC a copy of the minutes of the meeting and at some time make the appropriate bylaw amendments to the applicable sections as soon as it is practical.

Section 2. Special Club Meetings

Special club meetings may be called by the President, or 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 (5) members who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the Dallas Fort Worth area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (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 thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

Section 3. Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held in the Dallas Fort Worth area and there will be no less than six (6) meetings in any given year. The date, hour and place of each meeting shall be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be majority of the Board.

Section 4. Special Board Meetings

Special Board meetings 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 the Dallas Fort Worth area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (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 thereof. The 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 he 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 officers and three (3) other persons, 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 shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Officers

The club 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 appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those specified in these Bylaws.
- (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the Presidents death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and the board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club; 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 role of the members of the club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as a re prescribed in these bylaws.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the club’s finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount, as the board of directors shall determine.
- (e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the board shall be comprised of six (6) persons.

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 that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the Vice President's office shall be filled by the board.

Article IV – The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

Section 1. Club Year

The club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of February and end the last day of January. 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 time 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 thirty (30) days after the election.

Section 3. Elections

The nominated candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for other positions 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 Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before November 15.

- (a) Board Members will be elected for triennial terms, with two (2) members standing for election annually.
- (b) The committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each open position on the Board and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report the nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- (c) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, at least two (2) weeks before the December meeting notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (d) Additional nominations may be made at the December 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 willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one (1) position, with the exception of Secretary / Treasurer.

- (e) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or any manner other than 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 the privileges of the American Kennel Club shall be automatically 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 interests of the club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Secretary in duplicate 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. The Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges if proven, might constitute 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 for a hearing by the Board not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (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 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 of those present reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six (6) months

from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment is 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, it's finding 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 proceeding may occur at a regular or special meeting of the club, to be held within sixty (60) days but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. 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 Board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then 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 bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty per cent (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 three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

Section 2.

The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a two thirds (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 mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Article VIII – Dissolution

Section 1.

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than, two thirds (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.