

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Objectives

- SECTION 1.** The name of the club shall be Cook Inlet Kennel Club, Inc.
- SECTION 2.** The objectives of the club shall be:
- a. To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs.
 - b. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of dog shows.
 - c. To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials and all events the club is licensed to present.
- SECTION 3.** The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder 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 objectives.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1: Eligibility

There shall be four types of memberships open to all persons 18 years of age or older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and who subscribe to the purposes of the club:

- A. Regular Membership – person 18 years of age or older.
- B. Household Membership – persons 18 years of age or older residing at the same address.
- C. Life-Time Member – persons voted by the club membership who have provided significant long-time support as a member of the club.
- D. Junior Membership – persons 17 – 17 years of age. Junior memberships shall be allowed all privileges except voting.

The applicant must attend at least one regular meeting prior to being voted upon for membership.

SECTION 2: Dues

- A. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per year.
- B. Household Membership - \$25.00 per year.
- C. Life-Time Membership – Dues waived.
- D. Junior Membership - \$1.00 per year

Membership dues may be changed by club members at a regular member meeting or after notification to the membership and presentation at a regular member meeting, by the board.

Membership dues are payable on or before the first day of January of each year. No member, whose dues are unpaid, may vote for the current year. During the month of November, the treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

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 the constitution and bylaws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. Applications are to be filed with the secretary and each application is to be read at the first regular meeting of the club following its receipt. At the next regular club meeting the application shall be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Club members may object to an application for membership after the first reading by writing to the Board of Directors.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

SECTION 4: Termination of Membership

A. Memberships may be terminated:

1. 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.
2. By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after January 31st, however, the board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case, may a person entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
3. 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 in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley on the first Tuesday of each month at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Meetings may be held electronically. Written notice of each such meeting shall be made by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum of such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2: 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 any regular or special meeting of the board; and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Meetings may be held electronically. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed or electronically delivered by the Corresponding Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. 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

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held the Third Tuesday of each month in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley at such hour and place as may be designated by the board. Meetings may be held electronically. 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 Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of written request signed by at least three members of the board whose dues are paid for the current year. Special meetings shall be held in the greater Matanuska-Susitna Valley at such place, date and hour as may be designed by the person authorized herein to call such meetings. The Corresponding Secretary shall mail or electronically deliver written notice of such meeting at least five (5) days and not more than 10 days prior to 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 the majority of the board. The meeting may be held electronically.

SECTION 5: Voting

Each voting member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election. To remain a member in good standing dues must be paid for the year and the member must have attended at least two meetings in the membership year.

SECTION 6: Quorum

The quorum for any general meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing. Members whose dues are not paid or have not attended at least two meetings in the prior year shall not be considered.

ARTICLE III

Directors and Officers

SECTION 1: Board of Directors

The board shall be comprised of the officers and four (4) 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 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 the President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.
- 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 the club shall order a record.
- D. The Corresponding Secretary 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, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in the bylaws.
- E. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the club and keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses. The monies shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board in the name of the club. The books shall always be open to inspection by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting on 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 year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the board of directors determines.

SECTION 3: Vacancies

Any officer or Board Member who is absent from two consecutive board meetings without just cause, as determined by the Board, will be deemed to have vacated the position. Any vacancies occurring on the board or among the officers 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 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. The board shall fill the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1: Club Year

The Club's fiscal year shall begin at the first day of January and end on the 31st 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 January 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 his 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 four nominated candidates for other positions on the board who receive the greatest number of votes for such position 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 who may be a member of the board. The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately notify the committee person and alternates of their selection. The board shall name persons and alternates of their selection. The

board shall name a chairperson for the committee whose duty shall be to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before November 1.

- A. The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and positions on the board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Corresponding Secretary in writing.
- B. Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report the Corresponding Secretary shall at least two weeks before the December meeting notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- C. Additional nominations may be made at the December meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when the candidate's name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying 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.
- E. Nominees must be members in good standing.

ARTICLE V

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, and other licensed events, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other fields which may well be served by committee. 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 projects.

SECTION 2:

Any committee appointment may be terminated by the 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 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 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. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with the deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited if the board following a hearing does not sustain such charges. 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. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct that would be prejudicial to the best interest 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 three (3) weeks nor

more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding 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.

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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 the complainant and defendant, the board may by majority vote 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. If it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. If 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 in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Corresponding 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 in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and 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 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 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 Corresponding Secretary signed by twenty percent (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 recommendation of the board by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the Secretary received the petition.

SECTION 2:

The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 secret vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purposes, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed or electronically transmitted to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

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 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, however, after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be donated 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 in nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of the Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2:

At meetings of the board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of the Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE X

Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1:

The rules 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 in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.