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CONSTITUTION - PUGET SOUND BULL TERRIER CLUB

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

SECTION 1 - NAME

The name of the club shall be the **Puget Sound Bull Terrier Club**.

SECTION 2 - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the club shall be:

- to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred Bull Terriers that will conform to the physical and mental characteristics set forth in the official standard of the Bull Terrier Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club.
- 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 Bull Terriers shall be judged.
- to do all in its powers to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- to promote a better understanding among club members and the general public of the physical and mental characteristics of the Bull Terrier.
- to promote friendship and cooperation among owners and breeders of Bull Terriers and to encourage and assist them in every possible way for the benefit of the breed.

SECTION 3 - NON-PROFIT

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.

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SECTION 4 - REVISIONS

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 objectives.

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ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - ELIGIBILITY

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

It is not required that a member of the Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound also be a member of the Bull Terrier Club of America.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders , exhibitors and breed enthusiasts in its immediate area.

A position is available for "Associate Members living outside the local areas". Associates will have a reduced level of dues and will not be able to vote or hold office. The choice of becoming an Associate Member is up to the individual and such a member may readily become an active member by payment of additional dues.

Junior membership shall be open to all persons under the age of eighteen who express interest in the breed and in Club activities. Junior members shall not have voting rights and shall not be counted in the determination of a quorum. Junior Members may not hold office.

SECTION 2 - DUES

Membership dues shall be: Individual and/or Couple \$20.00 per year, Associates \$15.00 per year. Dues are payable on or before the first day of May of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.

During the month of March the Treasurer shall send each member a statement of his/her dues for the ensuing year.

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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 and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name and 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, which shall be returned in full to the applicant, should his/her application be refused by the club.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary, who shall immediately notify the applicant by mail that the application has been received and at what date the applicant may expect to be considered for membership. Applications will be read at two meetings of the Club or at one meeting and then the names listed in the notice for the next meeting. At such meetings, the application will be voted upon, and the affirmative vote of 3/4 of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

SECTION 4 - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Memberships may be terminated:

- **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.
- **by lapsing.** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 90 days 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.
- **by expulsion.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in the Article VI of these By-Laws.

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ARTICLE II - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION 1 - CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings of the Club shall be held in the greater Puget Sound area at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors and there shall be a minimum of six meetings per year. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. The Quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of members in good standing.

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 members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Puget Sound 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 mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days 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 thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members "in good standing."

SECTION 3 - BOARD MEETINGS

A minimum of six meeting of the Board of directors shall be held per year. Meeting shall be held in the greater Puget Sound area at such date, time and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 4 - SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President, and all shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meeting shall be held in the greater Puget Sound area at such place, time, and date as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a 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.

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SECTION 5 - VOTING

Each full member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting shall 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, Secretary, Treasurer and (five) 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'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.

- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these By-Laws.
- The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- 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 the meeting, notify new members of there election to membership, notify officers and directors of there 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 By-Laws.
- The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. He/she shall deposit the same in the bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. His/her books shall at all times be open to inspection of

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the Board and he/she 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 he/she shall render an account of all the moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

- The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person in which case the Board shall be comprised of the officers and six other persons.

SECTION 3 - VACANCIES

Any Vacancies occurring on the board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual meeting and election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such a vacancy or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be automatically by the Vice President, and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President 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 May and end on the 30th day of April. The Club's official year shall begin in May, 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 May at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section four of this article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring office shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

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SECTION 3 - ELECTIONS

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The five nominated candidates for the other positions on the Board who receive the largest majority number of votes for such positions on the Board shall be declared elected. If no candidate for office receives a majority vote, a run-off will be held between the two candidates with the next largest number of votes. In case of ties, the tie shall be broken by a majority vote of the outgoing Board present and voting at such a meeting.

SECTION 4 - NOMINATIONS

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated before or during the month of February 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 committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the committee meeting which shall be held on or before March 1.

- The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and (five) candidates for the (five) other positions on the Board, and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Secretary shall notify each member in writing of the Nominating Committee's slate by March 15.
- Additional nominations may be made at the April 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 position. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

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ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 - STANDING

The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as Specialty Shows, Obedience Trials, tracking 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 - TERMINATION

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 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 interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00 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 t 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 breed or 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 weeks nor more than six 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/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she 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 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 a case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her 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 meeting 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/her 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/her own behalf if he/she 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 VII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 - CHANGE PROCESS

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 2/5 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

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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 - VOTING

The Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at regular meeting 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 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 the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for the purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club shall be distributed to any member, nor shall any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1 - GENERAL MEETING

At meeting 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 the last meeting
- Report of the President
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of Committees

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Election of Officers and Board-
(at Annual Meeting)
Election of New Members
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

SECTION 2 - BOARD MEETING

At 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 the Secretary
Report of the Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

SECTION 3 - CODE OF CONDUCT

In all meetings of the Club, the parliamentary procedure followed shall correspond with "**Robert's Rule of Order**".