

THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB OF CANADA

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of this club shall be “The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Canada” (Breed Club) hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2. Affiliation

The Club shall work in co-operation with the Canadian Kennel Club, and may further affiliate itself with organizations devoted to the aims and objects of the Club, any such affiliation to be approved by the Club in a Standing Resolution to be attached to the By-Laws hereunder.

3. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be the encouragement and development of pure-bred dogs by:

- (a) educating members and the public at large in the benefits of purebred dogs;
- (b) hold seminars to educate and to ensure responsible ownership;
- (c) provide a rescue service;
- (d) holding field trials and tests, booster and specialty shows for competition and public interest;

4. Area of Operation

This club will be a National Breed Club and its area of operation shall be all of Canada.

5. Revising of the Constitution

Changes in this Constitution may be made only after the proposed alterations have been raised for debate in at least two meetings of the Club and have thereafter been signed, in the presence of witnesses, by a two-thirds approving majority of the entire registered membership of the Club, the signed document to contain the entire Constitution as revised.

BY-LAWS

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Article I – Membership

- Sec. 1 Any person of the full age of 18 years who is sponsored by two existing members and voted in by the executive shall be eligible to join the Club.
- (a) The executive may approve such applications, subject to question by the membership at large for sixty days, following publication of applicant's name in the Club's newsletter.
 - (b) New members shall not have voting rights for one full year after acceptance of membership application.
- Sec. 2 The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend, expel, or reprimand any member if, in the opinion of the Board, the member has violated:
- (a) The Constitution
 - (b) The By-Laws
 - (c) The By-Laws of The Canadian Kennel Club
- Sec. 3 The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or terminate the membership of a member who, in the opinion of the Board, has committed an act which is considered prejudicial to the objectives and aims of The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Canada, The Canadian Kennel Club or other Kennel Clubs, or the interests of its members or their dogs.

Article II – Organization

- Sec. 1 Officers: The Officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of the president.
 - (b) The Vice-President shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the president in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
 - (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and the Board and of all votes taken by mail, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. He/she shall have charge of all correspondence, shall notify members of meetings, notify Officers and

Directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club and their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in this Constitution and By-Laws.

- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. He/she shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club. The Treasurer's 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. At the annual meeting the Treasurer shall render accounting of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year.

Sec. 2 The Executive of the Club shall consist of the above officers together with the seven Directors.

Sec. 3 The Board of Directors of the Club shall consist of the Executive, Directors, and the chairmen of all standing committees.

Sec. 4 The standing Committees of the Club shall be those named to deal with Dog Shows, Field Tests and Trials.

Sec. 5 The duties of officers shall be outlined (which is prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors). The Club will ensure that The Canadian Kennel Club is advised in writing, within 30 days, any changes to the Club's Constitution/By-Laws or to the Club's executive.

Article III – Meetings

Sec. 1 Regular Meetings: Except for months of July, August and December, the Club shall meet bi-monthly on a day and at a time and place to be specified in the Standing Resolution hereunder. New members will be voted on at a meeting by those in attendance.

Sec. 2 The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be the regular April meeting.

Sec. 3 The Election of the Club shall be at the Annual Meeting in April. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the Officers shall be filled by a majority vote of all the members of the Board, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall automatically be filled by the Vice-President and resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

Article IV – Finance

Sec. 1 The financial Year of the Club shall commence on the 1st day of February and shall conclude on the 31st day of January next following.

- Sec. 2 Dues shall be the amount specified in the Standing Resolutions hereunder and are payable on or before the 31st day of January each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.
- Sec. 3 Banking: The funds of the Club, except for amounts specified in the standing Resolutions as authorized to be placed in the safe-keeping of certain officers as a Petty Cash imprest fund, shall be placed in a branch of any Canadian Chartered Bank.
- Sec. 4 All cheques issued by the Club shall require the signatures of two Club Officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer).
- Sec. 5 Should this Club remain inactive for a period of two (2) years, or should its members decide to dissolve the Club, all assets will be converted to cash and transferred by way of cheque to the following: "The Canadian Kennel Club".

Article V – Procedure

- Sec. 1 Authority: All meetings of the Club and of its governing bodies and all other matters of practice and procedure not otherwise specified herein shall be governed by the Common Law of Procedure of Canada, Roberts Rules of Order, current edition.
- Sec. 2 Each Individual member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Each Partnership membership entitles said members to two (2) votes (voting members must be on file in the Club's records).
Note: Honorary members are not eligible to vote.
- Voting for election of Officers and Directors, and on amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be conducted only by written ballot cast by mail. The Board of Directors may at any time decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.
- Sec. 3 No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-Laws. A Nomination Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting prior to the election year. The Committee shall consist of three (3) members in good standing, no more than one (1) of whom is on the present Board of Directors. The committee shall choose a Chairperson. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail.
- (a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the voting members of the Club in good standing one (1) candidate for each office and for each position of the Board of Directors, and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary, who shall mail the list to each member of the Club on or before January 1st, so that additional nominations may be made by members, if they so desire.

- (b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at his/her address not less than three (3) weeks prior to the election, signed by two (2) members and accompanied by the written acceptance of the Nominee. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position and additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.
- (c) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary not less than two (2) weeks prior to the election, the Nomination Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the annual meeting and no balloting shall be required.
- (d) If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary, a ballot shall be mailed to each member in good standing not less than two (2) weeks prior to the election. The ballot shall list in alphabetical order the names of candidates for each office, and his or her address. The Secretary shall also forward with each ballot a plain, self-addressed envelope marked "Ballot" for the return of each ballot. Results of elections shall be sent by mail to all members not less than one week prior to the annual meeting.

Article VII – Alteration of By-Laws

Sec. 1 Any proposal to alter these By-Laws shall be presented for debate in at least two regular meetings of the Club and shall be subject to extraordinary resolution. Approved By-Laws will be submitted to The Canadian Kennel Club for their records.

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STANDING RESOLUTIONS

SR No. 1 of 15 Oct. 82 (Cont. 2 Affiliation)

Resolved that the Club secure and maintain official recognition by The Canadian Kennel Club
SR. No. 2 of 15 Oct. 82 (Art. III, Sec. 1)

Resolved that the Club will provide within 30 days to The Canadian Kennel Club information concerning changes to our Club's Constitution/By-Laws or any changes to the Club's executive.
SR No. 3 of 15 Oct. 82

The regular meetings of the Club shall be held bi-monthly (either executive or open) at a place and time agreed upon at the previous meeting.

SR No. 4 of 15 Oct. 82 (Art. IV, Sec. 2)

Dues shall be as follows:

Honorary Member Nil
Ordinary Individual Member \$25.00
Ordinary Partnership Member \$25.00

SR No. 5 of 15 Oct. 82 (Art. IV, Sec 3)

Resolved that the Secretary have a Petty Cash imprest account of \$25.00

SR No. 6 of 10 Nov. 83 (Art. III)

Resolved that the Secretary remind members of meetings, in writing, not less than five full days before the meeting.

SR No. 7 of 8 Jan. 84 (Art. II, Sec. 4)

Resolved that the Chairmen of the Special Committee on Breed Improvement be asked to sit as a member of the Board of Directors of the Club.

The Constitution.