

Genesee County

Kennel Club, Inc.

Constitution

Article I — Name

The Club shall be known as the "Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc."

Article II

The object of the Club shall be to hold shows, give prizes and to endeavor to improve the breeding and promote the interest of purebred dogs.

Article III

Any reputable person interested in purebred dogs may apply for membership in writing to the Secretary and said application must be endorsed by a member in good standing and accompanied by one years' dues, and an initiation fee.

Article IV

The management of the club shall be vested in the executive committee, which shall consist of the elected officers, namely, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and four other members elected to the board. The officers shall be elected by majority vote at the annual meeting, the term of office for each shall be one year or until his or her successor is duly elected. The four elected members of the executive committee shall serve for 2 years, 2 members being elected each year. In case there is no majority on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and a second ballot taken. This procedure shall be followed until one candidate shall receive a majority.

Article V

Regular meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The first regular meeting following the annual show shall be considered the annual meeting for that year.

Article VI

Additions, alterations or amendments may be made to this constitution by two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Club, or at a special meeting thereof called for the purpose of acting upon the proposed change. A copy of the proposed addition, alteration or amendment shall be sent to each member at least 15 days in advance of the regular meeting, or the special meeting at which the change in the constitution is to be considered.

Section 2.

Absentee ballots will be permitted on amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and any other important matters, at the discretion of the membership.

Section 3.

This constitution, as revised and written herewith is hereby accepted, approved and adopted by a majority of the members of the Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc., Sept. 8, 1947 and the membership agrees to be governed by the various articles as set forth.

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Article I — Membership

The membership of this club shall be composed of the present members in good standing and of such other persons hereafter elected.

Active Membership — Any person of good repute, able to prove themselves interested in the objects of this club and willing and able to attend meetings and take an active part in the club operations and functions shall be eligible for active membership. Any active member in good standing may vote, hold office and serve on any club committee to which he may be appointed.

Section 2.

Candidates for membership must be recommended by an active member in good standing.

Section 3.

Applications for membership will be read at a regular meeting of the Club and referred to the membership committee.

The membership committee shall make a complete investigation of the applicant and make a recommendation to the executive committee.

The executive committee shall act on the application, either accepting or rejecting same, and report to club members.

A new member shall serve one year as associate member after favorable action by the executive board. During this period a new member will not be allowed to vote or hold office, but is entitled to all other privileges of the Club. An associate member may resign any time and initiation fee will be refunded.

At the end of this period the executive committee will review each associate member and vote them in as active members or reject for reason and refund application fee. A three-fourths majority vote of the executive committee shall be required to elect an associate member to an active member.

Section 4.

Any active member who fails to attend at least 50% of the club meetings in any one fiscal year shall thereby forfeit his rights to vote at the next annual election. However, the executive committee may waive this rule in cases where a member is ill for a prolonged period of time, maimed or absent from the area served by the club and a request to waive the rule is made in writing by the member or the member's legal representative.

Section 5.

Any member in good standing may resign from the club, and, upon acceptance of such resignation by a majority of the members present, all his or her interest in the property and functions of the club shall cease from the date of said resignation.

Section 6.

Application for reinstatement to membership shall be made in the same manner as original applications for membership.

Section 7.

The power of electing to membership shall rest with the executive committee. The Club may with the approval of the executive committee, confer a life or honorary membership upon any person.

Article II

Section 1.

The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected by majority vote at the annual meeting, the term of office being one year or until his or her successor has been chosen.

Section 2.

There shall also be elected at the next annual election 4 members to the executive committee. The two members receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for 2 years and the other two shall serve for one year. Annually thereafter at the annual meeting two members shall be elected of the executive committee, whose term of office shall be two years from date of election or until his or her successor shall have been elected.

Section 3.

Vacancies in the offices of the club and the executive committee arising from any cause shall be filled by a member appointed by the executive committee within sixty (60) days of the date the vacancy occurs to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4.

Any officer, executive or bench show member who shall be absent for two successive meetings without excuse acceptable to the executive committee shall be automatically dropped from said office or committee.

Article III — Duties of Officers and Committees.

Section 1.

The President shall preside at meetings of the club and the executive committee Order meetings of the executive committee whenever in his judgment it is deemed necessary. Appoint sub-committees.

Section 2.

The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in his absence.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the club and the executive committee. Have charge and be responsible for the records, papers, books, etc., of the club. Carry on club correspondence. Issue membership cards. Notify persons of their election to membership in the club, within ten days of their election. Preside at meetings in the absence of both the president and vice president.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall have charge and be responsible for all money belonging to the club. Keep club funds in an accredited bank. Pay all bills when properly approved. Submit a statement of the club's financial condition to the membership at meetings, or to the executive committee upon request. Furnish the secretary with a list of members entitled to the privileges of the club whenever required.

Section 5.

The executive committee shall be the governing body of the club and shall have authority to act for the club in any and all matters. Upon appointment by the President through consultation with this committee members of this committee will act as chairmen of the following committees. Namely: Finance, Membership, Entertainment, Publicity and Public Relations. The chairman of these various committees shall select their committee members from the club members at large.

Section 6.

The executive committee shall convene at a time and place specified by the president

or as convenient to a majority of its members.

Section 7 — Duties of Sub-Committees.

Finance Committee — It shall be the duty of this committee to raise such funds as are required for the running of the club through fund raising projects as set up by itself and approved by the club. Conduct annual audit.

Membership Committee — It shall be the duty of this committee to conduct membership drives—check on all applications and present to the executive committee for action. Endeavor to eliminate absenteeism—notify members of meetings.

Entertainment Committee — It shall be the duty of this committee to provide entertainment at monthly meetings and at such functions as the club may desire. Financing of such entertainment will be handled by the finance committee.

Publicity Committee — It shall be the duty of this committee to handle all publicity required by the club and approved by the executive committee.

Public Relations Committee — It shall be the duty of this committee to handle inter-club relations, to maintain relations with such clubs, committees, boards and public officials, so as to further the good will of the Kennel Club.

Section 8.

The Bench Show Committee, consisting of the President, Secretary and three members appointed each year by the Board at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting, shall handle all matters concerning shows. The Bench Show committee elects its own Chairman, and the club Secretary acts as secretary to the Bench Show committee.

Article IV — Meetings.

Section 1.

The first regular meeting held after the annual show shall be considered the annual meeting for that year.

Section 2.

Regular meetings will ordinarily be held on the second Tuesday of each month but may be changed to conform with plans to hold the meeting in conjunction with puppy matches, lectures, social functions or other club activities.

There shall be one meeting each year set aside for the initiation of new members.

Section 3.

The time and place of the annual meeting shall be fixed by the executive committee.

Section 5.

Four members of the executive committee shall institute a quorum of the committee.

Section 6.

At all regular meetings of the club ten members shall constitute a quorum, one of whom shall be an officer.

Article V — Dues.

Section 1.

The annual dues shall be decided on at the November meeting each year by at least a two-thirds majority of active members present and shall become due then. Furthermore, any member who has not paid his or her dues within two months after same have become due and payable shall not be entitled to any privileges or rights of the club and

then shall be notified by the secretary of his or her delinquency. In the case annual dues are not paid within three months after same have become due and payable he or she shall cease to be a member. The dues of any person who shall make application for membership shall accompany the application plus an initiation fee of three dollars. Any person who makes application after July 1st shall pay only half the annual dues.

Section 2.

Any delinquent member making application for re-instatement must discharge all former indebtedness to the club before being considered. After such indebtedness has been eliminated his or her application for reinstatement shall take the same course as that of a new member.

Article VI — Discipline.

Section 1.

The membership as a whole shall have the power to suspend or expel any person from membership in the club who has been guilty of fraudulent or dishonorable practices in connection with a bench show, field trial or sale of dogs, or of conduct unbecoming a sportsman and a gentleman. This can be done by a two-thirds majority of the members in good standing.

Section 2.

No person shall, however, be suspended or expelled as aforesaid unless ten days notice of the charge against him, as well as of a time and place where he may appear in his own defense shall be served upon him. Notice by registered mail to his last known address to be sufficient notification. No com-

plaints of a personal character shall be discussed at meetings of the club.

Article VII — General.

Section 1.

Immediately following the closing of the fiscal year and not later than the 15th of the month, the treasurer shall present his books and records to the Finance Committee for examination.

Section 2.

The Finance Committee shall examine the treasurer's books and records and report their findings to the membership at the forthcoming meeting of the club.

Section 3.

Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the procedure of this club.

Section 4.

Upon the adoption of this or any future constitution and by-laws a copy of same shall be delivered to each member in good standing by the Secretary.

Section 5.

Any person upon election to membership in this club shall be presented with a membership card and copy of the constitution and by-laws by the Secretary.

Section 6.

Notice in any change in the constitution or by-laws shall be sent to each member within thirty days following the change.

Article VIII — Dissolution

This club may be dissolved by a 2/3 ma-

majority vote of all active members in good standing at a regular or special meeting or by a ballot vote. All assets of the club, after all debts have been satisfied, shall be equally divided between all active members in good standing.

Article IX — Amendments.

These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two third majority vote of the membership present at any meeting of the club, provided however that notice of the intention to alter or amend is sent to the members 15 days prior to such club meeting.

Section 2.

These by-laws as revised and written herewith are accepted, approved and adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc. at its regular meeting held May 17, 1961 and the membership agrees to be governed by the various articles as set forth.