

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

BY-LAWS

January 01, 2008

1.00 The name of the Club is FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

1.1 The period of duration of the cooperation is PERPETUAL.

1.2 The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

2.00 The Charter of the Fox Valley Dog Training Club was registered with the State of Illinois in October, 1947.

2.1 The registered agent shall be the current treasurer.

2.2 A permanent mailing address, centrally located, shall be set up and published on the Club stationery.

3.00 The purposes for which the Club is organized are:

3.1 Not for profit, but organized exclusively for the promotion of social welfare within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code.

3.2 To train owners to train their dogs to develop their intelligence as well as their physical ability.

3.3 To allow for the training of unregistered as well as registered dogs, although dogs who have not been registered with the American Kennel Club will be ineligible to compete in Obedience Trials.

3.4 To cooperate with and recognize the authority of the American Kennel Club.

3.5 To encourage and support Obedience Trials held under the Obedience Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

3.6 To promote the holding of licensed and sanctioned Obedience Trials under the Obedience Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

3.7 To aid members of the Club in attaining American Kennel Club Obedience Titles through cooperative training.

3.8 To promote the holding of licensed and sanctioned Agility Trials under the Agility Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

3.9 To confer honor upon worthy owners and their dogs.

3.10 To encourage members, on a strictly volunteer basis, to hold offices, join in and work at Club activities, and to train community members to train their dogs.

3.11 To provide training to other community organizations, such as 4H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or others who desire to have such training services provided to them on an organizational basis.

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4.00 Membership

4.1 Requirements

4.1.1 Anyone may apply for membership after paying the trial period training fee, their dog having attended at least 50% of the classes during the trial period and complying with these By-Laws. Membership applications will be accepted upon completion of trial period and voting-in shall be done at the next regular meeting. Approval for membership shall require a simple majority vote of those members present.

4.2 Types of Membership

4.2.1 The Club shall be composed of Active and Honorary members.

4.2.1.1 Active memberships will consist of two types: training and non-training. The non-training membership dues will be one-half (1/2) of the training membership dues. A non-training member will have all the privileges of the Club with the exception of using the training facilities.

(A) A membership consists of all interested members of a family having the same domicile. The membership shall carry a maximum of two votes. Both votes must be present and represented.

(B) A lifetime membership in Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc. will be granted to any members who have been members, in good standing, for 15 consecutive years. Lifetime membership consists of having all privileges of the Club for life.

Lifetime memberships will consist of two types: training and non-training.

- The training lifetime membership dues will be one-half (1/2) of the training membership dues.
- The non-training lifetime member will not pay any dues.

4.2.1.2 Honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club, but shall not be entitled to a vote. They shall be exempt from payment of dues and shall be confirmed by vote of the Club members present. The term of an Honorary member shall be one year or for life.

4.2.2 Any member may be dismissed and his/her rights cancelled for a good cause, after said cause having first been reviewed by the Board of Directors and, if necessary by the membership-at-large, by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting. However, no member shall be dismissed for any cause until he/she has been notified by the Secretary of the charges made and shall have an opportunity to reply in his/her defense, either in writing or in person, at the next regular meeting.

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4.3 Membership Dues

- 4.3.1 The amount of the dues shall be determined by the membership-at-large.
- 4.3.2 The membership dues are payable on or before June 1 and shall be considered past due after June 30.
- 4.3.3 The privileges of membership shall be suspended while dues are in arrears. The member shall be notified by the Membership Chairperson in the July Waggin' Tales and if said dues are not paid by July 31, the member's name shall be stricken from the membership rolls.
- 4.3.4 Relative to Delinquent Dues: Those members who have been dropped from membership will be required to pay a reinstatement fee amounting to \$5.00, in addition to their current year's dues before they can be reinstated into the Club.

5.00 The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Club and seven (7) members of the Club who will serve as Directors for a one-year term.

5.1 Directors

- 5.1.1 The seven Directors shall consist of: The immediate past President as Director at Large, the Director of Training (if he/she is member of the Club), the Obedience Trial Chairperson, the Membership Chairperson, the Tracking Test Chairperson, the Public Education Coordinator, and the Agility Trial Chairperson.
- 5.1.2 In the event the President succeeds himself/herself, the Director at Large position on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a duly elected member.
- 5.1.3 If one person holds more than one of the above named positions on the Board of Directors, an additional member-at-large, or additional members-at-large, shall be elected to bring the Board to its full complement.

5.2 Officers

- 5.2.1 The Officers shall consist of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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- 5.3 Duties
- 5.3.1 The duties of the Board shall be to determine policies of the Club and to make all necessary decisions not covered by these By-Laws. A quorum shall consist of at least six (6) members excluding the President.
 - 5.3.2 The President shall preside at all regular meetings, special meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Club.
 - 5.3.3 The First Vice-President shall perform all duties of President in case of his/her absence or disability and shall be responsible for the care and preservation of all Club equipment.
 - 5.3.4 The Second Vice-President shall serve as Program Chairperson.
 - 5.3.5 The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the Club and of the correspondence of the Club. The Secretary shall issue notices to members of all meetings. The Secretary's books must be complete and turned over to the new Secretary by January 15.
 - 5.3.6 The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts, disbursements and report on the financial condition of the Club at all meetings; shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all Club monies. The Treasurer's books must be completed, audited and turned over to the new Treasurer by January 15.
- 5.4 The Director of Training shall have complete charge of all trainers and training classes. He/she shall have the right to cause any handler to remove his/her dog from the class if, in his/her judgment, the best interests of the other members shall be assured.
- 5.4.1 If the Director of Training is not a member of the Club, he/she shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 5.5 Any member of the Board of Directors who misses three (3) consecutive meetings (Club and/or Board) shall be notified by the Secretary and asked to give a justifiable reason for his/her absence or relinquish his/her office.

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6.00 Election

- 6.1 Election shall be at the annual meeting, at which time the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Training, Obedience Trial Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, Tracking Test Chairperson, Public Education Coordinator, Agility Trial Chairperson and Member or Members-at-large will be elected.
 - 6.1.1 Special elections may be held at any regular meeting; provided the membership is notified of such election at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
 - 6.1.2 Vacancies occurring in any of the elected offices, for any reason, during the first three quarters of the year shall be filled at a special election. Vacancies occurring after September 30 shall be filled by Presidential appointment.
- 6.2 A Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall consist of three (3) members of the Club, one who is a member of the present Board of Directors and two from the membership-at-large.
 - 6.2.1 A slate, consisting of one or more candidates for each office, shall be submitted and nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
 - 6.2.2 The President shall conduct the election by secret ballot.

7.00 Meetings

- 7.1 The Annual Meeting shall be held at the January Membership Meeting, at such time and place as designated by the Board of Directors. All members in good standing shall receive notification at least ten (10) days in advance of such meeting.
- 7.2 Regular meetings of the Club members shall be held at such time and place as designated by the President.
- 7.3 A special meeting of the Club may be called at any time by the Board of Directors or upon written application to the Board of Directors by eleven (11) or more members of the Club.
- 7.4 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held during the first week of every other month, starting in February.

8.00 By-Laws

These By-Laws may be amended or appealed or new ones adopted at a meeting of the Club membership by two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Members must be notified of the date(s) of the meeting and proposed changes in the By-Laws at least (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

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9.00 Disavowal of Responsibility

The Club shall at no time, under any circumstances, be held responsible for injury, damage or loss experienced by anyone attending Club functions.

10.00 Robert's "Rules of Order"

The rules contained in Robert's "Rules of Order" shall govern the meeting of the Club in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

11.00 Dissolving

The Club may be dissolved at any time with the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members at the time. After payment of all debts and liabilities of the Club, its property and assets shall be converted to cash and according to the law of ILLINOIS on nonprofit organizations. Any cash remaining shall be donated to an organization operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), recommended by the Board of Directors and ratified by the members present and voting at the dissolution meeting.