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NEW JERSEY BOXER CLUB, Inc.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

NAME AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1: The name of the club shall be the New Jersey Boxer Club, Inc.

SECTION 2: The objectives of the club shall be:

- a.) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Boxers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- b.) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club and the parent breed club, the American Boxer Club, as the only standard of excellence by which the Boxer shall be judged.
- c.) To support shows and obedience trials and to maintain a program of awards which will encourage sportsmanlike competition, protect and advance the interest of the breed;
- d.) To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club;
- e.) To initiate educational and promotional activities which will stimulate and extend public interest in the Boxer;
- f.) For members of the New Jersey Boxer Club, Inc., to abide by those portions of the American Boxer Club By-Laws and Code of Ethics which are applicable to members of member clubs;

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 or benefit any member or individual.

SECTION 4: The members of the Club shall adopt and from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1; ELIGIBILITY. There shall be three types of membership open to all persons eighteen (18) years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. Applicant, or some member of his immediate family, must own at least one registered Boxer. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Clubs primary purpose to be representative of the breeders in its immediate area.

SECTION 2; REGULAR (INDIVIDUAL MEMBER) A regular member enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office. A Regular Member's dues shall not exceed \$40.

SECTION 3; HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP A household membership is open to two (2) adult members living in the same household with each being eligible to vote and hold office. The dues for the Household Membership shall not exceed \$80.

SECTION 4; LIFE MEMBERS. Life membership shall be granted to any member in good standing who has completed twenty-five years of continuous membership in the club. A life member is a fully paid up member of the club and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the club membership including the right to vote and to hold office.

SECTION 5; JUNIOR MEMBERS, A Junior Class of membership shall be established And limited to applicants less than eighteen years of age. This class of membership shall have all the privileges except the right to vote and to hold office. An initiation fee shall not be charged. The dues for the Junior Class of membership shall be one-half of the adult membership dues, not to exceed \$20.

SECTION 6; DUES. Membership dues are payable (incurred) on or before the first day of January of each year. New members joining after July 1 shall pay one -half (1/2) the annual dues for the balance of the year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of October the treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

Application fees shall be the equivalent of one-half (1/2) of a years dues. Dues will be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the majority vote of members at a regular club meeting as deemed necessary.

SECTION 7; ELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP. Each applicant for membership shall

Apply on a form 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, 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 the application fee and dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the next two meetings of the club following its receipt. Each applicant shall attend this meeting and one subsequent meeting prior to a vote on the application by club members. At the next club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected may not reapply within six (6) months after such rejection.

SECTION 6; TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP Memberships may be terminated;

a.) BY RESIGNATION; Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member can 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.

b.) BY LAPSING; A membership will considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 says after the first day of January of each year, however, the Board may grant an additional 90 days of 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 the meeting.

c.) BY EXPULSION; Membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION I; CLUB MEETINGS. Meetings of the club shall be held within our territory in northern New Jersey with Somerset County being the focal point and with counties from Mercer and Monmouth Counties north. They shall be held on such day of September, October, November, March, April, May, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be at least 20% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2; SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS. Special club meetings may be called by a

majority vote 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 (5) members of the club that are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in The Club's Territory at such date, time, place, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings.

Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (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 meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3; BOARD MEETINGS. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the Club's territory at least six (6) times per year at such date, place, and hour as may be designated by the board. Written notice of each meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be a majority of the Board. If more frequent regular Board meetings are to be called, a majority vote of the Board members is required to call such meetings.

SECTION 4; SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the president; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the Club's Territory at such date, place and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting or telegraphic notice shall be filed at least three (3) days and not more than five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5; VOTING. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year 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 meeting or election.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1; BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board shall consist of nine voting members who shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, delegate to ABC, and three elective members, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one (1) year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided for in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. No member shall be eligible for election as an elective Board member for more than three (3) consecutive one year terms. General management of the club's affairs shall

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be entrusted to the Board of Directors, except in no one case may it spend more than

\$250 at one time and no more than \$500 in any one fiscal year without specific authorization of the Club.

SECTION 2; OFFICERS. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in May and their terms shall be for one (1) year, beginning at the conclusion of the May meeting.

- 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 President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws.
- 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 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. 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, 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.
- d.) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. He/she shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the club. His/her books shall at all times be open to inspection of 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 accounting of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- e.) 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 four (4) other persons,

SECTION 3; DELEGATE TO THE AMERICAN BOXER CLUB. This is a position in which a candidate is elected to, by the membership. The person so elected shall represent the club, as its delegate at the membership meetings of the American Boxer Club. He/she is authorized to act on the club's behalf and to cast its vote at these membership meetings. The Secretary shall furnish to the American Boxer Club satisfactory evidence of such delegate's authority.

SECTION 4; VACANCIES. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers or delegate to the ABC during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then Board members at its first 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 the President shall be automatically filled 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 January and end on the last 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 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 4 of this Article. Each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days of the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3; ELECTIONS. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions 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 March, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee persons and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chairperson for the Committee and it shall be his/her duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before April first.

- a.) The committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office and the open position the Board, and after securing the consent of each person nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- b.) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall before the April meeting notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- c.) 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/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her 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.
- d.) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

Section 1; The President with the Boards approval may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience 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.

SECTION2; Any committee appointment may be terminated by 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 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 \$50 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 at a board meeting, and the Board shall consider whether the alleged charges, if proven might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or Breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or Breed it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board does entertain jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than three (3) weeks or more than six (6) 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.

SECTION 3; BOARD MEETING. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether council may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all

evidence and testimony presented by the 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 (6) 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 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 hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceeding may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty (60) days, but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her 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 members shall then vote by secret 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 suspension of the Board shall stand.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1; 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 twenty (20) percent 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 recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION2; The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 secret vote of the members in good standing present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1; DISSOLUTION. The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for the purpose of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of the 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, but after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1: At the meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be:

- Roll Call
- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of 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:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1; The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules of order the club may adopt.

NEW JERSEY BOXER CLUB, INC.

STANDING RULES

1. The Chairman of all committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, within thirty days of the Annual Meeting and shall serve until replaced.

Committees are herein listed alphabetically;

EDUCATION COMMITTEE; The Education Committee is to promote education of the general public concerning responsible dog ownership, as well as stimulating public interest in the Boxer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE; The Finance Committee shall audit the Treasurer's books after the close of the fiscal year and a report of such audit shall be given at the March meeting. The Treasurer's books shall also be audited upon election of a successor as Treasurer and a report shall be given at the next regular meeting.

GOODWILL COMMITTEE; The Goodwill Committee shall send out from the Club cards, flowers, etc. to members in time of need.

JUDGES COMMITTEE; The Judges Committee shall handle all correspondence with judges and handle all elections of judges by the membership.

MATCH SHOW COMMITTEE; The Match Show Committee shall handle all matters for the Match Show in the year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE; The Membership Committee is composed of three (3) members, and shall receive all applications for membership from the Secretary. They shall check eligibility of the applicant and vote upon the application prior to submitting the same to the club membership at its regular meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE; The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of Officers and Directors to be placed in nomination at the meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting of the Club.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE: The Obedience Committee shall present a program intended to encourage obedience training by club members.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The Program Committee shall plan addresses and entertainment for the meetings.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: The Publicity Committee shall handle all publicity for the Club.

SHOW COMMITTEE: The Show Committee shall handle all matters for point shows, except Publicity and Trophies.

TROPHY COMMITTEE: The Trophy Committee shall handle all matters pertaining to trophies for the year, including Awards and Point Shows; also requests from other clubs when authorized by membership voting.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE: The Ways And Means Committee shall, within the bounds of propriety and good taste, devise ways and means of making money for the Club Treasury. Any planed programs must first be approved by the Board of Directors.