



SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER ATLANTA, INC

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER ATLANTA, INC

ARTICLE I

Name and Objectives

1. The name of the Club shall be the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Atlanta, Inc.
2. The objective of the club shall be:
 - a) to do all possible to bring the natural qualities of the pure-bred Siberian Husky to perfection through selective breeding;
 - b) to educate members and to urge breeders to adhere to the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Siberian Huskies shall be judged;
 - c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, sled dogs races and obedience trials;
 - d) to conduct sanctioned and licensed matches and specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club
3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and 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.
4. 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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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership

1. Eligibility – There shall be one type of membership open to all persons eighteen years and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in the greater Atlanta area.
2. Dues – Membership dues shall be determined at the beginning of January of each year by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board may provide for individual and family memberships. The dues amount determined shall be payable on or before the first day of April of each year. If the Board does not make a specific determination of a dues amount, then the dues amount in force for the previous year shall be the dues amount for the current year. Each individual family comprising a family membership shall be entitled to a vote.
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 of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.
4. 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 Corresponding Secretary; but no members 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 April each year.
 - b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of April; 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 to the date of that meeting.
 - c) by expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these by-laws.



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ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

1. **Club Meetings** – Meetings for the Club shall be held in the greater Atlanta area on the second Monday of each month, at such hour and place as designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.
2. **Special Club Meetings** – Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of petition signed by the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Atlanta area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings.
3. **Board Meetings** – Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the greater Atlanta area on the second Monday in the month of January, March, May, July, September and November in each year, at an hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum shall be a majority of the Board.
4. **Special Board Meetings** – Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Atlanta area at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized to herein call such a meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 15 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 a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.
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 is present. Proxy voting is not permitted at any club meeting or election.



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ARTICLE III

Directors and Officers

1. **Board of Directors** – The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and five other persons 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.
2. **Officers** – The Club's Officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.
 - 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 in addition to those particularly specified in the 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 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, publish the Club's monthly Newsletter, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their address and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws.
 - d) The Recording 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.
 - e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. He or she shall deposit the same in the bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. His or her books shall be at all times open to inspection of the Board and he or she shall report them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finance and every item of receipt or payment not reported before; and at the annual meeting he or she shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine
 - f) 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.
3. **Vacancies** – Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board in its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that



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purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall automatically be filled by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of the Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

1. **Club Year** – The Club’s fiscal year shall begin the first day of July and end on the 30th day of June. 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.
2. **Annual Meeting** – The annual meeting shall be held in the month of July at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.
3. **Elections** – The nominated candidate receiving the greater number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The five nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.
4. **Nominations** – No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of April, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately notify the committeeman and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his or her duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before May 1st.
 - a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and five candidates for the other five positions on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Corresponding Secretary in writing.
 - b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee’s report the Corresponding Secretary shall before June 1st, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
 - c) Additional nominations may be any at the June meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated accepts when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his or her proposer shall present to the Corresponding Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate qualifying his or her willingness to be a candidate.
 - d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided.



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ARTICLE V

Committees

1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance work of the Club in such matters as shows, obedience trials, (field trials), trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.
2. Any such 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

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 like period.
2. Charges – Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or for the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filled in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$15.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or the present them at a Board Meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed, 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 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail with a notice of the hearing and as an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.
3. Board Hearing – The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by 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, then it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the



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suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his 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 Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

4. Expulsion – Expulsion of a member of the Club may be accomplished only 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 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing on his 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 on his own behalf if he 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

1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition to the Corresponding Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such a petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with the recommendation of the Board of Directors by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.
2. The Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular 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

1. The Club may dissolve 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 purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any



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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 or selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

Order of Business

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

Roll call
Minutes of the Last
Report of the President
Report of the Corresponding Secretary
Report of the Treasurer
Report of the Committees
Election of Officers and Boards (at annual meetings)
Election of New Members*
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

*(This should come after the election of Officers of the Board, if taken up at an annual meeting.)

2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority votes of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting
Report of the Corresponding Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Report of Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment