

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF  
THE PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI CLUB OF THE ROCKIES, INC.**  
*(Revised and Adopted October 26, 2003)*

**ARTICLE I**  
Name and Objectives

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be The Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Rockies, Inc.

SECTION 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Pembroke Welsh Corgis 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 as the only standard of excellence by which the Pembroke Welsh Corgi shall be judged;
- (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials;
- (d) To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club and to conduct matches, educational events and other such functions as desired by the membership;
- (e) To encourage the membership to abide by the Code of Ethics;
- (f) To promote fellowship, helpfulness, and mutual sharing of knowledge and experience among Club members.

SECTION 3. The Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Rockies is organized for pleasure, recreation and other non-profit purposes, substantially all of the activities of which are for such purposes and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any individual.

SECTION 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.

**ARTICLE II**  
Membership

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. There shall be two types of membership open to all persons eighteen years of age and older. Candidates for membership must be in good standing with The American Kennel Club and subscribe to the objectives and purposes of this Club as stated in the Articles of Incorporation. The two classes of membership shall be Regular and Lifetime. Both membership classes are entitled to all privileges and benefits of the club as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws. A Regular member may be voted to Lifetime membership in accordance with Section 3 (b) below.

Membership is unrestricted as to residence. The Club's primary purpose is to be representative of breeders, exhibitors and Corgi fanciers in the immediate area.

SECTION 2. DUES. Membership dues shall be set by the membership at each annual meeting and shall be payable on or before the 1st day of January each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP.

(a) Election to Regular 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 Bylaws 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. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payable for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At the next Club meeting, the application will be voted upon. Applicants must be approved by a majority of the regular members present and voting.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within six months after such rejection.

(b) Election to Lifetime Membership. Lifetime Membership shall be reserved for longtime, contributing members. There will be a formal written nomination form presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval. Sponsored candidates for Lifetime Membership must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the regular members present and voting.

Regular Members who have been elected to Lifetime membership shall assume all of the rights, responsibilities, and requirements of membership at the next regular meeting following their election.

SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Memberships may be terminated by:

- (a) RESIGNATION. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club.
- (b) LAPSING UPON FAILURE TO PAY DUES. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal 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 that meeting.
- (c) EXPULSION. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE III**  
Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1. CLUB MEETINGS. Meetings of the Club shall be held in the greater Denver area no less than four (4) times per year at an hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. A calendar of general meeting dates will be sent to all members. Members will be notified of location or date changes. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Special Club meetings may be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Denver area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. The Corresponding Secretary shall send written notice of the meeting at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. Said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted at the special meeting. The quorum for such a 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 greater Denver area no less than four times per year at such 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 for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 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 Denver area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 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 a 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 is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

**ARTICLE IV**  
Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and two others, all of whom shall be members in good standing. All of whom shall be elected for one-year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article V and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS. The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities, both with regard to the club and board meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, in addition to fulfilling those duties particularly specified by these Bylaws.
- (b) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the case of the President's death, absence or incapacity, or if the President is subject to disciplinary charges pursuant to Article VII of these Bylaws.
- (c) 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, and will carry out such other duties as are prescribed by

these constitution and Bylaws or by the Board.

- (d) The Corresponding Secretary shall keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, have charge of the correspondence, notify members of the meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office and will carry out such other duties as are prescribed by these constitution and Bylaws.
- (e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in a bank designated 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 he/she shall report at every meeting the condition of the club's finances. At the midyear meeting the Treasurer shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous year in writing with copies for each member present at the annual meeting. The Treasurer and other co-signers shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- (f) The Corresponding and Recording Secretary may be the same person, in which case the Board shall be comprised of the officers and three other persons.

SECTION 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 current members of the Board 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 office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

## ARTICLE V

### The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. THE CLUB YEAR. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of February and end on the 31st day of January. 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 December 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. They shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after election.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The two 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 and has not attended at least two regular meetings in the previous twelve months. During the month of September, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately notify the committee persons and the alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before October 15.

- (a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and at least one candidate for positions on the Board. No person shall serve on the Board in the same capacity for more than 3 consecutive years. After securing the consent of each person so nominated, the committee shall immediately report the nominations to the Corresponding Secretary in writing.
- (b) Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Corresponding Secretary shall before November 1, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Any member in attendance may make additional nominations at the meeting before the December meeting, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed. If the nominated candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his nominator shall present to the Corresponding 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 VI**  
Committees

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, tracking or herding 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.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointed 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.

SECTION 3. The Board shall appoint the Corresponding Secretary or any other person it so chooses as a representative to the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America for purpose of liaison.

**ARTICLE VII**  
Discipline

SECTION 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 a like period.

SECTION 2. CHARGES. Any member may bring charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$10, which shall be forfeited if the Board following a hearing does not sustain such charges. The Corresponding 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 first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. The Board 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 three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding 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 own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes. If the Corresponding Secretary is charged, the Vice-President will substitute for the Corresponding Secretary.

SECTION 3. BOARD HEARING. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by 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 fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its finding 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.

Any member of the Board of Directors charged under Section 2 of this article shall not participate as a member of the Board during subsequent hearings. Board members suspended for more than three (3) months shall be replaced pursuant to Article IV Section 3.

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 the 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 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 in his own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by written ballot on the proposed expulsion. Expulsion shall be a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the meeting. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Corresponding 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 the recommendations of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Corresponding Secretary.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible 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 have been mailed to each member at least two (2)

weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### Dissolution

SECTION 1. DISSOLUTION. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the club, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of 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 selected by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X**

### Order of Business

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

- Roll Call
- Reading of the minutes of previous meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports 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:

- Roll Call
- Reading of the minutes of previous meeting
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

## CODE OF ETHICS

Each member of the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Rockies, Inc. will consider the welfare of the breed when engaging in any activities involving breeding, exhibiting or selling of Pembroke Welsh Corgis and will refrain from any activities which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the breed and of this club.

Each member who contemplates breeding a litter, or who allows the use of his stud dog to the same end, shall direct his efforts toward producing Corgis of exceptional quality, intelligence, and sound stable temperaments.

Only dogs of characteristic type, sound structure and temperament shall be offered at stud. Likewise, owners of stud dogs shall not accept for breeding any bitch, the reproduction of which is likely to be detrimental to the breed.

If a dog or bitch has produced any offspring with serious inherited defects detrimental to the animal's wellbeing, such as blindness, deafness, lameness or impairment of the vital functions, and produces like results with a different mating partner, the owner shall refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.

No bitch shall be bred more often than two out of three heat seasons, then only if she is in robust health; and never at the time of her first season, unless this occurs after 12 months of age.

Members should not undertake the breeding of a bitch unless they are prepared to keep the resultant puppies until each is suitably placed even if it takes longer than anticipated. Members offering a dog at stud should request similar assurances from owners of outside bitches.

No member of this Club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters of Pembroke Welsh Corgis or the selling of breeding stock or individuals to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses or other commercial sources of distribution; nor shall Corgis be supplied for raffles or lotteries.

The price of puppies, adults and stud service shall be based on individual quality. All puppies and adults shall be maintained and/or sold in a clean and healthy condition and shall be at least 8 weeks old before going to a new home. No adult or puppy shall be sold without appropriate vaccination.

A puppy or adult showing a very serious fault as described in the American Kennel Club breed standard or other fault such as monorchidism or cryptorchidism, rendering it unsuitable for breeding, shall be sold without papers unless the dog is neutered. This shall be clearly understood by the buyer, and the breeder shall have a signed statement to that effect. All other puppies or adults shall be registered or eligible for registration with the AKC, and the purchase shall be provided with accurate and valid papers. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentation of his Corgis; nor shall he malign his competitors by making false or misleading statements regarding his competitor's Corgis, breeding practices, or person.

Each member of the club has an obligation to protect the interests of the breed by conducting himself in a manner designed to reflect credit on himself, his breed and on the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Rockies, Inc.