Pacific Northwest Boxer Club

MEMBER OF AMERICAN BOXER CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION for Pacific Northwest Boxer Club

(rev112019)

NOTE: *Membership Dues Amounts subject to change without prior notice.*

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (Check one)

___ **Full Membership**: Voting and full privileges as provided under the terms of PNBC's constitution and by-laws. Applicants for full membership must attend three (3) club meetings within a six-month timeframe to qualify for full membership. **Annual Dues: $30 PER PERSON**

___ **Associate Membership**: Entitled to receive notices of meetings and other correspondence, but has no voting privileges. **Annual Dues: $25 PER PERSON**

___ **Junior Membership**: Applicant shall be between 9–17 years of age. Entitled to receive notices of meetings and other correspondence, but has no voting privileges. **Annual Dues: $10 PER PERSON**

NOTE: Annual dues applicable to a calendar year JAN–DEC and cannot be pro-rated.

APPLICANT NAME(s): _____

NOTE: Dues rates are shown and charged PER PERSON.

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

E-MAIL: _____

WEB SITE ADDRESS, if any: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

KENNEL NAME, if any: _____

OTHER DOG CLUB AFFILIATIONS, if any: _____

PNBC MEMBER SPONSOR NAME #1: _____

PNBC MEMBER SPONSOR NAME #2: _____

NOTE: Two (2) PNBC Member Sponsors are required for all applicants of all membership types.

I/We apply for membership in the Pacific Northwest Boxer Club. I/We agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club, the Code of Ethics of the American Boxer Club, and the American Kennel Club Code of Sportsmanship. Dues payable with application form for Associate and Junior Membership. Dues for Full Membership payable upon acceptance into club (acceptance vote takes place at third club meeting attended).

APPLICANT SIGNATURE(s): _____

SECRETARY USE ONLY—Three meeting dates (applies to Full Member applicants):		
1.	**2.**	**3.**
Membership __Approved __ Declined / Recorded in meeting minutes dated: _____		

FILL-OUT APPLICATION, SIGN AND MAIL TO:
Lillian Jesse, PNBC Treasurer, 13040 37th Ave. NE, Seattle WA 98125-4651
NOTE to applicants for Associate or Junior Membership: Please enclose dues payment with application form.
NOTE to applicants for Regular Membership: Dues payment will be payable upon acceptance into club.
QUESTIONS? Contact Lillian Jesse, 206-852-6310, *boxerbrains@comcast.net*

Pacific Northwest Boxer Club

MEMBER OF AMERICAN BOXER CLUB

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM
WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The American Kennel Club (AKC) requires members of AKC-affiliated clubs to authorize in writing the means by which they prefer to receive club notices. "Notices" is defined as any and all communication relative to club and board of directors meetings, club and board meeting minutes, dues invoices and any club-issued announcements or correspondence.

If you are accepted into membership with Pacific Northwest Boxer Club, this form will authorize PNBC to send you notices via e-mail or via U.S. Postal Service. Your method of receiving notices will remain in effect until such time you provide another signed authorization to change your method of delivery. Members may request a new authorization form at any time from the club secretary.

IMPORTANT: Club members are responsible for keeping the club secretary notified of any change of mailing address and/or e-mail address. Changes can be mailed, e-mailed or called into the Secretary by the club member.

AUTHORIZATION TO MAIL OR E-MAIL PNBC NOTICES

ATTN: PNBC Treasurer

FROM: Name_____

Mailing Address _____

_____

or E-mail Address _____

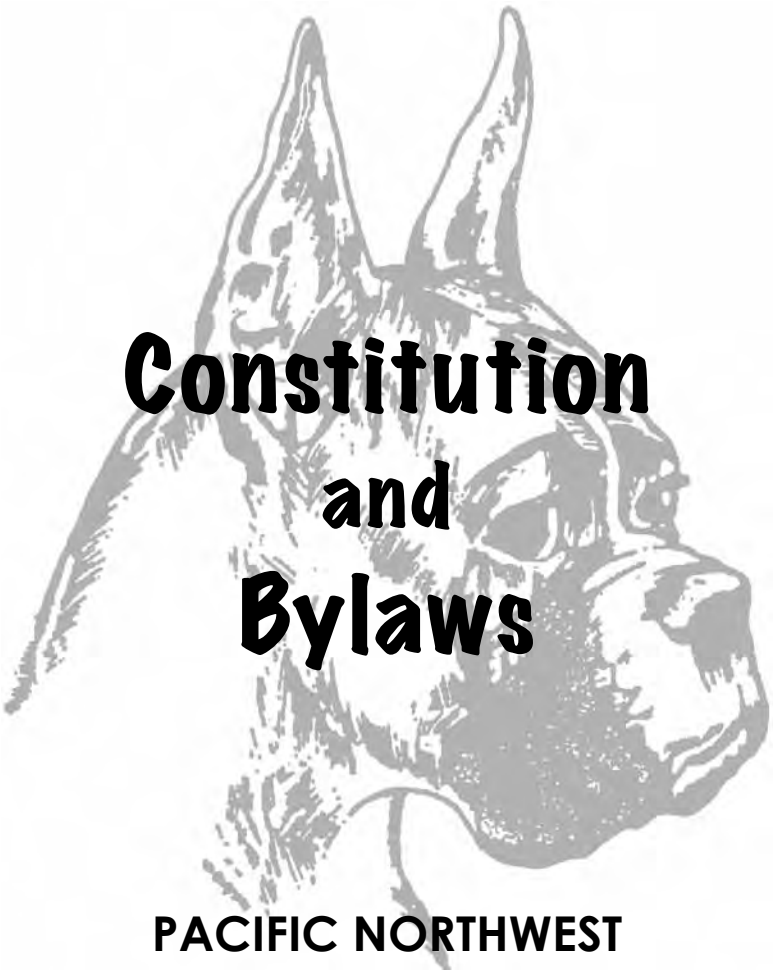
I wish to receive club notices via (select ONE only):

____ E-mail, using the e-mail address indicated above.

____ U.S. Mail, using the mailing address indicated above.

SIGNATURE:_____ **DATE:** _____

MAIL TO:
Lillian Jesse, PNBC Treasurer, 13040 - 37th Ave. NE, Seattle WA 98125-4651
Please submit completed form with your membership application.



Constitution and Bylaws

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXER CLUB

Revised and ABC/AKC Approved

September 2014

Constitution
Article 1
Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name
The name of the club shall be: Pacific Northwest Boxer Club

Section 2. Purpose
The purposes 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 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 boxer 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, obedience trials, tracking tests, field trials, and performance events.
(d) to conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, field trials, and performance events under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.
(e) to initiate educational programs and promotional activities, which will stimulate and extend public interest in the boxer.
(f) to actively endorse a boxer rescue program in the club's regional area.
(g) for members of Pacific Northwest Boxer Club to abide by those portions of the American Boxer Club Bylaws and Code of Ethics which are applicable to members of member clubs.

Section 3. Not For Profit Status
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 be used to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4. Revisions/Amendments
The voting members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise/amend the constitution and bylaws as may be required to carry out the above-described purposes.

Bylaws
Article I
Membership

Section 1. Categories and Eligibility
There shall be three (3) categories of membership available to applicants who subscribe to the purposes of this club. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence or the specific interest an applicant may have in the Boxer breed, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in the immediate area.

The three (3) categories of membership are as follows:

(1) Regular (Voting) Membership: available to persons aged eighteen years or older. Regular members shall pay yearly dues and shall have full privileges provided under the terms of this club's constitution and bylaws. Regular members are entitled to vote.
(2) Junior Membership: available to persons aged nine through seventeen. Junior members cannot hold office or be seated on the board, or vote. They shall pay yearly dues and are entitled to all other privileges of the club, including awards. Upon turning eighteen, a junior member may apply for regular or associate membership.

(3) Associate Membership: entitled to all the privileges of membership except voting and holding office, but is not eligible for club awards as the sole owner of a Boxer.

Section 2. Dues
Yearly dues amounts can be established, increased or decreased by majority vote at any monthly or special club meeting.

Membership dues for the upcoming calendar year are payable on or before December 31st each year. Membership dues can be established by majority vote at any monthly meeting. If dues are not received by December 31st, a $10 late fee will also become due. A second invoice will be sent by January 5th for dues-plus-late-fee, and the club member has until January 31st to pay their invoice in full. If payment in-full is not made by January 31st, the membership will be considered as lapsed and terminated, and the bylaws applying to lapsed membership will be applicable (Article I, Section 5b).

Section 3. Election to Membership
Each applicant for regular membership shall apply on a form approved by the board of directors, which shall confirm that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the Pacific Northwest Boxer Club, the Rules and Regulations (as applicable) and Code of Sportsmanship of the American Kennel Club and the Code of Ethics of the American Boxer Club. All applications will be received and filed with the secretary. An applicant must have the endorsement of two (2) members in good standing and must also have attended three (3) club meetings within six (6) months of submitting their application.

A vote for acceptance into regular membership shall be called for by the secretary (or any officer in place of the secretary) at the third meeting attended by the applicant. A majority vote of voting members present is required to accept an applicant into regular membership. Upon acceptance into regular membership, the new member shall immediately submit their dues payment for the current calendar year (no allowance will be made for a pro-rated dues payment). Applicants for regular membership who have been rejected by the club may re-submit their application for a vote no sooner than six (6) months after the date of rejection.

Each applicant for junior or associate membership shall apply on a form approved by the board of directors, which shall confirm that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the Pacific Northwest Boxer Club, the Rules and Regulations (as applicable) and Code of Sportsmanship of the American Kennel Club and the Code of Ethics of the American Boxer Club. Applications for junior or associate membership must have the endorsement of two (2) members in good standing and be received and filed with the secretary along with a payment of dues for the current calendar year (no allowance will be made for a pro-rated dues payment). Applicants for junior or associate membership are not required to attend a meeting prior to a vote for acceptance. A majority vote of voting members present is required to accept an applicant into junior or associate membership. Upon acceptance into junior or associate membership, the secretary will forward the member's dues payment to the treasurer for deposit. Applicants for junior or associate membership who have been rejected by the club may re-submit their application for a vote no sooner than six (6) months after the date of rejection.

Section 4. Transfers Between Regular and Associate Memberships
A voting member in good standing may at any time transfer into associate membership by notifying the treasurer; no allowance will be made for refund of the difference between regular dues and associate dues. An associate member in good standing and who has previously held voting membership may at any time transfer back into voting membership by notifying the treasurer and by paying the difference between voting and associate membership for the current year. An associate member in good standing who has not previously held voting membership may transfer to voting membership by attending three (3) meetings in the current year, notifying the treasurer and by paying the difference between voting and associate membership for the current year.

Section 5. Termination of Membership
Members 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 may resign when in debt to the club. Dues obligation is considered a debt to the club.
(b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid by January 31st. If membership is terminated due to lapsing, the individual may reapply following the procedures applicable to a new membership.
(c) by expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI, Section 4 of these bylaws.

Article II
Meetings, Notices, Voting

Section 1. Club Meetings
Meetings of the club shall be held each month at such time and place as may be designated by the board of directors. Notice of each such meeting shall be issued by the secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. A meeting date may be re-scheduled or canceled at the discretion of the president, or vice president if he/she is authorized to act on behalf of the president. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of the total number of voting members in good standing.

Section 2. Special Club Meetings
Special club meetings may be called by the president, or by at least three (3) members of the board, or by five (5) voting members of the club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held at such place, date, and time as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Notice of such special meeting shall be issued by the secretary. Said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be twenty (20) percent of the total number of voting members in good standing.

Section 3. Board Meetings
Meetings of the board of directors shall be held three (3) times yearly in January, June, and October at such time and place as may be designated by the board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be issued by the secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. A board meeting date may be re-scheduled at the discretion of the president, or vice president if he/she is authorized to act on behalf of the president. The quorum for such meetings shall be 50 percent of the total number of individuals seated on the board.

Section 4. Special Board Meetings
Special meetings of the board may be called by the president, or by at least three (3) members of the board. Such special board meetings shall be held at such place, date, and time as may be designated by the person(s) authorized to call such meeting. If possible, written notice of such special board meeting shall be issued by the secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose of the special board meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such meetings shall be 50 percent of the total number of individuals seated on the board.

Section 5. Notices
'Notices' include: club and board of directors meeting notices, club and board meeting minutes, dues invoices and any club-issued announcements or correspondence. Such notices will be sent to members via e-mail or postal service in accordance with AKC policies for electronic communication.

Section 6. Voting
Each individual voting member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any meeting of the club at which he/she is present. Each individual board member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any board meeting. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

Article III
Directors and Officers, Elections

Section 1. Board of Directors
The board shall be composed of seven (7) individuals: the elected officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer) and three (3) additional board members.

Section 2. Term of Office
The term of each elected office shall be the club's calendar year, January 1st through December 31st .

Section 3. Eligibility
To hold an elective office, candidates must have been a voting member in good standing since the month of July preceding the December annual meeting and election. No member shall be eligible to be elected to office, or be eligible to continue to hold an elective office, who is under current disciplinary action and/or suspension by the American Kennel Club (AKC) as reported in the "Secretary's Page" column of the monthly *AKC Gazette*, or by the American Boxer Club (ABC) as reported in the secretary's report in the quarterly *ABC Bulletin*.

Section 4. Officers
The club's officers, consisting of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board of directors and its meetings. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in December and their term shall begin January 1st of the next year.

(a) President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board, and shall have the duties and the powers normally appurtenant to the office of president in addition to those particularly specified by these bylaws.
(b) Vice president shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the president in case of the president's absence or incapacity. The vice president shall also have duties as may be assigned by the president.
(c) Secretary shall record in writing accurate and detailed minutes of each meeting of the club and of each meeting of the board. The minutes of those meetings shall be kept in a bound book. The secretary shall, prior to each club or board meeting, issue the minutes of the previous meeting, which, with such corrections as the membership deem necessary, shall be approved by a majority of the voting members present. The secretary shall also have charge of incoming club correspondence and copies of replies; issuance of meeting and minutes notices, and maintaining a roll of the members of the club with their addresses and an accurate record of their attendance at regular and special meetings.
(d) Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the club, and disburse payments on the club's behalf where due. Monies shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books and all related items are to be open to inspection at any time by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting on the condition of the club's finances; and no later than March of each year an accounting shall be made of all income and expenses incurred during the previous calendar year. Also, the treasurer shall, no later than April 30, hand over all financial records for the previous calendar year to the auditing committee appointed by the president. There shall be three (3) officers (treasurer, president, and vice president) authorized to sign checks and each check must be signed by two (2) of them. In early November the treasurer shall send to each member a dues invoice for the upcoming calendar year.

Section 5. Board Positions
In addition to officers, three additional board members to fulfill seven (7) board seats will be elected by the membership.

Section 6. Nominations and Elections

During the month of September, the president shall appoint a nominating committee chairperson, with the board's approval, to coordinate the formation of a committee to construct a slate of nominations for officer and board positions for the upcoming calendar year. The committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members in good standing, one of which may be the chairperson, and not more than one of whom may be a member of the current board. The committee's function shall be:

(a) To solicit and collect nominations for each officer and board position. Any voting member in good standing may nominate themselves for any officer or board position; and any member may make a nomination of a voting member in good standing for any elected officer or board position. All nominations prior to the November meeting shall be directed to the nominating committee chairperson.

(b) To qualify and acquire the consent of each nominated individual prior to the October meeting, and to present the preliminary slate of nominations at the October meeting. If the committee is unable to name an individual nominee for each officer and board position, the committee may accept nominations of individuals willing to perform more than one officer/board function, with the following exception: no individual may be a nominee for president or vice president and another officer position.

(c) To offer a final opportunity for nominations from the floor made by any member in attendance at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor are acceptible if the nominee is a voting member in good standing and accepts his/her nomination in-person at the meeting. A written consent to accept a nomination is acceptable if the nominee is not in attendance at the November meeting; such consent may be entered into the record by the secretary or nominating committee chairperson. Nominations from the floor will be called for by the committee chairperson or president a minimum of three (3) times throughout the November meeting; if no more nominations are forthcoming at the third call, nominations may be closed and the slate of nominees accepted as candidates can be made official by majority vote.

(d) Election of officers and board members will take place at the club's annual meeting in December. If there is more than one candidate for any given office or board position, the secretary shall prepare a secret ballot sheet by which voting will take place; the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each respective position shall be declared as elected. If candidates are running unopposed for all positions, a vote can be called for to declare as elected the entire slate of candidates to their respective positions for the upcoming calendar year. A simple majority vote will allow the entire slate of candidates to be declared as elected.

Section 7. Vacancies

Any vacancies occurring on the board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the annual election by a majority vote of all the then 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 the office of president shall be filled automatically by the vice president and the resulting vacancy in the office of the vice president shall be filled by majority vote of the board.

Article IV
The Club Year and Annual Meeting

Section 1. Club Year

The club will conduct its business and finances based on a calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

Section 2. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December, at which the following will take place: election of officers and board members for the upcoming calendar year in accordance with Article III, Section 5; appointment of an auditing committee by the president; and each retiring officer shall turn over all properties and records relating to their respective office to the newly-elected officer by December 31st. The outgoing treasurer is the exception; the outgoing treasurer will be prepared to turn over the club checkbook and any records pertinent

to club operations as of January 1st to the newly-elected treasurer. The outgoing treasurer may retain records of the previous year until such time the annual report of income and expenses is prepared and presented, at which time all records of the club's finances shall be presented to the auditor(s) appointed by the president in accordance with Article III, Section 4d and Article V, Section 3. Once audited and the auditor's report presented to the president, all financial records will be turned over to the current treasurer.

Article V
Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees
The president each year may appoint standing committees with board approval to advance the work of the club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, annual prizes, membership and other areas which may be more effectively 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. Committee Termination
Any committee appointment may be terminated, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the board and subsequent written notice to the appointee; and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

Section 3. Audit Committee
The financial books and records of the club shall be audited annually. An auditing committee, appointed by the outgoing president in December, shall receive the records from the treasurer for the previous calendar year by April 30th. The audit report and books will be presented to the newly-elected president, who in turn will present the books to the newly-elected treasurer. The auditing committee will give their report to the membership at the next club meeting scheduled immediately after completion of the audit.

Section 4. Show Committee
The president shall appoint a show chairperson with the board's approval to coordinate and oversee a show committee that will be responsible for organizing and presenting dog shows hosted by the club**.** The committee will also be tasked to present to club membership any requests from other dog clubs for supported entries and, if approved by majority vote of voting members, to fulfill or decline the requests.

Article VI
Discipline

Section 1. American Kennel Club or American Boxer Club Disciplinary Action and/or Suspension
Any member who is under disciplinary action and/or suspension from the privileges of the American Kennel Club (AKC) or American Boxer Club (ABC) shall automatically be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

Section 2. Charges
Any member may present charges against another 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 $10.00, 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 first consider whether the actions alleged in the 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 the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing

by the board not less than three (3) weeks nor 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 assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

Section 3. Board Hearing
The board shall have complete authority to decide whether legal counsel may attend a 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. If the board deems that suspension is insufficient, it may 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 next club meeting which considers the board's recommendation. Immediately after the board has reached a decision, it 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 enter the notification into the club record via the secretary's minutes.

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 Article VI, Section 3. 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 on his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The president shall read the charges and the board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak on his/her own behalf if he/she wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of voting membership present at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the board's suspension shall stand.

Article VII
Amendments

Section 1. Amendment Proposals
Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the secretary and signed by 20 percent of the voting 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 at a regular meeting, or a special club meeting called for that purpose, within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the secretary.

Section 2. Amendment Approval by Club
The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of voting members present at a regular club meeting, or a special club meeting called for that purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meetings and sent to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. American Boxer Club Approval
Once amendments are approved as provided in Section 2 of this Article, the club shall send a copy of the club-approved amended constitution and bylaws to the American Boxer Club (ABC) bylaws committee for review. No amendment to the constitution and bylaws that is adopted by the club shall become effective until it has been approved by the ABC Board of Directors.

Article VIII
Dissolution

Section 1. Dissolution of Club
The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of voting members in good standing. 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 from the sale of club property 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 majority vote of the voting membership in good standing.

Article IX
Order of Business

Section 1. Club Meetings
At meetings of the club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting shall permit, shall be:

Roll call
Minutes of last meeting
Report of president
Report of secretary
Report of treasurer
Reports of committees
Election of officers (at annual meeting)
Election of new members
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

Section 2. Board Meetings
At meetings of the board, the order of business unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be:

Reading of minutes for last meeting
Report of secretary
Report of treasurer
Reports of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

Article X
Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Robert's Rules Of Order
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's 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 bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.

END

American Boxer Club

CODE OF ETHICS

This **CODE OF ETHICS** is set forth to protect, advance the interests of, and improve the Boxer breed; to maintain sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and events; and to promote a respect for people and dogs. American Boxer Club members are to adhere to these canons when breeding, buying, selling or competing with and exhibiting their Boxers.

Members of the American Boxer Club will conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs and on Boxers in particular, regardless of the location or circumstances.

AKC Rules and Regulations and **THE AMERICAN BOXER CLUB BY-LAWS** should be known and adhered to at all times. It is important to know the current Standard of the Breed.

ARTICLE I
Breeding

1. Breed only with the intention of improving the breed.
2. Breeders should encourage the certifying of hips, blood testing for thyroid function, and screening for heart defects and other abnormalities that would affect the health of their dogs or the offspring of same, in conjunction with the current Health & Research Committee recommendations.
3. Breed healthy, sound, typey dogs that display sound temperament and qualities and are free of severe faults.
4. Dogs offered at stud should be in good health. They should be free from Canine Brucellosis and other communicable diseases as well as disqualifying genetic faults. A written Stud Contract is essential. Monorchids are not considered breeding stock.
5. Bitches accepted for stud service should be at least eighteen months of age, in good health, free from communicable diseases and disqualifying genetic faults. A bitch must be accompanied by a current veterinarian's certificate stating that she is free of Canine Brucellosis. It is the responsibility of the stud dog owner to properly provide for all visiting bitches' safety and security. Each bitch must be bred only to the stud dog specified by her owner. A change of stud dog is only permitted with the express consent of the owner of the bitch and should be included as an amendment to the Stud Contract.
6. Bitches should be bred only between the ages of eighteen months and six years and should not whelp more than twice in any three consecutive estrus cycles.
7. Breeders will keep accurate breeding records, registration papers, pedigrees and contracts.

ARTICLE II
Maintenance

1. Tail docking and removal of dew claws are appropriate for the breed; ears may be cropped or uncropped. Any surgical procedures are to be performed humanely. Corrective cosmetic surgery will not be performed on Boxers. When such corrective surgery becomes a necessity, the dog will no longer be exhibited, if such alteration is not in accordance with stated AKC policies.
2. Members of The American Boxer Club will maintain their Boxers' condition, health and quarters in a manner that is above reproach.

ARTICLE III
Registration

There are two ways to register puppies for the first time with the AKC registration application.

1. Full Registration
   Boxers who are sound, healthy, typey, considered to be of breeding quality, and who are free of disqualifying faults under the Standard of the Breed may be provided with full registration.

2. Limited Registration
   American Boxer Club Members are encouraged to provide limited registration for the following:
   a. Boxers being purchased only as registered companion pets.
   b. Boxers that are not considered sound, or not of breeding quality, including monorchids.
   c. Boxers of any color not allowed by the standard. Such a Boxer will be placed on a contract, to be signed and a copy retained by all parties, that includes the following provisions:
      i. Limited registration will be provided upon completion of a spay/neuter.
      ii. The new owner will give the breeder a deposit to cover the amount of spay/neuter. This deposit will be returned upon presentation of a certification from a veterinarian that the procedure has taken place.
      iii. The breeder may charge veterinary expenses directly related to the puppy.

Buyers should be informed, where limited AKC registration is involved, that any get of their Boxer will be ineligible for AKC registration. The breeder of the dog can cancel the limited registration, should the puppy at maturity be considered of breeding quality. Providing limited registration is a voluntary action; alternatively, registration papers can be withheld entirely, and the buyer can apply to the AKC for an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP).

ARTICLE IV
Sales

1. All sales of puppies and adults should include:
   a. AKC registration application papers
   b. Signed Bill of Sale
   c. An accurate three generation pedigree
   d. ABC Brochure and/or copy of the Standard of the Breed
   e. Health record including shots given, diet and care information

Note: Registration papers may be withheld at the time of the sale in such cases of prior agreement in writing.

Example: Spay/neuter agreement; Breeding/Lease agreement or other similar contracted agreement, which would delay transfer of ownership until completion of contract.

2. If possible, puppies should remain in their litter environment until at least 7 weeks of age* (see note below).
3. Purchasers should be urged to spay or neuter all pets.
4. Misleading or untruthful statements must not be used in the selling or advertising of puppies. Misrepresentation of American Boxer Club awards, AKC, and/or foreign titles must be carefully avoided.
5. American Boxer Club Members will at all times strive to be accurate and honest to the best of their ability in appraising the quality of Boxers being offered for sale or placement with reference to the Standard of the Breed.
6. All contracts must be clear and complete with any and all conditions stated. A signed copy must be provided to each party involved.
7. During the life of any Boxer sold or placed, the breeder should endeavor to help the owner in every reasonable way.
8. Prospective buyers should be screened on their desire and ultimate intent for each Boxer. Their interest and ability to provide a safe, adequate and loving home should be determined. Fenced yards and crates should be recommended.
9. American Boxer Club members and member clubs will help educate the public on the Standard of the Breed and care of the Boxer in areas where they are qualified.

*Note: Some States have laws that puppies cannot be separated from their mothers until 8 weeks of age. Check your local and state regulations.

ARTICLE V
Infractions

The Boxer Standard defines the following disqualifications: "Boxers that are any color other than fawn or brindle. Boxers with a total of white markings exceeding one-third of the entire coat."

The following infractions are considered to be actions contrary to the best interest of the breed and/or the American Boxer Club:

1. Full registration with the American Kennel Club of a Boxer of any color not allowed by the Standard adopted for the breed by the American Boxer Club, approved by the American Kennel Club and in force at the time of the Infraction.
2. Providing an application for full registration with the American Kennel Club of a Boxer of any color not allowed by the Standard.
3. Signing an application for registration with the American Kennel Club of a litter whose sire and/or dam are of a color not allowed by the Standard.
4. Selling or consigning for resale a Boxer whose sire and/or dam are of a color not allowed by the Standard.
5. Selling, consigning or disposing of a puppy or an adult Boxer to a pet shop, chain of pet shops or any commercial kennel for resale.

Charges may be brought against a member or a member club for actions listed in this Article, as defined in Article VIII, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the American Boxer Club.

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AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.