



Wolverine Retriever Club

ARTICLE I Name and Objects

Section 1. The name of the Club shall be the Wolverine Retriever Club Inc.

Section 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To promote the breeding and field training and to protect and advance the interest of pure bred retrievers.
- (b) To conduct sanctioned matches under the rules of the American Kennel Club and to encourage the sportsmanlike competition at field trials.
- (c) To encourage conservation of wild life

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 of the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 1. **Eligibility.** Membership shall be open to all sportsmen eighteen years of age 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 its immediate area.

Section 2. **Dues.** Annual dues shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, payable on February 1st or not later than March 31st of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. The Secretary shall mail to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year before January 20th.



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Section 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 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 in good standing.

Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment 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 Board of Directors following its receipt. At the meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present shall be required to elect the applicant.

Section 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 Secretary: but no member 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 each fiscal year.
- (b) **By Lapsing.** A membership will be considered as lapsed in the event that the member fails to pay his dues before March 31st. Such member will forfeit his membership rights and privileges including, without limitation thereof, his voting rights, until such time as his dues are paid.
- (c) **By Expulsion.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article IV, Section 4 of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II Meetings and Voting

Section 1. **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; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 5 members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the Detroit, Metropolitan 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 such a meeting shall be mailed by the secretary at least 5 Days and not more than 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 a meeting shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

Section 2. **Board Meetings.** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held 6 times a year and shall be held in the Detroit, Metropolitan area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the 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.



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Section 3. **Special Board Meetings.** Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the Detroit Metropolitan area at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the 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 4. **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 III Directors and Officers

Section 1. **Board of Directors.** The Board shall be comprised of the officers and 5 other persons all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for three-year terms at the club's annual meeting as provided in article 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, 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 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 bylaws.
- (b) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the power 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; have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officer 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 bylaws.
- (d) The treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered 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.



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- (e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person in which case the Board shall be comprised of 9 persons.
- (f) AKC Delegate

Section 3. **Vacancies.** Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next 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 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 first 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 February at which Officers, Delegate to the American Kennel Club and four Directors for the ensuing three years shall be elected by secret ballot from among those 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 the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

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 candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of December, 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 Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before January 1.

- (a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office (and for Delegate who may be need not be an officer of director of the Club). And positions on the board, and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall before January 15th notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the annual meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further



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that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position (except for the position of Delegate).

- (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 Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as seminars, fund raisers, fun trials, symposiums, membership drives 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 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

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 the Club for a like period.