

Article I
Name and Objectives

- Section 1. The name of the Club shall be the Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Incorporated and the principal office of the Club shall be located in the City or County of Pueblo, Colorado.
- Section 2. The objectives of the Club shall be:
- (A) To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs;
 - (B) To conduct dog shows and/or obedience trials, field trials and sanctioned matches under the rules of the American Kennel Club;
 - (C) To foster an appreciation of the purebred dog as a worker, protector, companion, or pet;
 - (D) To support community projects concerning purebred dogs.
- Section 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure 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 by-laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

Article II
Membership

- Section 1. There shall be two types of membership, Active and Lifetime:
- (A) Active membership shall be open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of the Club.
 - (B) Lifetime membership may be awarded, by the Board; to members of the Club who have rendered service to the Club for a minimum of ten years and who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and who subscribe to the purposes of the Club.
- Section 2. DUES: Initiation fees and annual dues, as set by the Board, are payable on or before the first day of July of each year, except persons applying for membership after the first day of May. New members voted in after the first day of May are considered paid through the following fiscal year. Family membership entitles each family member eighteen years of age or older, residing at the same address, to vote on Club business and/or elections.
- Section 3. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP: Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these by-laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name; address and occupation of the applicant; and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member(s) shall submit dues 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 shall be voted upon and affirmative votes of three-fourths of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applications for membership, who have been rejected the Club, may not reapply within the six months after such rejection. To be eligible for nomination to any office or Board position, a person must have attended at least three meetings during the previous year.
- 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 shall be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid ninety days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional ninety days grace to such delinquent member(s) 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) By expulsion: A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of the by-laws.

Article III
Meetings and Voting

- Section 1. CLUB MEETINGS: Meetings of the Club shall be held in the Greater Pueblo Area, Colorado, on the third Tuesday in the months of July through June of each year, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Notice of such meeting shall be given to members by the Club secretary, by written notice, ten days prior to the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be twenty percent of the members in good standing.
- Section 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS: Special Club meeting 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, or by the Secretary upon written receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meetings shall be held in the greater Pueblo area, Colorado and at such an hour and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call meetings. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed to each member by the secretary at least five days, and not more than fifteen 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 twenty percent of the members in good standing.
- Section 3. BOARD MEETINGS: Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held during the months of July through June, at such hour and place as may be designated by the board. Written notice of such meeting shall be given to each board member, by the secretary, five days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board. A majority of the board, at its discretion, may determine that there will be no meeting the following month, however a minimum of nine such meeting shall be held each year.
- Section 4. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS: Special meetings of the board may be called by the president, or by the Secretary upon written receipt of a petition signed by three members of the board. Such meetings shall be held in the greater Pueblo area, Colorado and at such an hour and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call meetings. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed to each board member by the secretary at least five days, and not more than ten days, prior to the date of the meeting, or telegraphic notice shall be filed at least three days, and not more than five days, prior to the date of the meeting. Any such 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 a majority of the board.
- Section 5. VOTING: Each member in good standing, whose dues are paid for the current year, shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.
- Section 6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Parliamentary procedure not otherwise specified in these by-laws shall conform to Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Article IV Directors and Officers

- Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board shall be comprised of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and four other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing. The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms at the Clubs annual meeting as provided in Article V and shall serve until their successors are elected. Two of the four members of the board shall be elected for two-year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided for in Article V and shall serve with the two members elected at the preceding annual meeting until their successors are elected. The board of directors shall be responsible for all general management of Club affairs.
- 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 the Club and it's meetings and the board and it's meetings. No member shall be eligible to hold the office of president for more than two consecutive two-year terms. No two member of the same address or family may sign checks for the treasurer.
- Section 3. VACANCIES: A vacancy in the office of the president shall be filled by the vice-president and the resulting vacancy in the office of the vice-president shall be filled by the board. Any other vacancies occurring in any office or on the board during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by

a majority vote of all of the then members of the board at it's first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy.

- Section 4. **LIABILITY OF MEMBERS:** The Corporation will hold harmless it's officers and members for actions arising out of and in the scope of performing duties for the Club, provided said duties are carried out in good faith.

Article V

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

- Section 1. **CLUB YEAR:** The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July and end on the thirtieth day of June. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the next annual meeting.
- Section 2. **ANNUAL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of June at which time director and officers for the ensuing alternate years shall be elected by secret written ballot from among those nominated in accord with Section 4 of this Article.
- Section 3. **ELECTION:** The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The three nominated candidates for other positions on the board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.
- Section 4. **NOMINATIONS:** No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of March, the board shall select a nominating committee consisting of three members and one alternate, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board.
- (A) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office at alternate years and two candidates for the two other positions on the board; and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall report their nominations to the secretary, in writing, prior to the May meeting.
- (B) Upon written receipt of the nominating committee's report, the candidates nominated shall be published in the newsletter.
- (C) Nominations may be made at the May meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additions nominations, which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the nominating committee.
- (D) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as proved 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 dog shows, field trials, obedience trial, 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 appointments 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 service has been terminated.

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 prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the secretary together with a deposit of ten dollars which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the board following the 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 interest of the Club. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct, which could be prejudicial to the best interest of the Club 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 three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.
- Section 3. BOARD 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 months from the date of the hearing. And if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the board's recommendation. Immediately after the board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the secretary. The secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the board's decision and penalty, if any.
- Section 4. EXPULSION: Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a board hearing and upon the board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty days, but not earlier than thirty days after the date of the board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The president shall read the charges and the board's findings and invite the defendant, if present, to speak on his/her own behalf if he/she wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret, written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the board's suspension shall stand.

Article VIII Amendments

- Section 1. Amendments to the by-laws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the secretary signed by twenty percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the board of directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the board by the secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the secretary.
- Section 2. The by-laws may be amended by a two-third 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 IX Dissolution

- Section 1. DISSOLUTION: The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less than two-thirds 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 the law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club. But, after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs, as selected by the board of directors.

Article X Order of Business

Section 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS: At the 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 of officers and board

Minutes of last meeting

Reading of minutes of last board meeting

Report of secretary-correspondence

Report of treasurer

Report of committees

Report of president

Election of officers and board (at the annual meeting in June)

Election of new members

Unfinished business

New business

Adjournment

Section 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS AT BOARD MEETINGS: At meetings of the board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Roll call of officers and board

Reading of minutes of last meeting

Report of secretary-correspondence

Report of treasurer

Report of committees

Unfinished business

New business

Adjournment