

SCOTTISH TERRIER CLUB  
OF  
GREATER NEW YORK  
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I  
NAME, ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTS

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be “The Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York”.

SECTION 2. Organization:

- (a) The Club is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (b) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set for the in Article I, Section 3 hereof (Objects). No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or otherwise intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry out any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- (c) Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

SECTION 3. The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Scottish Terriers 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 Scottish Terriers 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
  - agility trials
  - barn hunts
  - earthdog trials
  - rally
  - lure coursing
- (d) to conduct sanctioned matches,
- dog shows
  - obedience trials
  - agility trials
  - and any other event for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.
- (e) to educate our membership, the Scottish Terrier community, and the general public as to the proper breeding practices that promote healthy and well adjusted puppies and adults;
- sponsor seminars and engage speakers that offer education in good breeding practices and raising healthy puppies;
  - hold seminars in grooming and proper care of Scottish Terriers;
  - provide educational opportunities in training, socialization, and behavioral aspects;
  - to educate our membership, the Scottish Terrier community, and the general public about health initiatives and encourage all to join registries and participate in health research and programs that will improve the health, treatment of disease, and lifespan of Scottish Terriers;

(f) to provide assistance to stray or otherwise homeless Scottish Terriers through a formal Rescue Program which will;

- provide quality veterinary care and grooming which will restore health, appearance and comfort, as well as diagnose and treat illnesses and disease as is reasonable, vaccinate, and spay or neuter whenever possible, to prepare the Rescued dog for adoption by the public;
- provide proper evaluation by behavioral and temperament testing, training, and socialization;
- locate responsible persons to adopt and make a permanent commitment to each Rescued dog's care;
- screen applicants who adopt a Rescued dog to ensure, to the extent possible, that the applicant can provide a safe and comfortable environment necessary to meet the dog's specific needs and to help the dog to thrive. This screening shall include an inspection of the adopters home and personal reference verification;
- provide an educational resource and support system to anyone who inquires about the Scottish Terrier breed, the Rescue Program, and Rescued dogs through personal contact, literature, a variety of web sites and internet resources, and referrals to various experts in specific disciplines or fields of study;
- provide a resource to anyone who adopts a Scottish Terrier and is unable to keep that Rescue by providing for the return of the Rescue into the Rescue Program;
  - a condition of adoption imposed upon all who adopt through the Rescue Program is that the Rescued dog must be returned to STCGNY Rescue if the adopter, for any reason, cannot keep the dog.
- assist the public and shelters, rescue groups, and animal control facilities by helping them with Scottish Terriers they need to rehome.

(g) to educate members and the public concerning the Scottish Terrier breed, temperament, and conformation. At our events, health seminars, and clinics can be provided to educate the public on diseases that affect the Scottish Terrier (i.e. VWD- Von Willebrand's Disease, DNA Testing, CERF – eye clinic, CHIC – canine health registries);

(h) to put in place a junior showmanship program to promote, educate and encourage children and young adults in showing and caring for Scottish Terriers, as well as demonstrating and rewarding good showmanship, competition and possible career opportunities in this discipline;

(i) to put in place a program for competitive performance sports, i.e. agility, earthdog, obedience, or rally, to encourage and open up participation in events other than conformation;

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 objects.

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility -

- (a) While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders, owners, and exhibitors in the Greater New York City area.
- (b) Individual/Regular Membership: shall be open to all adults (eighteen years of age or older), who subscribe to the purpose of this Club, and if are members, are in good standing with the Scottish Terrier Club of America and the American Kennel Club. Each member shall enjoy all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.
- (c) Household Membership: Two (2) members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote and hold office.
- (d) Honorary Membership: Honorary Membership may be granted by the Board of Directors to any individual club member or former club member who has contributed to the betterment of the Scottish Terrier breed, and for special circumstances as deemed appropriate to the board. All dues will be waived for Honorary members. Honorary members may not vote or hold Club office, but they can maintain Regular (or household) membership if they pay dues.
- (e) Associate or Newsletter Membership: Entitlement to all club privileges except voting and office holding (offered to individuals who live outside the club's area; also offered to individuals who live in the club's area but are not active).

SECTION 2. Dues - Membership dues for Individual/Regular Membership shall be an amount recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by 2/3 of the voting membership in attendance at the regular meeting. Members must be given advance notice if any proposed change in dues and be advised of the meeting date when the proposed change will be voted upon. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of January, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. In those cases where a new member joins on or after October 1, membership dues shall be one half (1/2) the yearly rate for the remainder of the year. Regular dues shall apply for subsequent years. Dues shall be payable on or before the first day of April each year. Currently membership fees are \$35 per year Individual/Regular and \$60 Household.

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 the Constitution and By-laws, the Code of Ethics and the rules of the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York. The applicant shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two voting members in good standing who do not reside in the same household and are not related to the applicant. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit the dues payable for the current year.

(b) All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Board following receipt of the application. The Board shall recommend to the general membership either acceptance or rejection of the application. At the second club meeting that the applicant attends, the application will be read and voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

(c) Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not re-apply within six months after such rejection. Membership dues submitted shall be returned to the rejected 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 and automatically terminated if such members dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of each 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) By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these by-laws.

## ARTICLE II MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION 1. Club meetings. Meetings of the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York must be held a minimum of six(6) times per year and must always be held within the club's territory, the Greater New York City area, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

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, and shall be called by the 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 New York City 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, 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% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. Board meetings. Meetings of the board of directors of the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York must be held a minimum of six(6) times per year within the Greater New York City area. Board meetings may also be held via teleconference or video conference, for the convenience of the club, 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.

SECTION 4. Special Board meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such meetings shall be held in the Greater New York 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, not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other business may 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 III  
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the officers and five (5) other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one-year terms at the club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. The Immediate Past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors. 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 and at 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 powers 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 officers and directors of their election to office, and keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as a prescribed in these bylaws.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. Monies shall deposited in a bank approved by the Board in the name of the Club. He/She shall be responsible for prompt payment of all such debts when presented with proper documentation (receipts or invoices). The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting on 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 monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall have their books duly audited by an "in house" auditing committee consisting of qualified member(s) appointed by the Board during the month of December. The results of the "in house" audit will be presented at the Annual Meeting. If the Treasurer is bonded, it shall be at the expense of the club.
- (e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the board shall be comprised of (8) persons.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March. 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 April 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 the 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 the election.

SECTION 3. Elections.

- (a) Where there are no additional nominations, the Secretary shall cast one vote for the entire slate at the annual meeting, thus declaring the slate elected.
- (b) The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The 4 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 January, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one of whom shall 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 February 28th. The Committee may conduct its business by any method they agree upon.

- (a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office, and 5 candidates for the 5 other positions on the board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing. Unless he/she declines, the Immediate Past President shall be nominated to the Board.



- (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall before the second meeting of the calendar year, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the second meeting of the new year, by any member in attendance providing the person(s) 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 willingness to be a candidate. Any eligible member present and in good standing may nominate himself. 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 V COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as specialty shows, 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 or appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee(s), 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 any of the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. The Scottish Terrier Club of America: Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the Scottish Terrier Club of America automatically shall be suspended from the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York for a like period.

SECTION 3. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a 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 ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly see that each member of the Board receives a copy of the charges. 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 or breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the club or the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing of the Board not less than three (3) weeks or more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send a 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.

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 to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such cases, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board 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 and the Scottish Terrier club of America 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 60 days but not earlier than 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 on his own behalf if he wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand. The Secretary in turn shall notify each of the parties and the Scottish Terrier Club of America of the results of the vote.

ARTICLE VII  
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and 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 constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendment have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII  
DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. Dissolution. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the 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 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 the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX  
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
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of the President
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meetings)
- Unfinished business
- New Business
- Adjournment

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

Minutes of the last meeting

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Reports of Committees

Unfinished business

New Business

Adjournment

## ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1.

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.