

THE YANKEE CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI CLUB
Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution

ARTICLE I
Name and Objects of the Club

SECTION 1: The name shall be **The Yankee Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club**.

SECTION 2: The objects of the Club shall be:

(a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of the purebred Cardigan Welsh Corgi and to do all possible to bring the 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, which the Cardigan Welsh Corgi shall be judged.

(c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at the dog shows, obedience trials and all other sanctioned events.

(d) To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trails and other breed related events under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

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 bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

Bylaws

ARTICLE I
Membership

The Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the Cardigan Welsh Corgi fanciers in New England

SECTION 1: Eligibility: Regular members are individual, household and charter members. There shall be four types of membership:

(a) Regular membership: shall be open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, subscribe to the purposes of this Club, and who reside in New England or New York.

(b) Household Membership: shall be open to two adults residing in the same household in New England. Each shall be entitled to a separate vote and to hold office.

(c) Junior Membership: shall be open to all persons between the ages of ten and eighteen who are otherwise eligible for regular membership. A Junior member in good standing, upon turning eighteen years of age, automatically becomes a full member with all the rights and privileges thereof.

(d) Associate Membership: shall be open to all persons not meeting geographic requirements for regular membership.

(e) Junior and Associate membership shall not include voting or office holding privileges.

SECTION 2: Dues: Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall not exceed \$50. Dues are payable on the 1st day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November the treasurer shall send to each member statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

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 bylaws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state their name, address, dogs owned, and it shall carry the endorsement of two regular members. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit an application fee. All prospective adult members will apply for an Associate Membership and shall be voted upon by secret ballot after their names are published in the club newsletter. The overwhelming majority, two thirds, of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Membership can be upgraded to Regular or Household status upon fulfilling the necessary residency requirement (must reside in New England - ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI or New York) and attend two club sponsored events. It will be the Associate member's responsibility to request that their membership status be upgraded to Regular or Household noting the two club sponsored events attended. Attendance at two Club functions or meetings shall be a prerequisite for regular, household, and junior membership.

All applications are to be filed with the Membership Chairperson. The names of all applicants shall be published in an official Club publication and comments are invited from members concerning applicants' suitability. The Board shall consider any reports received and shall notify applicants within six months or as soon as practicable of their acceptance or rejection.

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

SECTION 4: Termination of Membership: Memberships may be terminated by:

(a) Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign while in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and are incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.

(b) Lapsing. A membership may be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year. However, the Board may grant an additional 90 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting while his dues are unpaid as of the meeting date.

(c) Expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in ARTICLE VI of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1: Club Meetings: Meetings of the Club shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be twenty percent of the regular membership 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 or shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five

members of the Club who are in good standing. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted there at. 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 at such time and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting, stating the purpose of the meeting. No other business shall be transacted there at. The quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board. The Board shall meet at least twice a year.

SECTION 4: Special Board Meetings: Special Board meetings may be called by the President, or may be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting, stating the purpose of the meeting. No other business shall be transacted there at. The quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5: Voting: Each regular 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 President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and five other persons all of whom shall be members in good standing, all of whom shall be elected for two year terms as provided in ARTICLE IV, and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's officers is entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: Officers: The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary 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 the Board, and shall have the powers and duties normally appurtenant to the office of President, in addition to those 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 all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. (S) He shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of the meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.

(d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. (S) He shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall be at all times open to inspection by the Board and (s) he shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported. At the annual meeting (s) he shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The treasurer shall be bonded in such amount, as the Board shall determine. The treasurer's books shall be audited biannually.

SECTION 3: Vacancies: Any vacancy occurring on the Board or among the Officers during the year shall be filled, until the next election, by a majority vote of all the current Board members at its next regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at the Special Board Meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

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 31st day of December. The Club's official year shall begin immediately following the conclusion of the Annual meeting and shall continue through the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2: Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall be held in the month of July. Newly elected officers and directors shall take office upon conclusion of the meeting. Each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor all properties and records relating to that office within thirty days of the annual meeting.

SECTION 3: Elections: Voting for Officers and Directors shall be by mail. Ballots, to be valid, must be received by the Secretary at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting. The Board shall appoint three election tellers, who are members in good standing and are neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot, to assist the Secretary with the counting of ballots. Persons receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected, and all candidates shall be so notified at least 15 days prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 4: Nominations: No person may be a Club candidate who has not been nominated. During the fall, the Board shall select a nominating committee consisting of three members and two alternates not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee members and the alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chair for the committee and it shall be (her) his duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before December 15.

(a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and five candidates for the remaining position on the Board and, after securing the written consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the secretary in writing.

(b) Upon receipt of the Nomination Committee's report, the Secretary shall, prior to January 31st, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the Spring meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his nominator shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No Person may be a candidate for more than one position.

(d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any other manner other than as provided for in this Section.

(e) If no valid additional nominations are proposed at the Spring meeting, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual meeting, and no further balloting is required.

(f) If one or more additional nominations are proposed at the Spring meeting, the Secretary shall mail, to each regular member in good standing, a slate listing all the nominees for each position. This slate shall be mailed at least 60 days prior to the Annual meeting.

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 show, obedience trials, other sanctioned events, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other fields which may be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may be appointed by the board to assist in particular projects.

SECTION 2: Any committee appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee, and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI

Discipline

SECTION 1: American Kennel Club Suspension: Any member that is suspended from privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from this club for a like period.

SECTION 2: Charges: Any member may press charges against another club member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$25.00, which shall be forfeited to the Club's treasury 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 the next Board meeting. 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 the breed. If the Board considers the charges do not allege such conduct, 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 weeks and not more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified 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. No counsel may attend the hearing.

SECTION 3: Board Hearing: Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence presented by the complainant and the 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. 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 90 days, but not earlier than 30 days of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The membership present shall then vote by secret written ballot on

the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsions are not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII

Amendment

SECTION 1: Amendment to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the Board or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent of the regular membership in good standing. Amendment proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the membership at the next regular meeting.

SECTION 2: The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided that 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 VIII

SECTION 1: The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two thirds of the membership. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for the purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of the law, none of the property of the Club or any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the Club. After all payment of the debts of the Club, its properties and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs, selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

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

- Roll Call
- Summary of Last Board Meeting
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (biennial meeting)
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

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

- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment