

NATIONAL AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER ASSOCIATION

Constitution and Bylaws

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name. This association shall be known as the **National American Pit Bull Terrier Association**, also referred to as “the Association” or “NAPBTA”.

Article II. Purpose. The Association is formed for the following purposes:

Section 1. To encourage and promote responsible breeding so as to enhance the qualities of the American Pit Bull Terrier as recognized by the registering body, the United Kennel Club, Inc., 100 East Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584.

Section 2. To encourage members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as established and approved by the United Kennel Club, Inc., as being the only standard by which the American Pit Bull Terrier will be bred and judged.

Section 3. To present the American Pit Bull Terrier to the public in a positive light.

Section 4. To educate and make known to the public the high standard of excellence of the United Kennel Club, Inc. registered American Pit Bull Terrier.

Section 5. To conduct United Kennel Club, Inc. approved and licensed events.

Section 6. To do all in its power to promote fairness and good sportsmanship at UKC, Inc. licensed events.

Section 7. To continually improve the quality of the American Pit Bull Terrier, through holding, promoting, and participating in UKC, Inc. licensed events for the breed.

Section 8. To accomplish its purposes the Association can purchase, rent, or lease property for its activities and to maintain the annual Association meeting acquire and hold, by purchase or gift, any personal and real property needed to carry out these objectives, and receive dues, subscriptions, and donations.

Article III. Association Profits. The Association shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Association shall benefit any member or individual.

Article IV. Rules For Licensed Events. All licensed events sponsored by the Association shall be run in accordance with the rules, policies, and procedures of the United Kennel Club.

Article V. Banning From Events and NAPBTA. No individual or group of individuals known to raise dogs for fighting; who knowingly sell, give or trade dogs that will be used for fighting; or who support, promote, condone or are associated with facing off, game testing, rolling or pitting will be tolerated or allowed membership in this association. These individuals shall be banned from all UKC events and clubs, with no reinstatement at any time.

Article VI. Revisions to Bylaws. The members of the Association shall adopt and may, from time to time, revise any bylaws needed to carry out these objectives.

Article VII. Affiliation. The National American Pit Bull Terrier Association shall be affiliated with the United Kennel Club, Inc. It shall not affiliate with any other registering office, club, association, or groups; except by written consent of the United Kennel Club, Inc.

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Bylaws

Article I. Membership.

Section 1. Eligibility. There shall be five types of membership as outlined in Article I, Section 2 open to any breeder, owner, or fancier of the American Pit Bull Terrier who subscribes to the purposes and objectives of the Association, who agrees to abide by the Association Code of Ethics, Policy and Procedures, and who is in good standing with U.K.C.

Section 2. Types of membership.

Section 2.1. Single membership. Members eighteen years of age or older. Single members shall be entitled to one vote and shall be eligible to hold office in the Association.

Section 2.2. Family/Household membership. Any two or more members of a household eighteen years of age or older. Each family/household membership shall be entitled to two votes but only one member from each household may hold office at any one time.

Section 2.3. Honorary membership. The board of directors may elect to honorary membership any member in good standing or any non-member who meets the eligibility requirements for membership. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors present at a meeting of the board, or two-thirds of the entire board voting by mail is required to elect an honorary member. Honorary members shall be exempt from dues. Honorary members may not vote or hold office unless they were members in good standing of the Association at the time they were elected to honorary membership.

Section 2.4. Junior membership. Any individual five to seventeen years of age. Juniors may convert to regular membership on reaching their eighteenth birthday. Junior members shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office, but are eligible for annual trophies or awards offered by or through the Association.

Section 2.5. Member Club. A UKC licensed American Pit Bull Terrier single breed club dedicated to the betterment of the American Pit Bull Terrier and whose Constitution Affiliation Article officially associates the club with the National American Pit Bull Terrier Association. Member clubs shall agree to abide by the Association's Constitution and Bylaws, Association Policy and Procedures and the rules and regulations of the United Kennel Club. Each member club is entitled to one vote through the designated club delegate.

Section 3. Dues.

Section 3.1. Amount. The board of directors shall determine annual membership dues.

Section 3.2. Payment of dues. Dues for the ensuing year shall be payable on or before the first day of January.

Section 3.3. Dues statement. During the month of November of each year, the treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year. For member clubs the treasurer shall send a statement for the ensuing year to the member club's secretary at the address on file with the NAPBTA.

Section 3.4. Nonpayment of dues. Members and member clubs may vote only if their dues are paid for the current year. The membership of any member or member club who has not paid their dues by January 31 of any calendar year shall lapse. Lapsed members and member clubs may apply for membership in the Association by following the application for membership procedure found in Section 4.

Section 4. Application for membership.

Section 4.1 Single, Family/Household and Junior Membership. Each applicant for membership in the Association shall apply on an officer-approved application for membership, which states that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Policy and Procedures and Code of Ethics of the Association and the rules and regulations of the United Kennel Club. The prospective member shall submit the completed application and dues payment for the current year to the treasurer. When the treasurer receives the application and dues the applying club or individual applicant's membership shall become effective.

Section 4.2 Member Club

- a. Each member club applicant for membership in the Association shall apply on an officer-approved application for membership that states the member club applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Policy and Procedures, Code of Ethics of the Association and the rules and regulations of the United Kennel Club.
- b. An applicant member club shall file its application with the treasurer with a copy of its constitution and bylaws and of its letter of intent to become a UKC licensed club, and a list of its officers, directors, members and their addresses. The application shall be accompanied by the current year's dues. The member club shall designate a club delegate to represent their local club on the NAPBTA Board of Directors.
- c. An individual person may be a delegate for only one club at a time.

Section 5. Termination Of Membership. Memberships may be ended for any of the following reasons:

Section 5.1. Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Association by sending a written notice to the secretary. Resignation shall not discharge or eliminate any debt owed to the Association. Dues shall be considered an obligation to the Association and are incurred the first day of each fiscal year.

Section 5.2. Lapsing. A membership shall be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if the member's dues remain unpaid after January 31. Members whose dues are unpaid as of the date of a meeting shall not vote at the meeting.

Section 5.3. Suspension. Any member who is suspended or barred from the privileges of the United Kennel Club shall be automatically suspended or barred from the privileges of membership in the Association for the same time

Section 5.4. Expulsion. A membership may be suspended or ended by expulsion as provided in Article VIII, Section 4 of these bylaws.

Article II. Association Year.

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The Association's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

Section 2. Official Year. The Association's official year shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue through the next annual meeting.

Article III. Directors and Officers.

Section 1. Board of Directors. The board of directors is composed of the officers elected as provided in Article IV, and member club delegates elected or appointed by their clubs. Officers and delegates shall be members in good standing. They shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed. In addition, the immediate past president, if available, shall serve as a voting member of the board for one year. Management of the Association's affairs shall be entrusted to the board of directors.

Section 2. Term of Office. The officers of the Association shall serve terms of two years or until their successors are elected. No officer may be a club delegate. No person may hold more than one office per term and only one member from each household may hold office at any one time. The president and treasurer shall be elected during the even numbered years. The vice president and secretary shall be elected during the odd numbered years.

Section 3. Removal for Unexcused Absences. Any director or officer who misses two board meetings within an association year shall be removed from their position, unless a majority of the board members present and voting at the meeting from which the director or officer is absent for the second time votes to excuse one or both of the absences. The board member or officer who wishes to be excused from a meeting or meetings shall send their request to the secretary no less than ten days prior to the board meeting at which action on the excuse will be taken. The secretary shall mail notice to any board member who has been discharged within fifteen days of their removal.

Section 4. Officers. The Association's officers, consisting of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both for the Association and its meetings and for the board and its meetings. All officers shall be in good standing with the United Kennel Club.

Section 4.1. President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the board of directors, and shall have the duties and exercise the powers normally assigned to the office of the president in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws. The president shall appoint committees, with the exception of the nominating committee, with the approval of the board of directors. The president shall appoint the parliamentarian.

Section 4.2. Vice President. The vice president shall assist the president when and where possible. The vice president shall have the duties and exercises the powers of the president if the president dies, is absent, or is incapacitated.

Section 4.3. Secretary. The secretary shall keep a written record of all meetings of the Association and of the board. The secretary shall also keep a record of all matters for which the Association orders a record. The secretary shall be in charge of all Association correspondence including:

- a. Notifying members of meetings
- b. Making the annual membership meeting minutes available to all members either by mail or by inclusion in an Association newsletter
- c. Keeping a roll of the members of the Association with their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail
- d. Preparing, printing and mailing official Association ballots
- e. Notifying officers and directors of their election to office
- f. Carrying out, in the death, absence or incapacity of the president and vice president, the duties and exercising the powers of the president or vice president until the vacancies are filled by the board of directors as provided in Article III, Section 6, and
- g. Carrying out duties prescribed in these bylaws.

Section 4.4. Treasurer.

- a. The treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Association.
- b. The treasurer shall accept membership applications and issue membership cards.
- c. Monies shall be deposited in a bank designated by the officers, in the name of the Association.
- d. The books shall at all times be accurate, up to date, and open to inspection by the board.
- e. The treasurer shall report at every meeting on the condition of the Association's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported.
- f. At the annual membership meeting the treasurer shall account for all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year and shall submit an audit committee report.
- g. If the treasurer resigns, dies, or is expelled from the Association all monies and account books of the Association shall be handed over to the officers until the office of treasurer is filled. The president shall sign all checks during the interim.
- h. The Treasurer shall be bonded. The bonding expense shall be borne by the Association.

Section 5. Resignations. Any officer or director may resign at any time by giving a written notice to the secretary of the Association. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, and unless otherwise stated therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. Any vacancies among the officers, except in the office of president, shall be filled by a majority vote of the current members of the board at its first regular meeting after the vacancy occurs, or at a special board meeting called for that purpose. The acting president shall nominate a candidate for the office to be voted upon. The vice president shall automatically fill a vacancy in the office of president. Any interim officers shall be replaced by regular election at the next annual election. The member club whose delegate is no longer on the board of directors will fill the vacancy created by their delegate.

Section 7. Compensation. The members of the board shall serve without compensation for time or labor but may be compensated for reasonable and necessary expenses at the discretion of the board.

Article IV. Elections.

Section 1. Annual Election. The annual election of officers shall be conducted by mail ballot. If no nominations are received by the secretary beyond those submitted by the nominating committee as provided in Article IV, Section 2.3 no ballot shall be necessary.

Section 2. Nominations. To be a candidate for an office, a member shall be nominated by the nominating committee or by another member in accordance with Article IV, Section 2.3. Nominations shall not be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

Section 2.1 Nominating Committee. Before February 28 of each year the board shall select a nominating committee, consisting of five members and two alternates, all members in good standing, none of whom may be a member of the current board of

directors. In choosing the members of the nominating committee, the board shall make every effort to ensure that different parts of the country are represented on the committee. The board shall name one member of the committee to serve as chairperson. The chairperson shall set times and dates for committee meetings and will report results to the Association Secretary. The nominating committee may conduct its business in person or by mail, fax, telephone or other electronic communication. The chairperson shall send a list of all nominations in writing to all members of the committee within ten days of the decision.

Section 2.2. Candidates. The nominating committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Association one candidate for each office being voted on that year and shall obtain each nominee's acceptance. The committee shall consider geographical representation of the membership when selecting nominees to the extent that it is practical to do so. The committee shall submit its slate of candidates to the secretary by May 1. The secretary shall mail the list, including the full name of each candidate and the state in which the candidate resides, to all members before June 1, so that members may make additional nominations.

- a. Candidates for office may submit a factual statement of biographical information, service, and qualifications for office to the secretary for enclosure with the ballot. Such statements shall not exceed 300 words and shall be postmarked on or before July 1 of the year of election. Statements containing derogatory remarks about other members shall be returned to the sender and shall not be included in the mailing of the ballots.

Section 2.3. Additional Nominations. Additional nominations of eligible members shall be in writing, addressed to the secretary, and received at the secretary's regular address on or before July 1 of the year of election. Nominations shall be accompanied by a written acceptance of the nomination form each nominee. No person shall be nominated for more than one position.

- a. If the secretary does not receive any valid additional nominations on or before July 1 the nominating committee's slate of candidates shall be declared elected at the next annual meeting and no balloting shall be required.
- b. If one or more valid nominations are received by the secretary on or before July 1, the secretary shall mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing in alphabetical order all of the nominees for each position, together with an envelope addressed to the secretary marked "ballot" on the outside of the envelope, bearing the name and address of the member. Ballots shall be mailed by U.S. mail postmarked by August 1 of the election year.

Section 3. Tally Committee. The president shall appoint a tally committee consisting of four members in good standing. No candidate running for office shall sit on the tally committee. The president shall select a committee chairperson. The tally committee shall convene immediately preceding the annual meeting allowing sufficient time to complete counting of the ballots prior to the start of the annual meeting. The official count shall be reported to the secretary who shall announce the election results at the annual meeting.

Section 4. Counting the Ballots. Ballots shall be returned by U.S. mail to the secretary and shall be postmarked by September 1 of the election year. Ballots postmarked later shall be invalid. The secretary shall turn the sealed ballots over to the tally committee on the day of the annual meeting in sufficient time for the ballots to be counted as provided in Article IV, Section 3. The secretary shall keep all ballots and the envelopes in which they were received for one year as part of the Association's official records.

Section 5. Election Results. The secretary of the Association shall announce election results at the annual meeting. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each elective office from members in good standing who return valid ballots within the specified time limit shall be declared elected.

Section 6. Change of Officers. The newly elected officers shall take office at the close of the annual meeting at which they were declared elected. Retiring officers shall turn over to their successors all properties and records relating to their respective offices within thirty days after the annual meeting of the Association.

Article V. Meetings.

Section 1. Regular Membership Meetings. Regular membership meetings of the Association shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the board of directors. Written notice of the time, place and location of this meeting shall be postmarked no later than fifteen days prior to the meeting. A shall be twenty voting eligible members or 10% of the voting eligible membership whichever is less.

Section 2. Annual Membership meeting. The annual in-person membership meeting shall be held within one day and at the same locale as the Association's annual National Specialty dog show. The secretary shall mail all members a written notice of the time, place and location of this meeting. This notice shall be postmarked at least thirty days but not more than sixty days before the meeting. A quorum for the annual meeting shall be twenty voting eligible members or 10% of the voting eligible membership whichever is less.

Section 3. Special Membership Meeting.

Section 3.1. Special membership meetings may be called by:

- a. The president;
- b. A majority of the members of the board of directors voting at any meeting of the board or by mail;
- c. A petition signed by 10% of the members of the Association in good standing.

Section 3.2. The officers shall specify the place, date, and time for special meetings. The secretary shall mail a notice of a special meeting to all members at least fifteen days and not more than thirty days before the meeting. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. Only business listed in the notice may be transacted in the meeting. The quorum for a special meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

Section 4. Board Meetings. The first meeting of the newly elected board shall be held immediately or within one day following the annual Association membership meeting. Meetings of the Association board of directors will be held in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December at such times and places the board of directors determines by resolution. The secretary shall mail a notice of each meeting to all the board members at least fifteen days before the meeting. The quorum for these meetings shall be a majority of the board. Business of the board may be conducted by electronic communication as outlined in Section 6.

Section 5. Special Board Meetings. The Association President or Secretary shall call special meetings of the board on receiving a written request signed by at least three members of the board. The special meeting shall be held at a time and place designated by the person authorized to call the meeting. The secretary shall mail written notice of the meeting at least thirty days before the meeting. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. Only business listed in the notice may be transacted in the meeting. The quorum for a special meeting shall be a majority of the board members in office.

Section 6. Conducting Association business by electronic communication. Association and board members may use e-mail, chat rooms, message boards and other means of electronic communication to facilitate Association business. The board of directors shall establish rules for conducting Association business by electronic communication.

Section 6.1. Association discussions.

- a. Notice. The secretary shall notify all Association members in good standing of on-line discussions at least fourteen days but not more than thirty days before the scheduled discussion. Notice must include:
 1. A designated e-mail list, chat room or message board with instructions how to access the list, room or message board.
 2. The purpose(s) of the meeting and the starting and ending dates and times during which discussion may take place. Only topics listed in the notice may be discussed in the meeting.
- b. Quorum. No quorum is required for Association discussions.
- c. Voting. No vote may be taken on any motion.
- d. Minutes. The secretary shall keep minutes of these discussions by using chat room logs, copying messages from the message board, copying e-mail from the list, or taking notes of the discussion.
- e. Only members in good standing of the Association shall have access to electronic Association discussions.

Section 6.2. Regular Board Discussions. A majority of the board may designate a regular date, time and e-mail list, chat room or message board for board discussions.

- a. Notice. These regular discussions may be held with 24 hours notice. The president shall publish an agenda at the beginning of each discussion.
- b. Roll call. The secretary shall take a roll call at the beginning of each designated meeting period.
- c. Quorum. A quorum for these discussions shall be a majority of the board members. Board members are considered present if they respond within one-half hour in a chat room or within twenty-four hours on an e-mail list or message board.
- d. Voting. Board members may vote on any properly made motion during these discussions, but no vote shall be valid until a written copy of the motion signed by the board member clearly indicating the board member's approval or disapproval of the motion is received by mail or fax by the secretary within ten days of the electronic vote. The secretary shall notify all board members of the results of all balloting.
- e. The message board, website, chat room or list must be run by an officer or board member and use login names and encrypted passwords. Only board members may have administrative or moderative access to the electronic board discussions.

Section 6.3. Special Board discussions. Special board discussions may be called by the president, vice president, or the secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the board. This special discussion is held at a date and time and in an electronic format (e-mail list, chat room or message board) designated by the person authorized to call for the discussion.

- a. Notice. The secretary shall notify all the members of the board of the discussion at least fourteen days before the discussion. The notice shall state the purpose of the discussion. Only business listed in the notice may be transacted in the discussion.
- b. Quorum. A quorum for these discussions shall be a majority of the board members. Board members are considered present if they respond within one-half hour in a chat room or within twenty-four hours on an e-mail list or message board.
- c. Voting. Board members may vote on any properly made motion during these discussions, but no vote shall be valid unless a written copy of the motion signed by

the board member clearly indicating the board member's approval or disapproval of the motion is received by mail or fax by the secretary within ten days of the electronic vote. The secretary shall notify all board members of the results of all balloting.

d. A message board, website, chat room or list must be run by an officer or board member designated by the president and use login names and encrypted passwords. Only board members may have administrative or moderative access to the electronic board discussions.

Section 7. Voting. Each Association member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year may vote at any meeting at which the member is present or by mail ballot. New members shall not be eligible to vote on any matter until sixty days after their memberships have been accepted.

Article VI. Committees.

Section 1. Appointing Committees. Each year the board shall appoint a nominating committee as provided in Article IV, Section 2.1, and shall approve those committees appointed by the president. Committees appointed by the president shall be subject to the final authority of the board. The president shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 2. Terminating Committee Appointments. Any committee appointment may be terminated by majority vote of the board after written notice to the appointee. The president may appoint a successor, with board approval, to fill the vacancy.

Article VII. Contracts, Loans, Checks.

Section 1. Contracts. The officers or board may authorize any officer, agent or employee to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association.

Section 2. Loans. No loan may be contracted on behalf of the Association, and no evidence of indebtedness may be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the board of directors. This authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. Checks, Drafts, and Other Orders: All checks, drafts or other orders for paying money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association may be issued only when the officers or board determines them necessary, and in a way specified by the board. Such orders shall be signed by the Association Treasurer or an agent or employee of the Association.

Article VIII. Discipline.

Section 1. United Kennel Club Suspension: Any member or member club who is suspended from the privileges of the United Kennel Club shall be automatically suspended from the privileges the Association for the same period.

Section 2. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Association or the breed. Written charges with specifications shall be filed in duplicate with the secretary together with a deposit of twenty-five dollars. This fee shall be forfeited if the board does not sustain the charges. The secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the board or present the charges to the board members at a board meeting. The board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Association or the breed. If the board considers that the charges do not allege prejudicial conduct, the board may refuse to consider them. If the board decides to hear the charges, it shall set a date for a board hearing not less than three weeks before, or more than six weeks after the board's decision. 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 member may personally appear in their own defense and bring witnesses.

Section 3. Board Hearing. The board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but the complainant and the respondent shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by both parties, the board may, by a majority vote of those present and voting, suspend the member from all privileges of the Association for not more than six months from the hearing. If the board deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In this case, the suspension may not restrict the accused member's right to appear before his fellow members at the Association meeting that considers the board's recommendation. Immediately after the board has reached a decision, its finding shall be submitted in writing to 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 Association shall be accomplished only at the annual meeting of the Association following a board hearing and upon the board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The respondent shall have the privilege of appearing in his or her own behalf though no evidence shall be taken to this meeting. The president shall read the charges, and the findings and recommendations and shall invite the respondent, if present, to speak on their own behalf. The meeting 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 expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

Article IX. Dissolution. The Association may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of at least two-thirds of the members in good standing. If the Association dissolves voluntarily or involuntarily or by operation of law, other than to reorganize, none of the property, proceeds or assets of the Association may be distributed to any members of the Association. After payment of the debts of the Association, its property and assets will be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs. If the Association dissolves to reorganize, the Association's property, proceeds, and assets will belong to the successor organization.

Article X. Amendment.

Section 1. Proposing Amendments. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the officers or by written petition addressed to the secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by a petition shall be promptly considered by the board of directors and shall be submitted to the members with the recommendation of the board for a vote at the time of the next annual election after the petition is received by the secretary.

Section 2. Publishing Proposed Amendments. The secretary shall mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all proposed amendments, together with an envelope addressed to the secretary. Ballots may be mailed with an Association newsletter. The same ballot form may be used for proposed amendments as for the annual election of officers.

Section 3. Voting Procedures. Proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be included on the same ballot used for the annual election. Ballots shall be returned, counted, and results announced in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article IV. The favorable vote of two-thirds of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the specified time limit is required to effect any proposed amendment.

Section 4. U.K.C. Approval. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws adopted by the Association shall not become effective until approved by the United Kennel Club, Inc.

Article XI. Breed Standard. The official breed standard for the American Pit Bull Terrier shall be prepared by the United Kennel Club, Inc. working in conjunction with a person or committee appointed for that purpose by the NAPBTA. The United Kennel Club, Inc. holds the copyright to the American Pit Bull Terrier breed standard and may amend it at any time after consultation with the NAPBTA. The NAPBTA may propose an amendment to the standard at any time, provided that:

- a. The amendment is brought before the regular members in good standing for a written vote in accordance with this Constitution and bylaws and,
- b. Such amendment receives an affirmative vote from three fourths of those casting valid ballots.

Article XII. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* govern the Association 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 Association may adopt.

Article XIII. Order of Business.

Section 1. Association Meetings. At meetings of the Association, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, is as follows:

Roll Call
Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules of Order
Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee
Report of Minutes Approval Committee for previous meeting (s)
Reports of Officers
Report of Board of Directors
Reports of Standing Committees
Reports of Special Committees
Reports on Election of Officers and Other Ballots
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, is as follows:

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
Reports of Officers
Reports of Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

Article XIV. Certification and Revisions.

Section 1. Original Certification. July 11, 1981. Organizational representatives: Peggy Allen, Ed Gonzalez, Pat Goodman, Karen Kinder, Karen Ponce, Arch Stanaland, Janice Stanaland.

Section 2. Revised. August 25, 1986.
Arch Stanaland, President
Marilyn Brubaker, Vice President
Deborah LeBrun, Secretary
Virginia Issac, Treasurer

Section 3. Revised. Revised on October 7, 1995, approved by UKC on April 2, 1996.
Debbie Elliott, President
Beth Jones, Vice President
Patricia "Patti" Murley, Secretary
Approved by: Fred T. Miller, UKC President, Connie Gerstner-Miller, UKC Vice-President Administration

Section 4. Revised. Revised on October 2, 1999, approved by UKC on June 29, 2000.
Donald J. Wimmer, President
Arnold Tennant, Vice President
Dorian Grumbar, Secretary
Beth Jones-Watrous, Treasurer
Approved by: Wayne Cavanaugh, UKC President, Connie G. Miller, UKC Chairman.

Section 5. Revised. We hereby certify that the foregoing Constitution and Bylaws, consisting of 14 pages, including this page, constitute the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the **National American Pit Bull Terrier Association** duly adopted by its membership in accordance with the then current Bylaws on the _____ day of _____, 200__.

Michael Snyder, President

Date

Dan Crutchfield, Vice President

Date

Shana Bobbitt, Secretary

Date

Beth Jones, Treasurer

Date