

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Amended, January, 1897, to take effect

March 1, 1897

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Association shall be "The American Kennel Club."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association shall be the protection of the mutual interests of its members. It shall admit such clubs to memberships, or persons as associate members, as may be deemed desirable. It shall adopt and enforce such rules as shall tend to uniformity in the regulations governing Bench Shows and Field Trials, and to the proper conduct of person interested in the exhibition, breeding or sale of dogs. Furthermore it shall publish an official Stud Book and a Kennel Gazette.

ARTICLE III.

All regularly organized Clubs or Associations in the United States or British American Provinces which have held Bench Shows or Field Trials or are formed for the purpose of holding Bench Shows or Field Trials, or for the improvement of any breed of dogs, and associate members as hereinafter provided, shall be eligible to membership.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The regular annual meeting of this Association shall be held in February of each year at such time and place as shall be designated by the President: twenty days' notice whereof shall be given and published in the Gazette. The Association shall also meet in May, September and December of the same year, under similar call, but on twenty days' notice.

Sec. 2. Each member of the Association shall have the right to be represented at the meetings of the Association, by one delegate duly authorized and his appointment certified to by his Club Secretary, but such credentials must have been filed with the Secretary of the American Kennel Club at least ten days previous to any such meeting, excepting the delegates of the associate members provided for in Article XI. Before such delegate shall be entitled to qualify in the Association, he must be accepted by ballot by the Association, or its Executive Board. A majority vote will be necessary to accept, and such acceptance may be withdrawn by a two-thirds vote by ballot at any meeting of this

Association, provided such credentials shall have been filed with the Secretary of the Association at least twenty days previous to the date of such meeting.

Sec. 3. At any special or regular meeting of this Association, nine members shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1. The Association shall elect a President and Vice President.

Sec. 2. The Executive Board shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall, under its direction and supervision perform the duties pertaining to the Office.

Sec. 3. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at such times as may be deemed needful.

Sec. 4. The President may call a special meeting of the Association at such time as he may deem expedient; and he shall call a special meeting upon the written request of seven members within fifteen days of the receipt of such a request. At special meetings no other business shall be transacted than that for which they were called, and such business shall be specified on the calls, which shall be sent out ten days' previous to the time appointed for the meetings.

Sec. 5. At any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board four members shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association, and of the Executive Board hereinafter provided for.

The Vice-President shall in the absence of the President, perform the duties pertaining to that office. The next ranking officer shall be the President of the Associate Members.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep records of all meetings of this Association, also of the Executive Board; and he shall issue calls for such meetings. He shall keep a roll of membership, and take charge of all papers belonging to the Association; he shall, moreover, collect all moneys belonging to the Association and dispense same under the direction of the Finance Committee. Furthermore, he shall transact all other business, and fulfill all further duties of his office, or others which may be directed by the Association or the Executive Board.

Sec. 2. He shall have the supervision of the publication of the Stud Book and Gazette, subject, however, to instructions from the committees responsible for said publications.

Sec. 3. His remuneration from the Association shall be fixed and determined upon by the Executive Board.

Sec. 4. He shall be required to execute a bond of indemnity in favor of the President of the Association to an amount not less than \$2,500 before assuming office. Such bond must be satisfactory to the President of the Association.

Sec. 5. He is prohibited from acting as a delegate either for a club, or for the Associate members.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Applications of clubs for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association, accompanied by a copy of the applicant's Constitution and By-Laws, a list of officers, and a full year's dues, and an election by ballot shall be held at the next meeting of the Association or the Executive Board, provided said application shall have been filed with the Secretary at least ten (10) days previous to said election. It shall require two-thirds of members voting to elect.

#### ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1. The Association shall have power by a two-thirds vote to suspend for a stated period, or to expel any club or delegate or individual whose membership it may deem prejudicial to the welfare of the Association.

Sec. 2. Any person may, in the interests of the Association, prefer charges against another person before the Executive Board. Or charges may be preferred before said Board, when the conduct of any individual has been, or is, questionable, provided such charges are made in writing. All such charges except matters within the province of the Stud Book Committee to investigate, shall be heard at the first opportunity by the Executive Board.

Sec. 3. Charges and specifications must be filed in duplicate, accompanied by a deposit of ten dollars. In case the charges are not sustained, the said deposit shall be forfeited to the Association, and in case said charges are sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the appellant. No person shall, however, be disqualified or deprived of any privileges without due notice, and formal charges with specifications have been made and an opportunity has been given him to be heard in his own defense. The Executive Board shall alone have power to consider appeals for a removal of penalties imposed by said Board.

#### ARTICLE X.

Sec. 1. The annual dues of clubs shall be \$10, payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>. Any Club failing to pay said dues within the specified time shall forfeit all right to representation in this Association, and such club may be suspended or dropped from the roll.

Sec. 2. The Association shall have right to make one assessment during the year, not to exceed \$10.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Sec. 1. Any person who is vouched for in writing by not less than two members of any club, a member of this Association, or by two Associate Members, shall upon payment of \$5 annual dues, to the Secretary of the Association and the endorsement of

his application by the President of the Association and the President of the Associate Members, become an Associate Member and be announced as such in the next issue of the KENNEL GAZETTE.

Sec. 2. An Associate Member shall be entitled to the KENNEL GAZETTE and Stud Book for the current year for which his dues are paid, also to two free registrations in the Stud Book during said year.

Sec. 3. The annual dues of \$5 shall be payable to the Secretary of the Association, on the first of January of each year, and any person whose dues are not paid on or before January 20<sup>th</sup> shall thereby forfeit his right to be included in the list of members eligible for election to office and entitled to vote for officers for the ensuing year; and if his dues shall remain unpaid at the next annual meeting of the Associate Members his name may be stricken from the roll, provided, however, that upon remitting the \$5 dues with an application of membership he shall be reinstated upon the endorsement of his application by either of the two Presidents as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 4. The officers of the Associate Members shall be a president, a vice-president and a secretary. The president shall be a member of the Executive Board. The Associate Members shall have the right to be represented by three delegates; to which position the officer may be elected. And for every one hundred members over three hundred they shall elect an additional delegate.

Sec. 5. The President of the Associate Members shall three months prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association appoint a nominating committee composed of three associates, who shall select three names each for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Associate Members, and six names for the officers of delegates to the Association. The nominations thus made shall be sent by mail to all associates eligible to vote, by the Secretary of the Association, with his annual notification and blank ballots for the ensuing election, as hereinafter provided for, said names being recommended for election, as fit candidates for the offices to be filled.

Sec. 6. That all elections shall be by mail vote, and the annual election of officers and delegates shall be conducted as follows:

On January 21<sup>st</sup> of each year the Secretary of the Association shall forward to Each and every Associate Member in good standing a printed list of all members Eligible to hold office together with an addressed envelope, for return, on which The word "Vote" is legibly printed or written. The members receiving said Printed list shall mark thereon, in such manner as may be requested, their choice For president, vice-president and secretary, and the delegates to which the Associate Members are entitled, and return the same in the envelopes provided. Fifteen full days after the mailing of such printed list to the Associate Members The Secretary of the Association shall, in the presence of the Presidents of the Association and Associate Members, or such person as they may depute to Represent them, open all such mail votes; and the result of the counts shall be Certified to by the three officials present.

Immediately upon the signing of such certificate the Secretary of the Association Shall notify all who have been elected; and shall, also, send the results of the Ballot to the President of the Associate Members.

In the case of a tie vote for any office, the tie shall be decided by a majority vote

Of the members present at the annual meeting; and in the event an officer declines to serve, the member receiving the next highest number of votes shall at the annual meeting be declared elected.

The election of additional Delegates to which the Associate Members shall be Entitled, as hereinbefore provided, shall be taken as soon as each additional quota Is filled; and it shall be conducted by mail vote, the same formalities being Observed as when the annual election of officers and delegates takes place. Identically the same method shall be employed in electing delegates to fill Vacancies which occur among the officials or delegates.

## ARTICLE XII.

Sec. 1. There shall be an Executive Board of eight, consisting of the President and Vice-President of the Association, the President of the Associate Members and the Chairman of each of the Standing Committees as provided for in Article XIII.

Sec. 2. It shall have the power to act upon all cases of protest and appeal; to investigate and act upon all charges preferred against active or associate members, or individuals; and shall be vested with the powers of the Association during the interval between the regular quarterly meetings.

Sec 3. It shall make a quarterly report of its proceedings at each regular meeting of the Association.

Sec. 4. It shall have the management of the KENNEL GAZETTE.

Sec. 5. Any person who is proved to the satisfaction of the Board to have been guilty of fraudulent or discreditable conduct of any kind may be suspended or disqualified; in either case such person is ineligible to make any entries, compete or win a prize at any show held under the rules of this Association during the term of said suspension or disqualification.

## ARTICLE XIII.

Sec. 1. There shall be elected at each annual meeting the following Standing Committees, the members of which shall serve until their successors are elected. Said committees shall report at each annual meeting of the Association.

- I. A Stud Book Committee, composed of three, which shall Have the business management of the Stud Book; investigate all charges submitted to it, and shall render an account of its proceedings to the Executive Board at each meeting, and to the Association at its meetings.
- II. A Finance Committee, composed of three members, to which all bills must be referred for approval, and which must audit and certify to the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer January of each year.
- III. A Constitution and Rules Committee, composed of five members, one of which shall be the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, to which must be referred all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Rules. This committee must report to the

Association its recommendations upon all amendments offered, before they can be acted upon. It can also suggest such amendments as it consider of delegates.

- IV. A Field Trial and Coursing Committee, composed of delegates representing Field Trials or Coursing Clubs, to which all matters pertaining to field trials or coursing must be referred. It shall be the duty of this committee to furnish the Executive Board with its advice for action.
- V. A Membership Committee, composed of three members, one of which shall be the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. It shall report its recommendation upon all applications for membership to the Executive Board.

Sec. 2. At the annual meeting of the Association, the delegates shall elect first, the chairman, to be followed by the remaining members of each standing committee.

Sec. 3. No delegate can be elected as chairman of more than one committee.

This Constitution and the Rules may be revised or amended only at the Annual Meeting, but notice of any proposed amendment or alteration must be given to the club at least thirty days prior to the date of said meeting; the amendment, with the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and Rules, to be published in the American Kennel Gazette prior to the holding of said meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members represented is necessary to the adoption of any revision of amendment.

## BY-LAWS

Amended March, 1897

Sec. 1. The following order of business shall be observed at the meetings of this Association:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading Minutes of previous meeting
3. Presentation of Credentials
4. Executive Board Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Standing Committees Report
8. General Business
9. Adjournment

Sec. 2. The following order of business shall be observed at the meetings of the Executive Committee of this Association:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting
3. Presentation of credentials
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Report of Standing Committees
7. Report of Special Committees
8. Unfinished Business
9. Election of Secretary-Treasurer
10. Adjournment

Sec. 3. In the event of an appeal from an order of suspension imposed by a Show Committee, or by the President, it must be heard at the next regular or special meeting of the Executive Board.

All complaints or disputes between members of this Association shall be decided by those members of the Executive Board who are in no way connected with the Clubs interested.

Sec. 4. This section shall consist of the Rules for the Government of Dog Shows and the Regulations Governing Clubs Holding Dog Shows. (Attached).

Sec. 5. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or suspended without notice, at any regular meeting of the Association by two-thirds vote of the members present, or any special meeting on notice. Provided, however, that Section 4 can only be altered or amended after notice of such alteration or amendment has been published prior to being acted upon, and by a two-thirds vote of the members represented.

## RULES

For the Government of Dog Shows, as Adopted by the

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To take effect, January 1, 1900

- I. The word, dog, where used in these rules, includes both sexes.
- II. Every dog shown under these rules must either be registered, or listed with the American Kennel Club previous to being exhibited. The fee for registration is \$1, and for listing twenty-five cents. The listing of a dog gives the privilege for competition, only for the year in which it is listed.
- III. Exhibitors must abide by their own errors in making out their entry forms. Show officials cannot transfer a dog that has been wrongly entered.
- IV. Every dog must be the bona fide property of the person making such entry on the day of closing the entries. If an entry is made in the name of an agent, and the name of owner not given, the dog shall be disqualified. The entry must clearly identify the dog to be exhibited by name, and, if known, its date of birth, names of its sire and dam, and the name of its breeder. Should any of these particulars be unknown to the exhibitor, it must be so stated on the entry blank. If the dog is already registered in the American Kennel Club Stud Book, the Stud Book number of the dog should be given with the entry.
- V. If the name of the dog which has won a prize has been changed, the old name must be given on the entry blank and published in the Catalogue, together with a list of all prizes won by the dog, until such time as it wins a prize under its new name. The name of a registered dog cannot be changed after having been published in the Stud Book.
- VI. If a dog has been entered without being identified, as directed in Rules IV and V., it shall be disqualified and forfeit any prize which may have been awarded to it.
- VII. The breeder of a dog is the person owning or leasing the bitch at the time of her being bred.
- VIII. The authorities of any Show may decline any entries they may see fit, or may remove any dog on account of disease, vice or other cause.
- IX. Blindness, deafness, lameness, castration or spaying shall absolutely disqualify. If the judge or veterinary surgeon is satisfied that the deafness or lameness be temporary, the dog shall be allowed to compete.  
A deaf dog is one that cannot hear the ordinary methods of command.  
A dog suffering from any hereditary, contagious or objectionable disease shall be disqualified, and forfeit the prize which may have been awarded to it, and shall be at once removed from the show building. The regularly appointed veterinary

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surgeon shall alone decide as to the condition of the dog, and his decision must be given in writing.

- X. Should an appointed judge be unable to fulfill his engagement the Committee shall have the right to fill the vacancy. All the separate classes of any one breed of dogs must, however, be adjudicated upon by the same judge, or judges acting in conjunction.

Full discretionary power is given to the judge of each class to withhold any or all prizes for want of merit. The judge's decision will be final in all cases affecting the merits of dogs, and appeals can only be entertained where misrepresentation or breach of the rules is alleged.

A judge shall disqualify a dog which in his opinion has been improperly tampered with, subject to the decision of the veterinary surgeon. Should the judge's disqualifications not be sustained, the class must be rejudged.

- XI. In any class where there is a limit of weight, the person in charge of a dog entered in such class may claim of the Show Committee the right at any time after the opening of the show and before the judging, to have the dog weighed, and the weight of the dog shall be registered and hold good at time of judging. Any competing exhibitor or handler shall have the right to demand the weighing or measuring of any dog during the judging of the class, other than those whose weight has been officially registered. Any subsequent protest must be made in the formal manner provided for in these rules.

- XII. Dog show committees may provide such classes for dogs of recognized breeds as they may choose, provided they do not conflict with the conditions of the undermentioned classes.

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## CLASSES

1. The Puppy Class shall be for all dogs over six months and under twelve months of age, and no entry can be made of one under six months, or whose date of birth is unknown. Puppies may be permanently removed from a show at any time after their classes have been judged, whatever those classes may be; provided, however, that puppies may be so removed only after the close of a show in any evening.
2. The Novice Class shall be for all dogs never having won a first prize at any recognized show, wins in the puppy classes excepted. A dog that has won a championship under English Kennel Club rules cannot be exhibited in the Novice Class.
3. The Limit Class shall be for all dogs never having won four first prizes at any recognized show, but no dog having acquired the title of champion shall be eligible to this class.
4. The Open Class shall be for all dogs of any age over six months. No prize winner shall be debarred from competing.
5. The winners' class shall be open only to the winners of first prizes at any show, giving at least three of the before mentioned classes, one of which must be the Open Class, and the winner of

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ten points in this class will thereby become a Champion of Record, be so registered by the American Kennel Club, and if registered in the Stud Book will be entitled to the American Kennel Club medal. Before awarding "reserve" in this class, the dog or dogs having been placed second to the winner in any of the regular classes must be brought before the judge for competition with the remaining dogs in said Winners' Class. No class winner can be withdrawn or withheld from competition in the Winners' Class, and no entry fee shall be charged for said competition in this class. A dog that prior to December 31, 1899, has won once in the Winners' Class, shall qualify as a champion by two additional wins, and a dog that has won twice qualified with one win in any Winners' Class. The Winners' Class can be divided by sex, provided the required three class, as advertised, are also divided by sex.

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6. The Miscellaneous Class shall be open to all dogs of established breeds for which no regular class has been provided in the premium list. Entries in this class must specify the breed of the exhibit. Failure to comply with this condition shall disqualify the dog, and cancel the award.

- XIII. In estimating the number of prizes a dog has won, no award received by it, on or after the date of closing of the entries shall be counted.
- XIV. If a prize winner is disqualified, the next dog in order of merit as placed by the judge shall be given the prize thus forfeited, and the win shall count in every respect the same as if it has been the original award. An equal first prize shall be counted as a win for each dog, dividing first and second money; the next dog in order of merit receiving third prize.

All prize money must be returned to the show officials in case the dog shall be disqualified by the American Kennel Club subsequent to the closing of the show.
- XV. No dog eligible for special prizes can be withdrawn from competition, unless is had been stated on entry blank, "Will not compete for special prizes."

No special prizes can be accepted or offered by a show committee after the show has opened.
- XVI. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the day preceding the Show; for instance, a dog whelped April 30<sup>th</sup>, shall not be eligible on May 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year to compete in a class for dogs under twelve months of age.
- XVII. An objection to a dog may be made by any exhibitor, or any member of a club, a member of this association, but must be in writing, and be lodged with the Secretary within seven days of the last day of the show. No objection shall be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$5, (to be returned in case the protest is sustained) except the same is lodged by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, which may be made at any time. (For subsequent proceedings in protest see Rule XIV. Of club regulations.)

- XVIII. A person or club guilty of misconduct of any kind in connection with Dogs, Dog Shows or Field Trials, may be suspended by the President of the American Kennel Club, or in his absence by the Vice-President, or by the committee of the show or trial where such offense was committed. The disqualification or suspension of an owner shall apply to all dogs owned by him, or connected with the perpetration of a fraudulent act and no dog so disqualified is eligible for entry at any show under any ownership.
- XIX. No person under suspension or sentence of disqualification can make an entry, exhibit, or take a prize, act as agent for an exhibitor, or take a dog in the judging ring, at any show held by a member of the American Kennel Club. The privilege of the Stud Book are withheld from all persons under suspension or disqualification, for registration of dogs owned or bred by them.
- XX. Entries made in the name of a kennel must be accompanied by the name of the actual proprietor or proprietors, but not necessarily for publication. The partners in a kennel will be deemed equally culpable in the case of fraud perpetrated in their name.
- XXI. The person presenting the identification ticket shall be recognized as the agent of the owner in the latter's absence, and his receipt for prize money shall be binding on the owner, unless notice to the contrary is endorsed on the identification ticket.
- XXII. The Secretary of the American Kennel Club must cancel all wins, when he has satisfied himself that these rules have been violated by the exhibitor, in following instances:
- When entry has been made after the advertised date of closing of entries.
  - When a dog has not been registered or listed.
  - When a dog has been entered in the name of an agent only.
  - When a dog has been pronounced deaf by competent authority.
  - When a puppy is entered, being under six months of age, or as date of birth, breeder, sire or dam unknown.
  - When a dog is entered in the Novice Class, having previously won a first prize. (puppy class excepted)
  - When a dog is entered in the Limit Class, having previously won four or more first prizes in said class, or is a champion.
  - When a dog is entered in the Senior Class, having won less than four first prizes.
  - When a dog is entered in the Senior Class, and the necessary first wins are not specified as to place and year of such wins.
  - When a dog is entered in the Miscellaneous Class and the breed is not specified or recognized.
  - When a dog, by authority of its owner, is led into the judging ring by, or is in charge of, a person not in good standing.
  - When a dog is entered by an owner of his agent, if either is not in good standing.
- XXIII. The above rules must be published in all Premium Lists of shows held by members of the American Kennel Club.

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## REGULATIONS GOVERNING CLUBS HOLDING SHOWS UNDER AKC RULES

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Any club of Association a member of the American Kennel Club may hold a dog show under American Kennel Club rules, provided it abides by the following regulations:

- I. Application for date must be filed with the Secretary of the American Kennel Club for approval by the Executive Board or such sub-committee as may be empowered to grant dates. Such approval however shall be subject to the subsequent endorsement of the premium list as being in accordance with the requirements of the American Kennel Club.
- II. Application for dates must be accompanied by the a fee of \$25, which will be forfeited in the event of the show not being held.
- III. Section 1. The show shall not extended beyond four days.  
Section 2. Entries shall close not less than seven days prior to established breeds, which may be divided or limited by variety, weight, color, height or sex and otherwise, as provided for in the dog show rules. No change in classification will be allowed unless announced in the kennel press before the date of closing entries, unless such change is covered by the published regulations of the show in the premium list.
- IV. Section 1. Every Bench Show must employ a qualified veterinary surgeon.  
Section 2. A qualified veterinary surgeon is a graduate of a recognized college entitled to confer the degree of V.S., or one who, without having a diploma, has had at least five years practical experience to fit him for the practice of his profession.
- V. The Premium List must contain the dog show rules of the American Kennel Club and a list of recognized shows corrected up to the date of closing entries, as published in The America Kennel Gazette; also a list of the officials under whose management the show is to be held, who, with the exception of the paid employees, shall be held responsible for the payment of all prizes within sixty days of the last day of the show, in default of which the said officials shall be suspended or disqualified for such time as the American Kennel Club shall determine.
- VI. No special prize shall be offered except for dogs of established breeds, and none can be accepted or offered by a show committee after the show has been opened. No special or regular prize can be accepted from any person or club under suspension or disqualification.
- VII. All prizes must be in accordance with their description in the Premium List. Prizes of gold or silver must be of the purity of United States coin. All prizes in a given class shall be awarded regardless of the number of entries and reserve given in all classes.
- VIII. No person under sentence of suspension, disqualification or expulsion can be employed in any official capacity, or exhibit, or take a prize, or act as agent for any exhibitor, or show a dog in any judging ring. No entries can be accepted from any person who is not in good standing, a list of which must be obtained from the secretary of the American Kennel Club before the closing of the entries.

- IX. No entry shall be accepted of any puppy under six months of age or marked "date of birth unknown" either for competition or exhibition.
- X. No entry can be accepted of any dog not marked "listed" or having its stud book number on the entry form, as per dog show Rule II.  
A club may act as agent of exhibitors by accepting the fee for registration or listing, but must make returns thereof to the American Kennel Club within ten days from the date of closing of the show. The amount deposited with application for dates cannot be applied as payment of said fees.
- XI. The catalogue of the show must give all particulars required of exhibitors in entering dogs as provided in rules II., III., IV., XII (Section 5 and 6), of the dog show rules. It must also contain a list of officers under whose management the show is held, together with a copy of the dog show rules and such other regulations were announced in the premium list. A marked catalogue, duly certified by the secretary or superintendent, must be filed with the American Kennel Club within seven days after the closing of the show.
- XII. No record of wins at any but recognized shows shall be permitted in the catalogue and it is optional with the club to give any, except in the case of any senior class entries, which must be catalogued in accordance with rule XII., Sec. 4, of the dog show rules.
- XIII. In the event of a protest being filed in accordance with rule XVII. of the dog show rules, the mode of procedure shall be as follows:  
The show committee shall at once meet and decide upon any objection lodged during the show.  
Immediately upon the lodging of a protest with the secretary during the show it shall be his duty to request the judge to select reserve numbers, if he has not already done so, in order that any prize which would be affected by the disqualification of the protested dog may not fail of being awarded.  
If the objection is lodged subsequent to the show, it must be decided by the committee within twenty days from its receipt. Five days notice of the date and place of the meeting for that purpose must be given to all parties in interest. From any such decision or decisions appeal may be taken to the Executive Board of the American Kennel Club, but such appeal must be forwarded to the secretary within seven days of the decision being rendered, together with a deposit of \$10. If the decision appealed from is sustained the deposit shall be forfeited to the American Kennel Club, but if the decision is reversed then all deposits must be returned to the applicant.
- XIV. In the event of the suspension by a Show Committee of any person for misconduct, as provided for in rule XVIII. Of the dog show rules, notice of such suspension shall be forwarded within twenty-four hours to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, who shall at once notify the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, who shall investigate the case, and, if he sees fit suspend the penalty until the next meeting of the Executive Board. The Executive Board must, at their first meeting thereafter, either remove the suspension or impose a penalty of disqualification for such a period as they may decide upon.  
The disqualification of an owner shall apply to all dogs owned by him, or connected with the perpetration of a fraudulent act. The Executive Board is,

however, empowered to use such discretion in the enforcement of this penalty as shall protect innocent parties.

No person shall, however, be disqualified without due notice, and formal charges and specifications, and an opportunity given of being heard in his own defense.

- XV. Such regulations or additional rules may be adopted for the government of any show as shall be considered necessary, provided they do not conflict with any of the foregoing or of the dog show rules.
- XVI. The secretary of the American Kennel Club must enforce the following penalties for violations of the foregoing rules, the same to be reserved from the deposit made with application for dates, after having satisfied himself that said violations were due to the carelessness or negligence of managers of the show:
- For accepting entries after the advertised date of the closing of entries – Five dollars for each entry.
  - For accepting special or regular prizes from person or clubs under suspension or disqualified – Five dollars.
  - For accepting entries for puppy classes under six months of age, or marked "Date of birth unknown." – Five dollars.
  - For accepting entries not marked listed, or not having stud book numbers. – two dollars.
  - For failure to publish in catalogues the necessary winnings to entitle an entry in the senior class, provided same is specified by the exhibitor on his entry blank. – Five dollars.
  - For accepting entries signed with the agent's name only – Two dollars.
  - For delay beyond ten days in forwarding to the office of the American Kennel Club all listings or registrations, with fees for same. – One dollar for each day.
  - For failure to file a copy of the premium list with the American Kennel Club as soon as published. – One dollar for each day.
  - For failure to file marked catalogue, certified to by the Secretary or Superintendent, within seven days after the closing of the show. – One dollar for each day.
  - For transferring a dog, as published in the catalogue, that has been wrongly entered by the exhibitor, – Five dollars.
  - For any violation of the rules not specified in this article, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the American Kennel Club, such action may be taken, and penalty imposed by the American Kennel Club, or its Executive Board, as may be deemed proper.
- XVII. The above rules are published for guidance of Bench Show Committees only, publication in Premium Lists and Catalogues not required.