

WANGARATTA KENNEL & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB Inc.

INCORPORATION NO. A10106

Affiliated with Dogs Victoria Inc



To be read in conjunction with Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club Inc.

“Rules” and “Regulations”

PART I - PRELIMINARY

1.1 Name

The name of the Association is Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club Inc. ("which is an association incorporated pursuant to the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012".)

1.2 Address

The business office of the WKODC shall be located at such address as is determined from time to time by its Management Committee.

1.3 Interpretation and Definition

In this Constitution, and in the Rules and Regulations thereto, unless the contrary intention is expressed:

"the Act" means the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

"ANKC" means the Australian National Kennel Council of which the VCA is a member body and an agent for awarding and issuing ANKC certificates and ANKC titles and for issuing ANKC export pedigree certificates etc.

"Auditor" means the Auditor appointed or reappointed by the members of WKODC at an Annual General Meeting.

"ballot" means receipt of voting, voting, poll or polling.

"body" means, where the context reasonably permits, any Society or Association, Company, Corporation or group of persons.

"committee" means a committee of WKODC other than the Management Committee.

"Constitution" means the Constitution of WKODC.

"dog" includes bitch where the context reasonably admits.

"Executive Management Committee" means the President, Secretary and Treasurer of WKODC.

"exhibit" means a dog entered for exhibition.

"Exhibition/s" includes Conformation Shows, Obedience Trials, Agility Trials and any other canine activity approved by WKODC.

"exhibitor" means a person in whose name an exhibit is entered for exhibition but where the context reasonably permits, shall be deemed to include a person by whom such exhibit is displayed or handled or the person in whose charge the exhibit is whilst in the precincts of an Exhibition.

"fees" shall include monies payable in respect of the registration of or in respect of an entry of a dog in the records of WKODC and other service fees as set down in Regulations.

"financial year" in relation to WKODC means the period of one calendar year ending at midnight on the 31st December each year.

"newsletter" means the official newsletter of WKODC published by a person appointed by the Management Committee.

"Management Committee" means the elected Committee of Management of WKODC and includes the Executive and ordinary members of such Committee.

"period of membership" means the period of time which terminates at midnight on the 31st December in each year. Memberships shall lapse if not renewed within one calendar month of termination.

"person" where the context reasonably permits, includes a natural person, a firm or partnership, or syndicate or a company, corporation or any other legal entity.

"poll" means a secret ballot conducted at either a Special or Annual General Meeting.

"the prescribed form" means a form prescribed by the Management Committee for a particular purpose.

"process" means job descriptions for domestic appointments as appointed by the Management Committee.

"resolution" means an ordinary resolution passed by a simple majority of the number of members personally present at a meeting of members and eligible to vote and voting on the resolution.

"Regulations" means the Regulations of WKODC as amended by resolution of the Executive Management Committee from time to time and published in the WKODC Newsletter.

"Rules" means the Rules of WKODC, as amended by Special Resolution of the Management Committee members from time to time and published in the WKODC Newsletter.

"Special General Meeting" means a general meeting of the members of WKODC other than an Annual General Meeting.

"Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by not less than seventy five percent of the number of members of WKODC who, being entitled to do so, attend and vote personally on the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of WKODC or at a Special General Meeting of WKODC convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution, was given to all members of WKODC at least twenty one days prior to the date of holding such meeting.

"State" means the State of Victoria.

"Sub-Committee" means a Sub-Committee of the Management Committee or of any other committee.

"VCA" means the Victorian Canine Association Inc trading as Dogs Victoria.

"WKODC" means the Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club Inc.

"writing" includes printing, typing, email, photocopying, and any other like recognised means of written communication.

PART II – OBJECTIVES/STATEMENT OF PURPOSES.

The principal objectives of WKODC are:

2.1 We are committed to the interest of all members and wellbeing of all dogs of the North East Victorian community.

2.2 To affiliate with the VCA for the purpose of achieving uniformity in all canine matters so long as the objectives, decisions and rulings of the VCA are compatible with the objectives, rules and regulations of WKODC and bylaws of the Rural City of Wangaratta.

2.3 To promote and encourage the training of dogs in order to enhance community health and wellbeing by developing the bond between humans and dogs.

2.4 To promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst members and those participating in or attending at Exhibitions and Training on our club grounds.

2.5 To promote and provide the holding of exhibitions under the VCA Rules and Regulations and to conduct Exhibitions and / or to promote Obedience training and conduct Obedience trials, Agility/ Jumping Trials, Rally Obedience Trials, for owners and their dogs to participate in these activities and to provide facilities for such activities.

2.6 To promote and encourage membership of WKODC and the VCA and to promote the advantages and privileges of membership.

2.7 To educate members and the general public on canine matters and to inform members on all other relevant matters of concern or interest to them.

2.8 To liaise, cooperate and reciprocate with other recognised canine incorporations in matters of common interest or concern and of mutual benefit.

2.9 To promote and assist and to make contributions to canine veterinary research and to other worthy causes that relate to canine activities or assistance.

2.10 To make Rules and Regulations for the administration and general management of the operations and affairs of WKODC, conduct of canine exhibitions and for other ancillary matters.

2.11 To publish an official Newsletter periodically (minimum December and February) as a means of communication between WKODC and its members.

AND for the attainment of these Objectives/Statement of Purposes and associated or ancillary matters WKODC shall have power, which shall be vested in and be exercised by its Management Committee (subject to the Rules) on behalf of WKODC, to do all or any of the following things.

PART III – POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

3.1 To make Rules, Regulations and Processes and to amend or repeal same and to formulate policies and procedures in respect of any relevant matter and to do all other acts, matters and things as may be necessary, expedient or desirable to promote and put into effect all or any of the Objectives/ Statement of Purposes of WKODC or other matters incidental thereto.

3.2 To publish in the Newsletter and on WKODC website periodically (minimum December and February), all matters and items of interest or concern to members.

3.3 To compile, maintain and keep current, registers of financial members and life members.

3.4 To hold and conduct exhibitions of ANKC registered dogs in the respective disciplines of exhibition and under the relevant Rules and Regulations.

3.5 To publish the Rules and Regulations of WKODC.

3.6 To promote and support approved canine festivals, displays, and kindred functions and entertainments and any other approved canine activities.

3.7 To give, or to make contributions towards, prize money, medals, trophies or other prizes to be competed for at Exhibitions.

3.8 To conduct seminars, conventions and conferences for members on selected relevant topics.

3.9 To formulate procedures for dealing with complaints, the investigation of such complaints, the laying of any charges and for the hearing of such charges and for any resulting disciplinary measures to be taken and for the hearing of appeals from members against any disciplinary sanctions or penalties imposed on them or their dogs.

3.10 To determine from time to time membership subscriptions and all other fees necessary to carry out the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of WKODC.

3.11 To appoint or elect Committees and Sub-Committees and delegates subject to the Rules.

3.12 To award life memberships of WKODC subject to the Rules.

3.13 To hire or employ personnel on a permanent, casual, part time, contract or agency basis and to pay to them and to other persons salaries, wages, fees, gratuities and expenses for services actually rendered by them to WKODC.

3.14 To engage or retain professional consultants on a fee or a commission basis.

3.15 To purchase, hire, lease and loan and do such things as are conducive or incidental to promoting and achieving the purposes of the club which the Management Committee considers necessary for carrying out the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of WKODC, subject to the Rules.

3.16 To borrow or raise money as the Management Committee determines for the carrying out of the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of WKODC subject to the Rules.

3.17 To invest the funds of WKODC not immediately required for its business operations or other commitments on interest bearing deposits, loans or in securities as prescribed in Section 4 of the Trustee Act 1958.

3.18 To make and publish Rules for holding annual elections of Executive and ordinary members to the Management Committee and for filling any casual vacancies on the Management Committee.

3.19 To hold Annual General Meetings of members each year and Special General Meetings of members when considered necessary by the Management Committee or when requisitioned by members in accordance with the Rules.

3.20 To publish in the WKODC Newsletter in the month of the Annual General Meeting of that year:

- a detailed audited Income and Expenditure Account of WKODC for the year ended 31st December in the preceding year (including a detailed schedule in the Notes to the Accounts of the various individual categories of expenditure which, either singly or aggregated, exceed \$500 and which are incorporated in the total for Sundry Expenses) and a detailed audited balance sheet as at that date and annual reports of the President and the Chairpersons of other Committees; and
- an Income and Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the current year ending 31st December, such Budgets to include all proposed new capital works expenditure, proposed expenditure on new projects undertaken or to be undertaken during the current year and the funding of same.

AND to do all such other things as the Management Committee in its discretion considers as incidental or conducive to the attainment of the principal Objectives of WKODC or the fulfilment of its powers or any of them but subject always to strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations and not otherwise.

Any act or thing done or suffered, or purported to have been done or suffered, by the Management Committee is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or election or qualification of any member of the Management Committee.

PART IV - ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

No alteration to this Constitution shall be made except by a Special Resolution passed by not less than seventy five per cent of the number of members of WKODC who, being entitled to do so, attend and vote personally on the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of WKODC or at a Special General Meeting of WKODC convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution, was given to all members of WKODC at least twenty one days prior to the holding of such meeting.

PART V – HEADINGS AND NOTES

In this Constitution no heading to a Clause or series of Sub-Clauses, nor any marginal notes or footnotes in this Constitution shall be taken to be or form part of the Constitution.