



**BYLAWS OF
THE ORANGE COAST RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB
(10.12)**

ARTICLE I: NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this club shall be the ORANGE COAST RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB (OCRRC). Its principle office shall be located in Orange County, California.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The objectives of OCRRC shall be:

SECTION 2.1

To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Rhodesian Ridgebacks (herein "the Breed") and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection, as well as promote responsible dog ownership through education, supporting rescue work, and by example.

SECTION 2.2

To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the Breed as approved by the American Kennel Club (AKC) as the only standard of excellence by which the Breed shall be bred and judged.

SECTION 2.3

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, lure coursing trials, agility trials, and other AKC events.

SECTION 2.4

To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials, lure coursing tests and trials and any other event for which OCRRC is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the AKC.

SECTION 2.5

OCRRC shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to OCRRC shall be used for the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 2.6

The Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") is required to appoint a committee to review the Bylaws, Club Policies, and Code of Ethics every five years to meet the changing needs of the membership.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: There shall be two types of membership open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with the AKC and who subscribe to the objectives of OCRRC. All applicants must submit a signed application stating that they will abide by and accept the terms of the Bylaws, Club Policies, and Code of Ethics.

SECTION 3.1

Membership will be divided into two classes: associate and voting. All privileges and responsibilities for membership shall be the same for the two classes, with the following exceptions: An associate member may not vote for officers, sponsor new members, or hold office. An associate member may vote for specialty judges. Prospective voting members must be sponsored by two voting members in good standing not residing in the same household.

SECTION 3.2

DUES: Annual voting membership dues shall not exceed a maximum of \$30 per year per person. The Board shall set the amount of dues for the ensuing year. Dues are payable on or before the first day of February of each year. No member may vote whose dues are unpaid for the current year. No membership renewals will be accepted after March 1st without a renewed membership application. The Treasurer shall send each member a statement of renewal for the ensuing year postmarked no later than December 1st.

SECTION 3.3

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP: Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board and shall agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, and Code of Ethics of OCRRC, and the rules of the AKC. The application shall state the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant. An application for voting membership shall carry the endorsement of two voting members in good standing not residing in the same household. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit payment for the current year dues. All applications are to be filed with the Treasurer, and each application is to be read at the first Board meeting of OCRRC following its receipt. At the next OCRRC general meeting, the voting application will be voted upon, and affirmative votes of three-fourths of the voting members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by OCRRC may not reapply within six months after such rejection. Applications for associate membership shall be presented electronically to the membership as soon as possible, and without further objection, considered approved. If an objection to an associate membership is raised, the application will be returned to the Board for further review and final decision.

SECTION 3.4

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: Membership may be terminated:

- a) By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from OCRRC upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to OCRRC.
- b) By lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of February of the calendar year. No dues will be accepted without a signed renewal. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any OCRRC meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- c) By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion in accordance with Article VIII, Section 8.4 of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS, VOTING

SECTION 4.1

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January, at which time officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.3 of these Bylaws.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings of OCRRC shall be held quarterly, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed electronically by the

Corresponding Secretary 5-10 days prior to the date of the meeting. In addition, there shall be a Specialty meeting called by the show chair. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed electronically by the Corresponding Secretary 5-10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 15 percent of the voting members in good standing.

SECTION 4.2

SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of OCRRC who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be electronically mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 10 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other OCRRC business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 15 percent of the voting members in good standing.

SECTION 4.3

BOARD MEETINGS: Meetings of the Board shall be held quarterly, at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the Board. Notification of each such meeting shall be electronically mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4.4

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS: Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a written request (electronic or otherwise) signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held by telephone or Internet conference or at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed electronically by the Corresponding Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4.5

VOTING: At any meeting of OCRRC, voting shall be limited to those voting members in good standing who are present at the meeting. Proxy and absentee voting will not be permitted at any OCRRC meeting or election.

ARTICLE V: DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 5.1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board shall be comprised of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the Southern California area. They shall be elected for one-year terms at the OCRRC annual meeting as provided in Section VI of these Bylaws, and shall serve until their successors are elected. Board members shall attempt to attend all meetings, including board meetings and general membership meetings. If a board member misses two consecutive meetings, at the third meeting, that board member may be subject to dismissal from their position on the Board at the discretion of the remaining board members without just cause (see Section 5.3). General management of OCRRC's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board.

SECTION 5.2

OFFICERS: OCRRC's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, shall serve in the respective capacities both with regard to OCRRC and its meetings and to the Board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of OCRRC and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified by 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 Recording Secretary shall record and file minutes of all meetings, including general and board, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by OCRRC.
- (d) The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence, including notifying members of meetings, notifying new members of their election to membership, notifying officers and directors of their election to office, and carrying out such other duties as particularly specified by these Bylaws.
- (e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to OCRRC and shall deposit the same in the bank approved by the Board, in the name of OCRRC. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board, and the Treasurer shall report to the Board at every meeting on the condition of OCRRC's finances and every item of receipt or payment not previously reported; and at the annual meeting he or she shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall also receive membership applications and maintain the membership roster.

SECTION 5.3

VACANCIES: Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI: THE CLUB YEAR, ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS

SECTION 6.1

CLUB YEAR: OCRRC's fiscal calendar year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The elected officers and directors shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the annual election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 6.2

ANNUAL ELECTION: The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

SECTION 6.3

NOMINATION AND BALLOTS: No person may be a candidate in an OCRRC election who has not been nominated in accordance with these Bylaws. A Nominating Committee shall consist of three voting members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current. The Board shall

name a chairman for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by electronic mail. The Nominating Committee shall be chosen at the fall quarterly general meeting.

- (a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible membership, one candidate for each office and director position on the Board and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates by electronic mail to the Corresponding Secretary, who shall electronically mail the list of nominees to each voting member of OCRRC on or before October 5th.
- (b) Additional nominations may be made at the 4th quarter general meeting by any voting member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his or her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer of such candidate shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. The membership shall be informed by mail, electronic or otherwise, of such additional nominations from the floor.
- (c) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than provided in this Section 6.3.

SECTION 6.4

TERMS OF OFFICE: One year per term.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

SECTION 7.1

The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of OCRRC in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other matters that may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 7.2

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee. The Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

ARTICLE VIII: DISCIPLINE

SECTION 8.1

AKC SUSPENSION/RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES (RRCUS)

DISCIPLINE: Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the AKC automatically shall be suspended from OCRRC for a like period. In the event that a member is expelled from the RRCUS, the member may not be automatically expelled from OCRRC. The member must be accorded due process under the procedures outlined in this Article VIII.

SECTION 8.2

CHARGES: An individual member may file charges against another member; however, since the Board is the body that must hear the charges, they may not file charges as a whole. A single board member may file charges but must participate in the hearing process as the complainant only and may not sit in judgment.

Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary, together with a deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following

a hearing. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board, or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of OCRRC or the Breed, or are in violation of the Code of Ethics. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct that would be prejudicial to the best interest of OCRRC or of the Breed, or are in violation of the Code of Ethics, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing to be held by no less than three of its members, and not less than three weeks or more than six weeks thereafter. The Corresponding 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 defendant may personally appear in his or her own defense and bring witnesses if he or she chooses.

SECTION 8.3

BOARD HEARING AND SUSPENSION: The Board shall be empowered to reprimand or suspend the defendant for a period of up to six months as well as make a recommendation for expulsion. The members may vote for expulsion only if recommended by the Board.

SECTION 8.4

EXPULSION: Expulsion of a member from the OCRRC may be accomplished only at a meeting of OCRRC following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board as provided in Section 8.3 of this Article VIII. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant or his or her representative shall have the privilege of appearing on the defendant's behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's finding and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, or his representative to speak on the defendant's behalf if he or she chooses. The Board shall send out written notice, by first class mail, to the general voting membership 14 days prior to the pending vote of expulsion of the defendant. The voting members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A vote of two-thirds of the voting members who are present and voting shall be necessary for expulsion.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 9.1

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board or by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary signed by 15 percent of the voting membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the voting membership with a recommendation of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three months of the date from when the petition was received by the Corresponding Secretary.

SECTION 9.2

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds secret ballot of the voting members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each voting member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

SECTION 10.1

OCRRC may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the voting members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of OCRRC other than for purposes of re-organization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of OCRRC nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of OCRRC shall be distributed to any members of OCRRC; but after payment of the debts of OCRRC, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the membership.

ARTICLE XI: ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 11.1

At OCRRC meetings, the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Vice President
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Recording Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

SECTION 11.2

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

- Reading of the Minutes of Last Meeting
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Recording Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE XII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 12.1

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern OCRRC 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 OCRRC may adopt.