

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
DELAWARE VALLEY CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI ASSOCIATION  
APPROVED BY THE AKC 1984**

**NAMES AN OBJECTIVES:**

**Section 1** The name of the club shall be The Delaware Valley Cardigan Welsh Corgi Association, Inc.

**Section 2** The objectives of the club shall be:

- a. To encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Cardigans and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- b. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Cardigan Welsh Corgi shall be judged;
- c. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials;
- d. To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

**Section 3** The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from any dues or donations to the club shall insure to the benefit of any member or individual.

**Section 4** The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE 1  
MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1 Eligibility.** There shall be three types of memberships open to all persons who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of breeders and owners in its immediate area.

**REGULAR MEMBERS:** Persons 18 years and older shall be so termed.

**JUNIOR MEMBERS:** Persons 5 years of age to 18 years of age as so termed.

**HONORARY MEMBERS:** This may be conferred upon distinguished Friends of the Cardigan Welsh Corgi.

The Junior and Honorary members shall hold no office and have no vote.

**Section 2 Dues.** Membership dues shall be \$10.00 for regular members, or \$15 for two people who live in the same household. Junior members \$5.00. No dues for honorary members. No member can vote if their dues are not paid. Dues are due June of each year. By April the Treasurer should notify members of dues due.

**Section 3 Election to membership.** Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors and ask that the applicant

abide by the constitution and by-laws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. All applications must be filed with the Secretary. All applications will be voted on at the next meeting after application. It will require  $\frac{3}{4}$  of members present and voting to elect to membership.

**Section 4 Termination of membership.**

- a. By resignation. Any member in good standing may write the Secretary and resign. Dues are considered a debt after the first day of each fiscal year.
- b. By lapsing. A members will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if 90 days after first day of the fiscal year. The Board may grant an additional 90 days in a meritorious case.
- c. By expulsion. A Membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these by-laws.

**ARTICLE 11  
MEETINGS AND VOTING**

**Section 1 Club meeting shall be held within a 50 mile radius of the city limits of Philadelphia, PA.**

**Section 2 These meetings can be held at dog shows or at a specific place and each member shall have notice of such meetings.**

**Section 3 Special Club Meetings can be called by the President, Board and or a petition signed by 5 members of the club who are in good standing.**

**Section 4 All meetings must have at least 20% of the voting members to transact any business. Board meeting shall be held at least 4 times a year, at a time and place within the mile radius and notice shall be given at least 5 days prior to the meeting. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.**

**Section 5 Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.**

**Section 6 Board meetings. May be held by e-mail and fax if necessary. (voted on by the Board and Membership in June 1999 and passed)**

**ARTICLE 111  
DIRECTOR AND OFFICERS**

**Section 1 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Board Members all of whom shall be elected for 2 year terms and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.**

- Section 2 Officers.** The club's officers, consisting of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meeting and the Board and its meetings.
- a. **President.** Shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board and shall have powers normally pertinent to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws.
  - b. **First Vice President.** Will have the powers and exercise the duties of the President if absent, incapacitated, or in case of the President's death.
  - c. **Second Vice President.** Will act as the social chairman for the club.
  - d. **Secretary.** Shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club. Shall notify members of meetings, notify officers and board of their election to office. File all membership applications. Receive ballots cast in elections or changes in by-laws. Shall have charge of all official correspondence of the club.
  - e. **Treasurer.** Shall collect and receive all monies due to or belonging to the club and receipt thereof. He shall deposit same in a bank of his choice. Checks shall carry the name of the Club and be signed for by the Treasurer or the President if the Treasurer is not available.

**Section 3 Vacancies.** Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the Officers during the year shall be filled until the next election by a then majority of Board at the next meeting held after the vacancy. The only exception to this is the office of the President; the First Vice President shall fill this office and the resulting vacancy in the office of the First Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **THE CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1 Club year.** The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of June and End of the 31 day of May.

The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the Annual meeting which is held in June at the Annual Specialty. (revised 1994)

**Section 2 Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting shall be held every year at the Annual Specialty and every second year the election of officers shall take place. If there is to be an opposing slate then a secret ballot shall be provided and tellers appointed by the Board. The old officers shall have 30 days to turn over their properties and records of the club to their successors.

**Section 3 Elections.** The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The 6 nominated candidates for the board that receive the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

**Section 4 Nominations.** The Board of Directors at their October Meeting in the year of elections shall appoint a nominating committee and shall also name a chairman for that committee. The Committee on or before April

15 shall report to the Secretary in writing of the people who are nominated and secure consents from each person nominated. The secretary shall then notify the membership of the candidates so nominated.

The Committee shall nominate only one person for each office and must obtain the consent of the person. The Secretary can notify the membership in the "Cardifan" if so published at that time.(revise 1996)

- a. Additional nominations may be made at the Annual meeting with the consent of the person nominated. No person shall run or be nominated for more that one office. Nominees must be in good standing with the club and their dues paid.

## **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1**

**Section 1** The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, performance events, trophies and membership etc. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid on particular projects.

**Section 2** Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority of the full membership of the Board upon written notice of the appointee; and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

## **ARTICLE VI DISCIPLINE**

**Section 1** The American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from privileges of this club for a like period.

**Section 2** Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate together with a deposit of \$100( changed in 1997) which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall send the Board notice of charges and then the board must meet to consider if the charges do indeed constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club and the breed. If the Board feels the charges entertain jurisdiction it shall fix a date and time for a hearing. This must be not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The secretary sends one copy of the charges to the accused by registered mail together with a notice of hearing and the assurance that the defendant may personally appear

**In his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.**

- Section 3 Board Hearing.** The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained the board may by a majority vote suspend the defendant from privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of hearing. Expulsion can only be obtained by full vote of the entire membership.
- Section 4 Expulsion.** Expulsion of a member from the club may only be accomplished by Section 3. The defendant shall have the right to appear before the entire membership on his or her behalf. If 2/3 of those present and voting believe expulsion is necessary, then expulsion is so voted. Otherwise the suspension stands.

#### **ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1** Amendments to this constitution and by-laws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the secretary by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments must be considered by the Board and must be submitted to the members for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the secretary.
- Section 2** The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at a meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION**

- Section 1** The Club may dissolve at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of its members in good standing. None of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof shall be distributed to any members of the club. After payment of all debts the remaining assets shall be given to the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE IX ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- Section 1** At meeting of the club, 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 the President**
  - Report of the Secretary**
  - Report of the Treasurer**
  - Reports of Committees**

**Election of Officers every second year**  
**Election of new members**  
**Unfinished business**  
**New Business**  
**Adjournment**

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

**Reading of the minutes of last meeting**  
**Report of the secretary**  
**Report of Treasurer**  
**Reports of Committees**  
**Unfinished Business**  
**New Business**  
**Adjournment**