



THE NORTHSTAR NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB

CONSTITUTION

BY-LAWS

CODE OF ETHICS

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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Club shall be the Northstar Newfoundland Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II

REGION

The region which the Club shall serve is limited to:

- a. The State of Minnesota
- b. The following parts of the State of Wisconsin:

The northwestern counties of Douglas, Bayfield, Washburn, Burnett, Polk, Sawyer, Rusk, Chippewa, Barron, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce, and Eau Claire.

ARTICLE III

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. to preserve and protect Newfoundland dogs;
- b. to endorse the standard of the breed as approved by the Newfoundland Club of America and accepted by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Newfoundland dogs shall be judged;
- c. to bring together, in friendly counsel, fanciers of the breed;
- d. to encourage good sportsmanship at dog shows, obedience trials, working trials, and all other competitive and non-competitive events featuring Newfoundland dogs;
- e. to work towards conducting sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, and working trials under the rules of the Newfoundland Club of America and the American Kennel Club

- f. to educate members and the general public about the Newfoundland dog.

ARTICLE IV

CONDUCT OF THE CLUB

Section 1. The Club shall not be conducted nor operated for profit and no monies of the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 2. The Club shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. The name of the Club and the names of its officers in their official capacities shall not be used to support any commercial concern or political interest.

Section 3. The Club may cooperate with other organizations which are active in the welfare of dogs. Representatives of the Club may not make a commitment for the Club without a majority consensus of the Board of the Club.

Section 4. All members are bound by the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

BY-LAWS

The Club shall make such By-Laws as are required for the orderly and democratic conduct of the affairs of the Club.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Club's Constitution may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by twenty percent of the voting membership.

- a. Amendments proposed by such petitions shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the voting members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date of receipt of the petition by the Secretary.

Section 2. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the votes cast at any regular or special meeting. At least 20 percent of the voting members must be in attendance. If the Board decides to vote on amendment changes by mail, at least 2/3 of the voting membership must vote in favor of the change. The proposed amendments must be mailed to each member along with the notice of the meeting.