



Next Meeting: June 27, 2017

Location: CU Judging Pavilion

Board Meeting: 6:00-7:00 pm

Program: 7 pm - Lisa Mitchell and Rue Chagoll presentation on seminar of Scapicchio-Brehnan that they attend last summer – To Utility & Beyond: the UD, UDX and OTCH

Business Meeting: to follow presentation

President Message:

Thank you to all those people that have been working on their committee Policy, Procedures, Methods and Budgets. Many have been completed and I will be following up with those who have not turned things back in. These are drafts and then we will have them edited and reviewed. When in more final form, they will be published for all to review and then voted on so that all will be treated fairly and equally, understanding of the processes.

A special thanks go to Marian as she has been reviewing many of the committee sections and did the training committee policies.

Attached is the final version of the constitution and bylaws. All the changes have been completed. A real special thanks to the constitution and bylaw committee for working with everyone through these changes. This now is the official constitution and bylaws.

Next step is there still a few open issues so if anyone has additional suggestions or would like to see something changed in the constitution and bylaws that has not already been addressed, please submit the suggestions to the secretary of the club from July 15 to 25, 2017. These suggestions will then be published and reviewed by the membership. They either will be carried forward to be voted on or discarded.

We are still in need of several position to be filled. A few people are doing most of the positions and hold the club together. Please pick one of the vacant positions and help out.

See you at the meeting. – Susan

IDTC General Meeting Minutes May 23, 2017 @ 7:15 pm Baker Institute

11 IDTC members present.

The minutes from the April 25, 2017 meeting were approved as published. It was noted that in the brags Rue Chagoll's dogs name is Rook not Brook.

Report from the Board:

- The Board has decided that the Club will award a patch and a certificate to dogs who pass the CGC test.
- The Board approved holding a TKN (AKC novice trick dog test) at the August 22 meeting. Lynne Wilks will organize it.
- The Board approved the purchase of a new equipment cabinet.
- The June meeting will be a presentation by Rue Chagoll and Lisa Mitchell on the seminar 'To Utility and Beyond: the UD, UDX and OTCH', which they attend last Oct.
- The July meeting will be a picnic at Myers Park.

Report of the President: Susan Morse reported that most members have turned in responses to her request for policies for the policy manual. Kathy Wolf and Tammy Osmeloski are going over the last 10 years of board and general meeting minutes searching for policy's to be added to the policy manual. Susan will then compile all the policies together so they can be edited and changed by the membership.

Secretary's Report: Tammy Osmeloski had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: In Pat Welchs absence, Susan Morse reported that the IDTC accounts have been switched so that she and Pat are now authorized to manage them. No current balances were available as the on-line banking site was down. Pat is currently working on figuring out the PayPal system for the IDTC's use.

Committee reports:

Training Committee Report: Marian Szebenyi reported that they are currently working on the class schedule for fall classes although the dates for the fall classes are not known yet. There are a few small classes this summer. Kathy Hildreth has a continuing beginner agility class going on and Nancy Almann is offering a Nose Work class and a beginning Parkour class. Details are on the IDTC website.

CPE Trial: Tammy Osmeloski reported that the Board approved three budget changes for the upcoming June CPE trial. We will be giving a free bag of treats to each dog entered in the trial. The club will rent a car for the judge's use during the trial as he is flying in from Florida. A weekend of free runs for one dog will be given to the assistant trial secretary. For the June trial, Katelyn Davis is assistant secretary and will get the free runs.

Unfinished Business:

New Member: Brandi Hulslander and her lab, Luka have applied for membership. They have completed the AKC STAR puppy and Beginner 1 classes. A motion was made and passed to accept Brandi as a member. Welcome Brandi.

Constitution:

A motion was made to approve the revision of Article VI. Section C. Training Committee, as published in the May newsletter. The motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the other corrections as published. The motion passed.

Comments and further suggestions for changes (other than those that were already considered) should be emailed to the secretary Tammy Osmeloski , ttia607@gmail.com, between 7/15 and 7/25.

Notice of these new changes will be made in the newsletter for discussion at the September meeting.

A motion was made to accept the constitution with its current changes. The motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned 7:40

Tammy Osmeloski, IDTC Secretary

PLANNED FOR THE AUGUST MEETING -----

Want to have some fun and earn a new title?

The AKC has launched a new Trick Dog program. All dogs, whether purebred or mixed breed, can earn titles in four levels. The beginning level is Novice Trick Dog (TKN). For this level a dog needs to perform 10 tricks. It seems like a lot, however if your dog has a CGC, then it only needs to perform five tricks. Since tricks include:

a balance beam, a tunnel, a jump, and a platform, dogs with a CGC and agility experience would only need ONE additional trick to complete the title. An acceptable trick would be responding

to a hand signal, spinning, giving a kiss, barking on cue, fetching, shaking hands, and more. Find a complete list on the Novice Tricks Checklist. Additionally, you are allowed up to two tricks of your own choice. (Bear in mind you can't reuse tricks on the next level, so save harder tricks for higher levels.) In the course of the evaluation, you may use food or a toy as a lure or reinforce. (Unless the trick specifically says you can't!) Each trick needs to be performed twice.

Members will have the opportunity to earn the Novice title at the August 22nd potluck/meeting. Susan Morse has kindly volunteered her property for the event. The balance beam, tunnel, jump, and platform will be on site and ready to use. IDTC will provide the necessary application forms and evaluation sheets. Some of our club CGC evaluators will be on hand to do the evaluations. The evaluation is free. If you want the AKC title, the AKC requires twenty-dollar recording fee. We hope to start evaluating dogs around 4:00, so we can fit in as many dogs as possible.

All our talented IDTC dogs should be able to earn this title. Depending on member feedback, we will look into offering a class for more advanced tricks and will follow up with more evaluating events.

Please contact Lynne Wilks at witz52@hotmail.com or call 607-273-4841 to let her know if you are interested and how many dogs you might want to evaluate. We would like to get an estimate for timing purpose. Signup sheet will be at the next two meetings.

ITHACA DOG TRAINING CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND BY- LAWS



Adopted June, 1974

Revised November, 1985

Adopted January, 1987

Revised April, 1989

Revised May, 1991

Adopted November, 1992

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Revised February, 2000
Adopted February, 2000

Revised January, 2005

Adopted January, 2005

Revised, February, 2011

Revised, October, 2016

Revised & Adopted, May, 2017

ARTICLE I.

Name and Objectives

SECTION A. The name of the organization shall be **THE ITHACA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC.** It shall be a nonprofit club.

SECTION B. The objectives of the Club are: to educate the community by promoting responsible dog ownership and better mannered dogs in the home and community by teaching people how to train their dogs more effectively; and to promote the sport of dogs in a humane and sportsmanlike manner. This will be accomplished by sponsoring pertinent meetings, instructional seminars, training classes and fun matches. In addition, the Club may sponsor companion or performance events guided by the rules of the American Kennel Club and other sanctioning or licensing organizations.

SECTION C. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION D. The Club shall sponsor obedience, agility and other training classes wherein handlers will be instructed in methods of training their dogs. Classes are open to all dogs, whether or not they are purebred. The person handling the dog must be 12 years of age or over, except in the case of members admitted under **Article II, Section B. Item 3.** Exceptions are made at the recommendation of the Training Committee. Fees charged for these training classes will be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION E. Dogs showing vicious tendencies may be rejected from Club participation by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Training Committee.

ARTICLE II

Membership

SECTION A. Membership is open to any trainer, at least 18 years of age:

1. Whose dog has successfully completed a beginner and intermediate obedience training course with the Club, or
2. Whose dog has acquired a companion, such as CGC, or performance title , or
3. Has received special approval from the Training Committee.

SECTION B. Dues are determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of the Club. Dues shall be paid on a calendar basis beginning with the first day of the New Year or as soon as reasonably practical thereafter.

Memberships:

1. Membership status may be either Active or Inactive. Active status is achieved when a member has met the activity requirements current at the time of renewal.
2. Adult membership types are Individual and Household (two adults and children age 12 years but under 18 at the same address).
3. Junior Membership shall be available to children, age 12 years but under 18, whose parents/guardians are not members of the Club. Such membership shall be at 1/2 Individual membership dues and carry no voting privileges. Applications for such memberships must include birth date and be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Upon reaching the age of 18, Junior members must apply for Adult membership.
4. Junior Membership shall also be available to children under 12 years of age who are members of 4-H, and training at the novice level or above and who have the approval of their 4-H instructor, the IDTC Training Director and the class instructor.
5. Provisional membership status and training privileges prior to election shall be available to trainers who have either just completed an intermediate obedience training course or received special approval from the Training Committee, and from whom an application and full year dues have been received.
6. Life Memberships shall be awarded to active members who have faithfully performed a minimum of 10 years of meritorious service to Club. They shall have full membership privileges but pay no dues.

A Life Membership committee consisting of five (5) active Life Members shall be appointed by the Board at the October meeting, and shall receive from the Membership coordinator a list of those who have been members for 10 years or more. The committee, using the following guidelines, shall award that year's new Life Memberships, which are to be announced at the annual meeting and published in minutes of the annual meeting. In judging a 10-year member's service to the Club, the

committee should take into account his/her significant contributions to one or more of the following categories of Club activities or responsibilities: Training (e.g. Training Director, Training Committee member, instructor, assistant instructor, registrar); Administration (officer, board member); Communications (newsletter, web site, email discussion list, Facebook page, meeting program, seminar, clinic, library); Public/Community/member Relations (demonstrations, therapy visits, sunshine); Performance Events (point show, matches, awards).

SECTION C. Application for Membership

1. Each applicant for membership in the Ithaca Dog Training Club shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors, which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and By-Laws. The application shall include the name, address of the applicant, and date of birth if a junior.
2. All applicants shall pay full year dues.
3. Applications for membership shall be reviewed by the Board and a recommendation made before being presented to the membership.
4. All applications are to be filed with the Membership Coordinator and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At that meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 3/4 of the members present and voting at that meeting, shall be required to elect the applicant.
5. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club members may not reapply within six months after such a rejection.

SECTION D. Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated:

1. By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club.
2. By lapsing. Members who fail to renew their dues within 30 days after they become due shall be notified by the Secretary as lapsed and shall be dropped from the rolls and thereupon forfeit all rights and privileges of members except as provided by the By-Laws. An additional 30 days grace in special circumstance situations may be granted by the Board.

SECTION E. A "Member in Good Standing" is one whose dues are either paid or waived and who is not otherwise indebted to the Club.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

SECTION A. There shall be a minimum of eight meetings per calendar year, commencing in January, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except as decided otherwise by the Board, at a location as directed by the President. Written notice of such meeting shall be emailed or mailed by the Secretary no less than eight but not more than fifteen days before the meeting. The January Annual Meeting shall be a closed meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of other essential Club business; the Annual Meeting may be postponed due to inclement weather at discretion of the President. Other meetings shall be open to the public. Officers elected at the January meeting shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the said January meeting and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office. At all meetings of the membership, 10% of total membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION B. The Board of Directors will hold a meeting, preceding each regular business meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Secretary no less than eight days and not more than fifteen days before the meeting. At meetings of the Board, six members constitute a quorum.

SECTION C. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or the Board of Directors, or the Secretary upon the receipt of a petition signed by 20% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Secretary no less than eight but not more than fifteen days before the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted therein.

SECTION D. Special Board Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by at least five members of the Board of Directors. Such special meetings shall be held at a location, date and hour designated by the President or by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Secretary no less than eight but not more than fifteen days before the meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted herein. A quorum for such a meeting shall be six.

ARTICLE IV

Directors and Officers

SECTION A. The Board of Directors shall be the officers of the Club and 5 members to be elected by the Club. Directors shall be elected annually, at the first meeting of the year. Two directors shall be elected each year for a two year term. One director shall be elected each year for a one year term. The one year term director must be a new member who graduated from an elementary class during the past year. Members currently serving on the Training Committee are ineligible to serve as Directors or Officers. The Training Director is an ex-officio, non-

voting, member of the Board of Directors. The Retiring President may sit in an advisory, non-voting capacity on the Board.

The Club shall have a Board of Directors consisting of the officers and 5 members elected by the Club, whose duties and powers shall be as follows:

1. To exercise and perform such duties, powers and functions as may be provided for by the laws of the State of New York governing membership corporations and the Directors thereof.
2. To have control of the invested funds of the Club, of all property of the Club except current funds in the hands of the Secretary and Treasurer and except Club records, books and papers properly entrusted to those officers.
3. To insure any and all of the property of the Club. To direct the Treasurer to pay the cost thereof without the consent of the Club.
4. To order the removal of any Director or Officer of the Club found guilty of unfaithful, improper or unbecoming conduct: provided, however, that no Officer or Director shall be removed until given an opportunity to be heard in his own defense, nor except by a vote of a majority of all the elected Directors. Charges against a Director or Officer may be preferred by any member of the Club, or by the Board of Directors as a whole.
5. The Board of Directors shall appoint a CPA to examine the books and records of the Treasurer at the end of each year and more frequently at its discretion.
6. To present at the annual meeting a report, verified by the President and Treasurer or by a majority of the Board of Directors, showing the whole amount of the property owned by the Club, where located and where and how invested, the amount of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding the report and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such application, appropriations, or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of the persons who have been admitted to membership in the Club during such year, which shall be filed with the records of the Club and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting).
7. The Board of Directors shall publish a policy manual, which is to be maintained regularly.
8. The Board of Directors shall be subject at all times to these By-Laws and to the lawful instruction of the Club, and in addition to the duties above prescribed, shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Club, or elsewhere in these By-Laws.
9. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, the members of the Board shall appoint a successor to fill out the term.

SECTION B. The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Treasurer and the Secretary may have an assistant who in the absence of either principal shall have the respective privileges and responsibilities of the absent principal. Term of office shall be one year.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have

the duties and powers normally appertaining to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these Constitution and By-Laws.

2. The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
3. The Treasurer shall be bonded and oversee collection and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board in the name of the Club. The Treasurer's books shall be open at all times to inspection by the Board, and the Treasurer shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and all receipts and disbursements not before reported. At the annual meeting the Treasurer shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. Expenditures must be verified with bona fide receipts. The Treasurer's books shall be examined annually by the retained public accountant. The Treasurer is responsible for annual preparation and submission of necessary monetary reports as required by state and federal law.
4. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club or Board. The Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence; notify members of meetings; new members of their election to membership, and provide them with copies of the membership list, Constitution, and By-Laws, and other pertinent information. Notify officers and directors of their election to office. Carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION A. Club Year: The Club's fiscal year shall begin the first day of January and end on the last day of December. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION B. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January (unless postponed at the President's discretion due to inclement weather), at which directors and officers for the ensuing year shall be elected from among those nominated in accordance with Section E of this Article. Only members in good standing and current in dues may vote at the annual meeting.

SECTION C. Proxy Voting: Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

SECTION D. Elections: The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

SECTION E. Nominations: No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. By the month of November, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee

consisting of five members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board, and two alternates. The Secretary shall immediately notify the Committee members and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the Committee and it shall be the Chairperson's duty to call a committee meeting(s) which shall be held on or before December 15. The nominating committee shall obtain the permission of each person nominated for office, and verify said member to be in good standing, before putting his/her name on the slate.

1. The Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and for each position on the Board and immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
2. Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Secretary shall notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated, on the notice of the annual meeting.
3. Additional nominations may be made at the annual meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated accepts when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person who has declined the Committee's nomination may be nominated at the annual meeting for the same position.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

SECTION A. At the first or second meeting of each fiscal year, the President shall nominate and the Board shall appoint individuals or committees for specific responsibilities in the current fiscal year. Such responsibilities may be regarding point show, matches, seminars, registrar, equipment, membership roster, graduation, email discussion list, newsletter, website and other activities or events. If a vacancy in an appointed responsibility occurs, the Board shall appoint a successor to fill out the term.

SECTION B. Constitutional Review Committee: At least every five years the President shall nominate and the Board shall appoint a committee of five members for the purpose of reviewing these Constitution and By-Laws and recommending any changes deemed desirable. In changing these Constitution and By-Laws, the original intent and concept of the Ithaca Dog Training Club shall be maintained. A copy of the original Constitution and By-Laws of the Ithaca Dog Training Club shall be kept on file by the Secretary.

SECTION C. Training Committee

1. Purpose. The Training Committee shall guide the training activities of the Club. The Committee's operating year shall be from the close of the February meeting until the close of the following February meeting.

Responsibilities include:

- a. Establish and standardize instruction goals.

- b. Develop and/or approve training curricula.
- c. Schedule training classes.
- d. Approve and assign class instructors and assistants. (A current instructor is one who has led at least one class in either the current or preceding Club year.)
- e. Recruit and develop new class instructors and assistants.
- f. Conduct periodic training and evaluation of instructors and assistants and surveys of class participants.

2. Membership. The Training Committee shall consist of eight members: the Training Director and six additional members, plus the President who is a non-voting, ex-officio member. No other Officers or Directors may serve on the Training Committee.

- a. Committee members are nominated by the Board of Directors, approved by the general membership at the February meeting and serve for a term of two years or one year. Appointments will occur in a staggered arrangement: in one year the Training Director and three members will be appointed (two for a two year term and one for a one year term), and in the succeeding year three members shall be appointed (two for a two year term and one for a one year term).
- b. The Training Director must be a current instructor of the Club with a minimum of two continuous years of instructing experience and have earned at least one performance title in a major venue such as agility or obedience, and have previously served at least one two year term on the Training Committee.
- c. Other Training Committee members must be active in training a dog, and have earned or be working toward earning a companion or performance title.

SECTION D. Termination: Any individual or committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Written notice to the appointee shall state such intention and the appointee may make a formal protest. The Board of Directors may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

ARTICLE VII

Discipline

SECTION A. Charges: Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board. The Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by the Board of not less than 3 weeks and not more than 6 weeks thereafter. The 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 own defense and bring witnesses if the defendant so wishes.

SECTION B. Confidentiality: All communication regarding a pending disciplinary action must be conducted in confidence and exclusively between complainant, defendant and the Board.

SECTION C. 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, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such cases, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty if any.

SECTION D. Expulsion: Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendations as provided in section B. of this article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club, to be held within 60 days, but not earlier than 30 days, after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VIII

Order of Business

SECTION A. At the meetings of the Club, the order of business, as far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call

Minutes of the last meeting

Report of the Board

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Reports of the Committees

Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)

Election of new members

Unfinished business

New business

Adjournment

SECTION B. 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 the last meeting

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Reports of Committees

Unfinished business

Appointment of new members (of the Board)

New business

Adjournment

SECTION C. Roberts Rules of Order (revised) shall govern in all cases where they are applicable unless inconsistent with these Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

SECTION A. Amendments: These Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose. The proposed amendments must be embodied in the notice for any such meeting and mailed to each member at least eight but not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution

SECTION A. Dissolution: The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than $2/3$ of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club. After payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to charitable organizations, selected by the Board of Directors, for the benefit of dogs.



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