

The Carolinas Jack Russell Terrier Club Constitution

ARTICLE I Names, Objectives and Purposes

Section 1. The name of the Association shall be The Carolinas Jack Russell Terrier Club, hereafter referred to as CJRTC, or Association.

Section 2. The objectives and purposes of the Association shall be:

- (a) To be affiliated with the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America as an Affiliate Club.
- (b) The club may not, under any circumstances, de-affiliate with the JRTCA .
- (c) To promote and maintain the Jack Russell Terrier as a working breed of Terrier, in keeping with the breed standard of the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America.
- (d) To oppose affiliation with or influence by any organization whose beliefs, breeding practices or actions might result in practices considered detrimental to the breed.
- (e) To maintain a current database of the names and addresses of all members of the CJRTC.
- (f) To support and encourage both the working ability and active earth work of the Jack Russell Terrier.
- (g) To gather and distribute information which can be used to educate members, and improve the conditions or methods employed in the breeding, raising, and working of the Jack Russell Terrier.
- (h) To support and encourage Jack Russell Terrier fun days, training days, and JRTCA-Sanctioned trials, as well as seminars and “working” trips.

Section 3. The Association shall not be conducted or operated for a profit, except as required for the efficient and effective running and organization of the club, and no part of any profits from dues, etc. shall inure to the benefit of any member.

Section 4. The Board of Directors of the Association shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws (with the exceptions of Articles I and II) as may be required to carry out these objectives.

Section 5. No part of the original by-laws from Articles I and II may be changed or deleted unless this club is dissolved.

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. Persons applying for membership in the CJRTC (or renewing a current membership) and members of their immediate family shall not be a member of a conflicting Jack Russell Terrier organization or club as defined by the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America. Applicants shall not register their Jack Russell Terriers with any conflicting organization or any kennel club. Membership may be terminated, suspended or refused by the CJRTC for violation of this rule.

Section 2. Dues must be paid and the member a member in good standing for club privileges.

ARTICLE III Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. The Officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There shall be a total of not more than nine(9) additional board members, to have a total of thirteen(13) board members including the Officers. No husband and wife (or significant other) may serve on the board at the same time. All officers and board members must be members in good standing of the JRTCA and the CJRTC. All officers and board members must be legal residents of North Carolina or South Carolina.

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Section 2. Officers and members of the board of directors will be nominated by the membership. Officers and the board of directors will be elected by the membership.

Section 3. Terms of all officers and board members shall be one year (Starting October 1st.) Elections will be held annually at the club meeting. Notification of elections shall be published in the CJRTC newsletter and nominations for board members solicited from the membership. Deadline for the nominations shall be July 31st. Voting will be conducted at the annual meeting. Those not present will be mailed a closed ballot. A majority vote of responding members will decide election results. In the event of a tie for the ninth position for Board of Directors, both parties will be allowed to serve. All completed ballots should be sent to the Secretary on or before the designated date. For the purpose of conducting club business, a quorum of officers is needed. A quorum shall consist of three-fourths (3/4) of seated officers.

Section 4. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings. He or she shall sign all contracts and obligations and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her dictated by the needs of the Club. He or she may appoint annually up to three additional members to the Board of Directors to serve as committee chairpersons. Each appointed position will have one vote.

Section 5. The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the President, as well as serve on or as the Ways and Means Committee.

Section 6. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the members and officers. He or She shall be responsible for recording minutes at meetings and keeping records of the same. He or She shall also be responsible for maintaining the current database of members in conjunction with the Treasurer. In addition, He or She shall be in charge of editing and distribution of the CJRTC newsletter.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the Association, shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association, including paying all bills, accounts and debts with funds of the Association and make the necessary and proper disbursements. All monies collected by the Association shall be deposited in the name of the Association in a bank such as the officers designate. He or She shall keep proper books of account showing the collection and disposition of all funds that may pass through his or her hands. He or She shall make a full report in writing covering the financial condition of the Association at each annual meeting, and quarterly throughout the year to be submitted to all members of the Board. Any member in good standing may request a treasurer's report at the end of any quarter by submitting the request in writing and including a prepaid, self addressed envelope. All funds shall be expended by check signed by the Treasurer; however if the amount is \$500.00 or greater, approval by the President is required. Also, all purchases over \$800.00 for equipment for the club shall be voted on by the board, and made public via the club newsletter before such item is purchased; allowing time for a petition by the general membership if so desired. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President may sign checks. The President shall not issue a check in the amount of \$500.00 or greater without the approval of the Vice President or an additional member of the board.

Section 8. Any officer may resign at any time. Such resignation should be made in writing to the President or Secretary and will take effect at the time specified therein and if no time is specified, at the time of its receipt by the President or Secretary. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. A replacement will be appointed by majority vote of the members of the board.

Section 9. Any Officer may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the quorum of Officers. The officer in question must be advised of possible removal thirty days prior and given opportunity to respond.

Section 10. The Officers of the CJRTC shall perform their duties without compensation.

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Section 11. All newly elected Officers shall take office upon election. Each retiring Officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office, as soon as is practical, but no later than one month after his or her retirement, all properties and records relating to that office.

ARTICLE IV Amendments

Section 1. By the members:

These By-laws may be added to, altered or amended by written petition, submitted to the Secretary, and signed by not less than 35 percent (35%) of members in good standing. Changes in said petition shall be considered by the Officers and submitted to the CJRTC newsletter. Petitions determined by the Officers to be detrimental to the breed standard or in support of conflicting organizations as defined by the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America, shall not be considered.

Section 2. By the Board:

These by-laws, with the exception of Articles I and II, may be added to, altered, or amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

ARTICLE V Property Rights

Section 1. Property rights to any original concepts of the CJRTC logo is to remain the property of the CJRTC as agreed to by contract between the CJRTC and artist.

ARTICLE VI Dissolution

Section 1. The CJRTC may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the CJRTC, none of the property, proceeds or assets of the CJRTC shall be distributed to any members of the club unless said property or assets was donated as a gift to the club, or purchased by a member for the CJRTC. After payment of the debts of the CJRTC, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable or non-profit organization for the benefit of Jack Russell Terriers, as selected by the Officers.

ARTICLE VII Jack Russell Terrier Fun Days, Training Days, Club Sponsored Fun Days, And JRTCA Sanctioned Trials

Section 1. The Board of the CJRTC may endorse, or sponsor, JRT fun days by approval of $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the Board. Any person(s) or organizations whose beliefs or actions may result in practices considered to be detrimental to the breed according to the JRTCA will not be allowed to hold CJRTC sponsored fun days.

Section 2.

- (a) The requesting organization or person(s) requesting endorsement or sponsorship from the CJRTC will be responsible for the expenses and staffing at the event. There will also be a fee of not more than \$25.00 for sponsorship from the CJRTC. The organization or person(s) will also collect any and all profits from the event.

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- (b) Any expenses for training days held will be paid for out of club funds, and any profits or proceeds will go directly back to the account of the club. These days are meant to be for training purposes only, no ribbons or awards will be given. The CJRTC will be responsible for staffing the event.
- (c) Expenses for Fun Days held by the CJRTC will be paid out of club funds, and any and all profits or proceeds will go directly back to the account of the club. There will be ribbons awarded in each category. The CJRTC will be responsible for staffing the event.
- (d) Expenses for JRTCA sanctioned trials sponsored by the CJRTC will be paid out of club funds and all profits or proceed will go directly back to the account of the club. The CJRTC will be responsible for staffing the event.

ARTICLE VIII

Emergency Meetings

Section 1. Emergency meetings of the Board may be called by the membership of the CJRTC. This should be done in writing to the President and the Secretary, with a petition of at least 10 members and a 30 day notice. All board meetings are open to the membership.

ARTICLE IX

Conduct

Section 1. Membership in the CJRTC may be terminated, suspended or refused by the CJRTC Board for any conduct which may be considered likely to prejudice or damage the image or interfere with the efficient running of the CJRTC, or compromise the breed in anyway.

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