

**ISRAEL CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**Constitution and Bylaws**

**CONSTITUTION**

**Article I. Name.** The name of the Club shall be: ISRAEL CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC., hereafter referred to in this document as the “Club” or as the “ICDCA”.

**Article II. Objectives.** The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. to encourage and promote the selective breeding of purebred Canaan Dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- b. to preserve the breed as found in its native land of Israel;
- c. to promote the breed in a responsible manner;
- d. to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the United Kennel Club, Inc. as the standard by which the Canaan Dog shall be judged and bred;
- e. to do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed and encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and other performance events;
- f. to conduct UKC sanctioned and licensed events;
- g. to encourage UKC single and litter registration.

**Article III. Club Profits.** 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.

**Article IV. Rules For Licensed Events.** All licensed Events sponsored by the Club will be run in accordance with the rules, policies, and procedures of the United Kennel Club, Inc.

**Article V. Affiliation.** The Israel Canaan Dog Club Of America, Inc., shall be affiliated with the United Kennel Club, Inc. There shall be no other affiliation with any other registering office, club, or groups; except by written consent of the United Kennel Club, Inc.

**Article VI. Revisions.** The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such Bylaws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

## BYLAWS

### Article I. Membership.

**Section 1. Eligibility.** There shall be five types of membership open to any person who subscribes to the purpose and objectives of the Club, and who is in good standing with the United Kennel Club, Inc.

#### Section 2. Types of Membership.

**Section 2.1. Regular Membership.** Open to persons 18 years of age and older. Regular members shall enjoy all Club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.

**Section 2.2. Family Membership.** Open to up to two persons of a household 18 years of age and older and to any number of persons under 18 years of age. Persons 18 years of age or older shall enjoy all Club privileges including the right to vote and hold office, while persons under 18 years of age shall enjoy all Club privileges except the right to vote and hold office. No more than one member of the same household may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. Only one copy of the Club's newsletter and of other Club's mailings is sent to each household.

**Section 2.3. Life Membership.** Granted automatically to persons who have been Club members in good standing for 20 years or more. Life members maintain all the membership privileges and benefits, including the right to vote and to hold office. They do not have to pay dues and hence their membership cannot be terminated by lapsing.

**Section 2.4. Junior Membership.** Open to persons under 18 years of age. Junior members shall enjoy all Club privileges except the right to vote and hold office. Junior members may apply for regular membership upon reaching their 18th birthday.

**Section 2.5. Provisional Membership.** Open to persons 18 years of age and older. Provisional members do not have the right to vote and hold office. Provisional membership status ends when the application is voted upon by the Board of Directors as determined in Section 5 of this Article.

#### Section 3. Dues.

**Section 3.1. Amount.** Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.2. Dues Renewal Date.** Dues shall be payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year.

**Section 3.3. Dues Statement.** The Corresponding Secretary shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year at least one month before the dues become payable.

**Section 3.4. Nonpayment of Dues.** No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. The Board of Directors may grant a grace period an additional two months for payment to any member who applies for an extension.

**Section 4. Application for Membership.** Each applicant for membership in the Club shall apply on a Board-approved Application for Membership that requests the name, address, occupation and other information about the applicant and that shall state that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the rules and regulations of the United Kennel Club, Inc. The prospective member shall submit the completed application and dues payment for the current year to the Corresponding Secretary. Applicants whose dues are received within three months prior to the membership dues renewal date shall have their dues waived for the following year. Until the application is voted upon by the Board, not later than one year from the date the application is received by the Club, the applicant will be a provisional member.

**Section 5. Election to Membership.** Applicants may be elected at any meeting or electronic meeting of the Board of Directors. Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the entire Board shall be required to elect an applicant. Applicants who have received a negative vote by the Board will be notified of this outcome by the Recording Secretary

**Section 6. Rejected Applications.** An application for membership that was rejected by the Board can be presented by a voting member in good standing for reconsideration at an Annual Membership Meeting of the Club within eighteen months from the date the applicant was notified of the rejection. The Club may elect such applicant by favorable vote of 3/4 of the members present, provided there is the required quorum of 10% of all voting members in good standing or a minimum of 10 voting members, whichever is greater.

**Section 7. Termination of Membership.** Membership may be terminated for any of the following reasons

**Section 7.1. Resignation.** Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Recording Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the dues renewal date as by Section 3.2 of this Article.

**Section 7.2. Lapsing.** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after April 1. The Board of Directors may grant an additional two months of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. After a membership lapse of one year or less, payment of the dues for the lapsed year and for the current year (if due)

and a letter to the Board are required for reinstatement. If the lapse is more than one year, filing a complete new application is required. In either case, the reinstatement must be approved by affirmative votes of 2/3 of the entire Board. A negative decision of the Board can be overturned by the membership at an Annual Membership Meeting as by Section 6. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club function whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that function.

**Section 7.3. Suspension.** Any member who is suspended or barred from the privileges of the United Kennel Club, Inc. is automatically suspended or barred from the privileges of membership in the ICDCA for the same period of time.

**Section 7.4. Expulsion.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VIII, Section 4 of these Bylaws.

## **Article II. Club Year.**

**Section 1. Club Year.** The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

**Section 2. Official Year.** The Club's official year shall begin at the end of the Annual Membership Meeting and shall continue throughout the next Annual Membership Meeting.

## **Article III. Meetings.**

**Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting.** The Annual Membership Meeting of the Club shall be held in conjunction with the Club's Specialty Show if possible, at a place, date, and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the Annual Membership Meeting shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary to each member at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the Annual Membership Meeting shall be 10% of all voting members in good standing or a minimum of 10 voting members, whichever is greater.

**Section 2. Special Club Membership Meetings.** Special Club membership meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the entire Board; or shall be called by the Recording Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the voting members in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary at least 3 weeks and not more than 6 weeks prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for a special Club meeting shall be 10% of all voting members in good standing or a minimum of 10 voting members, whichever is greater.

**Section 3. Board Meetings.** The first meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the election. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Notice of each such other meeting shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary to each member of the Board at least 3 weeks prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for any Board Meeting shall be a majority of the Board

**Section 4. Special Board Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, Vice President, or by the Recording Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the person authorized to call such meeting. The Recording Secretary shall mail written notice of such meeting at least 30 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 thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

**Section 5. Conducting Club Business via Electronic Communication.**

Club and Board members may use e-mail, chat rooms, message boards, fax, and other means of electronic communication to conduct Club business.

**Section 5.1. Board Electronic Meetings.** The President, Vice President, or the Recording Secretary upon receipt of a request by at least three members of the board can call for a round of Board discussions and/or a Board vote in a specified electronic format.

**a. Notice and Deadline.** No advance notice is required, but an agenda has to be provided, motions must be stated for any vote, and an appropriate deadline for the responses should be set.

**b. Quorum.** A response within the specified deadline shall constitute participation in the electronic meeting. The quorum for any vote conducted in an electronic meeting shall be a majority of the Board members.

**c. Minutes.** The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of these discussions, tabulating the votes, and shall provide copies of the minutes to the Board members.

**Section 5.2. Club Discussions.**

**a. Notice** Notice of Club on-line discussions shall be sent or e-mailed to all Club members in good standing by the Recording Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the scheduled discussion. Notice shall include:

1. A designated e-mail list, chat room or message board with instructions on how to access the list, room or message board;

2. The purpose(s) of the meeting and the starting and ending dates and times during which discussion may take place. No other Club business shall be discussed.

**b. Quorum.** No quorum shall be required for Club discussions.

**c. Voting.** No vote may be taken on any motion.

**d. Minutes.** The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of these discussions by using chat room logs, copying messages from the message board, copying e-mail from the list, or by taking notes of the discussion.

**Section 6. Voting.** Each Club member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to vote at any meeting at which the member is present or by ballot. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

#### **Article IV. Directors and Officers.**

**Section 1. Board of Directors.** The Board shall be comprised of Officers and Directors, for a total of nine people, all of whom shall be voting members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected as provided in Article V 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. Term of Office.** The Board of the Club shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected. No more than one member of the same household may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person may serve in one or more offices for more than two consecutive terms and no person may hold more than one office per term, with the exception that in the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President will fill that office. Any Board member who misses three Board electronic meetings, during a two-year elective term shall be considered as having resigned his/her position and removed from the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Officers.** The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings. All Officers must be in good standing with the United Kennel Club, Inc.

**Section 3.1. President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these Bylaws.

**Section 3.2. Vice President.** The Vice President shall assist the President when and where possible. The Vice President shall serve as Parliamentarian. The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity.

**Section 3.3. Recording Secretary.** The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all votes taken, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. He/she shall have charge of all official communications among the Board of Directors and from the Board of Directors to the general membership including elections, as specified in Article V, Section 2, and amendments as specified in Article XI. He/she shall notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and Directors of their election to office, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Bylaws or assigned by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.4. Corresponding Secretary.** The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence to and from the general public and shall keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses. The Corresponding Secretary shall provide and forward to the Recording Secretary all matters which require a permanent record and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Bylaws or assigned by the Board of Directors. The office of the Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary may be held by the same person, in which case the number of Directors will be increased to five, so to preserve a nine member Board.

**Section 3.5. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. He/she shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club and provide the President and Recording Secretary with the signature of the account. The Treasurer's books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and he/she shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the Annual Membership Meeting he/she shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine and the bonding expense shall be paid by the Club. In the event of the resignation, death or expulsion of the Treasurer, all moneys and account books of the Club shall be handed over to the President until the office of Treasurer is filled. The President shall sign all checks during this interim period.

**Section 4. Vacancies.** Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first meeting following the creation of such vacancy, 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 filled by the Board.

**Section 5. Compensation.** The members of the board shall serve without compensation for time or labor but may be compensated for reasonable and necessary expenses.

#### **Article V. Elections and Ballots.**

**Section 1. Elections.** The election of Officers and Directors shall be held every two years by secret written ballot conducted by mail, except that if no additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary as provided in Article V, Section 3.3, no ballot will be necessary. In this case, the persons selected by the Nominating Committee will be declared elected by the Recording Secretary at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Club. If additional nominations have been made as provided in Article V, Section 3.3, the ballot will be held and the chairperson of the Tally Committee shall report the results of the election to the Recording Secretary. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office or position on the Board shall be declared elected by the Recording Secretary at the Annual Membership Meeting.

**Section 2. Change of Board of Directors.** The newly-elected officers and directors shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the election and retiring officers shall turn over to their successors in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the conclusion of the election.

**Section 3. Nominations.** No person may be a candidate for an office or position on the Board who has not been nominated. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Membership Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

**Section 3.1. Nominating Committee.** A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors at least 22 weeks before the Annual Membership Meeting. The Committee shall consist of three members from different areas of the U.S.A. and two alternates, all five members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chair for the Committee who shall be responsible for setting times and dates for Committee meetings and for reporting results to the Recording Secretary. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, E-mail, fax, telephone or other electronic communication methods.



**Section 3.2. Candidates.** The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office and for each position on the Board of Directors and shall procure the written acceptance and a brief biographical sketch of each nominee so chosen. The Committee should consider geographical representation of the membership of the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. No person shall be nominated for more than one position. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates together with a biographical sketch of each candidate to the Recording Secretary not later than 18 weeks before the Annual Membership Meeting. The Recording Secretary shall mail the list, including the full name and a biographical sketch of the candidates and the name of the state in which they reside, to each voting member of the Club at least 16 weeks before the Annual Membership Meeting, so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.

**Section 3.3. Additional Nominations.** Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary and must be postmarked at least 10 weeks before the Annual Membership Meeting, signed by five members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of the additional nominees signifying their willingness to be a candidate and by a biographical sketch of each additional nominee. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position.

- a. If no valid additional nominations are received within the required time limit by the Recording Secretary, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Membership Meeting, and no balloting will be required.
- b. If one or more valid additional nominations are received within the required deadline by the Recording Secretary, he/she shall mail at least 8 weeks before the Annual Membership Meeting to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside and a biographical sketch of each nominee, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Chairperson of the Tally Committee as by the rules for secret written ballot conducted by mail in Section 3. The ballots should be received by the Chairperson of the Tally Committee at least 2 weeks before the Annual Membership Meeting.

**Section 4. Written Ballots.** Secret written ballots are conducted when there are additional nominations for an election by Article V, Section 3.3, if an amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws is presented for the membership approval by Article XI Section 2, or in case of dissolution of the Club, by Article XII.

**Section 4.1. Tally Committee.** When a secret written ballot may be required, the Board of Directors shall select in advance three Club members in good standing, living within reasonable driving distance of one another to serve at the Tally Committee to count ballots. The Board shall name one member of this committee as Chairperson, who shall receive all mail-in ballots and who shall report the results of all ballot counts to the Recording Secretary.

**Section 4.2. Dual-envelope procedures.** The Recording Secretary shall send to each member in good standing a ballot together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Chairperson of the Tally Committee, marked “Ballot” and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking the ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope, which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Chairperson of the Tally Committee. Ballots should be received by the Chairperson of the Tally Committee by the specified deadline and the Chairperson should mark on the outer envelope the date it was received

**Section 4.3. Counting The Ballots.** As soon as practicable after the ballot deadline the Chairperson shall set a meeting for the Tally Committee at a time and place convenient to all committee members. At this meeting the committee shall open the envelopes and determine the validity of the ballots: no ballot received in any other manner or form than as specified in Article V, Section 4.2 or after the specified deadline shall be accepted. The committee shall tabulate the valid ballots and the Chairperson shall promptly report the tally results to the Recording Secretary. All ballots and the envelopes in which they were received shall be given to the Recording Secretary who shall keep them for two years as part of the Club’s official records.

## **Article VI. Contracts, Loans Checks.**

**Section 1. Contracts.** The Board may authorize any Officer, agent or employee to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Club.

**Section 2. Loans.** No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the Club, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 3. Checks, Drafts, etc.** All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Club shall be signed by the Club Treasurer, or such agent or employee of the Club and in such a manner as shall from time to time be determined by the board.

## **Article VII. Committees.**

**Section 1. Appointing Committees.** Each official Club year, the Board may appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials and other performance events, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other fields which may well be served by committees. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects. All the committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

**Section 2. Terminating Committee Appointments.** Any committee appointment may be terminated by majority vote of the full membership of the board upon full written notice to the appointee, and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

## **Article VIII. Discipline.**

**Section 1. United Kennel Club Suspension.** Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the United Kennel Club, Inc. or any other major canine organization worldwide shall be suspended from the 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 interest of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Recording Secretary together with a deposit of \$ 30 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board or a Committee following a hearing. The Recording 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 interest of the Club or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or of the breed it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board or a Committee of not less than three members of the Board, not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Recording Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

**Section 3. Board Hearing.** The Board or Committee 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 charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board or Committee, by a majority vote provided there is the required quorum, 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 suspend the defendant for six months or until the next Annual Membership Meeting if that will occur after six

months and recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. Immediately after the Board or Committee has reached its decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

**Section 4. Expulsion.** Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board or Committee as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Although suspended, 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 findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the Annual Membership Meeting, provided there is the required quorum of 10% of all voting members in good standing or a minimum of 10 voting members, whichever is greater, shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

## **Article IX. Affiliations.**

**Section 1. UKC Affiliation.** The Israel Canaan Dog Club Of America, Inc., shall be affiliated with the United Kennel Club, Inc. There shall be no other affiliation with any other registering office, club, or groups; except by written consent of the United Kennel Club, Inc.

**Section 2. ICDCA Affiliated Clubs.** A club affiliated with the ICDCA (hereafter referred to as Affiliated Club) must have objectives compatible with the goals of the ICDCA. It must also have a definite and reasonable regional area, a viable membership to sustain itself, a viable officer and director pool to operate, and a set of rules compatible with the rules of the ICDCA and the UKC.

**Section 2.1. Application.** Any club wishing to affiliate with ICDCA must submit the following information to the ICDCA Recording Secretary and a copy to the UKC Dog Events Department:

- a. Letter of intent to affiliate
- b. Constitution and Bylaws
- c. Code of Ethics, should one be in existence
- d. Club membership list
- e. Club officer and directors list

**Section 2.2. Election to Affiliated Club Status.** The ICDCA Board will vote on the recognition of an Affiliated Club. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire Board shall be required to approve of the Affiliated Club application. An application which has received a negative vote by the Board may be presented by ten ICDCA members in good standing endorsing the prospective Affiliated Club at an Annual Membership Meeting of the ICDCA. The ICDCA may elect such

applicant club to Affiliated Club status by a favorable vote of 3/4 of the voting members present, provided there is the required quorum of 10% of all voting members in good standing or a minimum of 10 voting members whichever is greater. The Recording Secretary will notify the United Kennel Club, Inc. of approval/denial of the Affiliated Club application.

**Article X. Breed Standard** The United Kennel Club, Inc. holds the copyright to the Breed Standard and may amend it at any time after consultation with a person or committee appointed for that purpose by the ICDCA. The ICDCA may propose an amendment to the Breed Standard at any time, provided that:

1. The amendment is brought before the membership for a written vote in accordance with Article XI and,
2. Such amendment receives an affirmative vote from 2/3 of the membership voting on the issue.

No amendment to the Breed Standard shall take effect until it has been approved by United Kennel Club, Inc.

#### **Article XI. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and Breed Standard**

**Section 1. Proposing Amendments.** Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and to the Breed Standard may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition should promptly be considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted by the Recording Secretary to the Club membership, with recommendations of the Board, for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Recording Secretary.

**Section 2. Voting Procedures.** A copy of the proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws or Breed Standard with recommendations of the Board must be mailed by the Recording Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of the mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which members may indicate their choices for or against the action to be taken. Dual-envelope procedures described in Article V, Section 4 .2 shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. The notice accompanying such ballot shall specify a date of not less than 6 weeks after the postmark date of the mailing by which date the ballots must returned to the Recording Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the deadline shall be required to effect any such amendment.

**Section 3. UKC Approval.** No amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws or to the standard of the breed that is adopted by ICDCA shall become effective until it has been approved by the United Kennel Club, Inc..

**Article XII. Dissolution.** The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the entire voting membership in good standing. Dual-envelope procedures described in Article V, Section 4 .2 shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for purposes of reorganization, 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 member of the Club but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

**Article XIII. Order of Business.**

**Section 1. Club Meetings.** At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and the nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Recording Secretary
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at Annual Membership Meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

**Section 2. Board Meetings.** At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of the voting members those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of Recording Secretary
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished business
- Election of new members
- Election of affiliate clubs
- New business
- Adjournment

**Article XIV. Parliamentary Authority.** The rules contained in the current edition of “Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised,” shall govern the Club 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 the Club may adopt.

**Article XV. Certification.**

**Section 1. Original Certification.** The original Constitution and Bylaws of the Israel Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc were adopted by its Board of Directors on November 25, 1994.

Ms. Ellen Minto, President;  
Ms. Dana Pittman, Recording Secretary  
Dr. Victor Kaftal, Treasurer.

**Section 2. Amendment.** The Constitution and Bylaws, of the Israel Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc as amended in accordance with the Bylaws were adopted by a vote of the membership of the Club on December 10, 1997.

Dr. Lee Boyd, President  
Ms. Kathy Bogner, Recording Secretary  
Dr. Victor Kaftal, Treasurer

**Section 3. Amendment.** We hereby certify that the foregoing Constitution and Bylaws, consisting of 15 pages, including this page, constitute the amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Israel Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc., duly adopted by its membership in accordance with their Bylaws on July 3, 2009

Mr. . Keith Shank, President Date signed

Ms. Alla Geretz, Vice-President Date signed

Ms. Cathey Dunn, Secretary Date signed

Dr Victor Kaftal, Treasurer Date signed