

BYLAWS

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**Caribbean United Kennel Club
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ARTICLE I – NAME AND OFFICE

1.1 Name

1.2 The name of the Company shall be Caribbean United Kennel Club Limited (CUKC).

1.3 Principal Office

1.4 The principal office of the Company shall be located at:

Hampstead, Runaway Bay, St. Ann, Jamaica

1.5 Additional Offices

The Company may establish additional offices, branches, representatives, or regional operations as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 Purpose

CUKC is a for-profit canine registry and kennel club incorporated under the Companies Act of Jamaica.

The purpose of CUKC is to advance canine health, welfare, education, breed preservation, responsible ownership, and canine sports throughout the Caribbean and internationally.

2.2 Objectives

CUKC shall:

- Maintain accurate canine registration records.
- Register purebred and recognized international dogs.
- Promote ethical breeding practices.
- Encourage responsible dog ownership.
- Conduct educational programs and outreach.
- License and sanction canine events.
- Award titles, certifications, and championships.
- Provide registry and pedigree services.
- Support breeders, owners, handlers, trainers, veterinarians, clubs, and canine enthusiasts.
- Operate professionally, transparently, and fairly.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Classes of Membership

CUKC may offer the following membership categories:

- Breeder Member

- Pet Owner Member
- Professional Handler Member
- Judge Member
- Veterinarian Member
- Trainer Member
- Club / Kennel Member
- Junior Member (Under 18 Years)
- Canine Enthusiast Member

3.2 Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Complete the prescribed application.
- Pay applicable fees.
- Agree to abide by CUKC governing documents, rules, and policies.

3.3 Rights and Privileges

Members may:

- Participate in CUKC activities.
- Attend educational programs.
- Enter sanctioned events where eligible.
- Receive member benefits.
- Vote in meetings where voting rights are granted by membership classification.

3.4 Suspension or Termination

Membership may be suspended or terminated for:

Fraudulent conduct.

Falsification of records.

Violation of CUKC rules or policies.

Conduct detrimental to the interests of CUKC.

ARTICLE IV – REGISTRY SERVICES

4.1 Registry Scope

CUKC shall maintain registry services for:

- Purebred Dogs
- Recognized International Breeds
- Foundation Stock Dogs
- Working Dogs
- Other classifications approved by the Board

4.2 Registry Programs

CUKC may offer:

- Full Registration
- Limited Registration
- Foundation Stock Registration (FSR)
- Imported Pedigrees
- Export Pedigrees
- Litter Registration
- Transfer of Ownership
- Working Dog Registration

4.3 Certificates

CUKC may issue:

- Registration Certificates
- Pedigrees
- Litter Certificates
- Transfer Certificates
- Championship Certificates
- Digital Certificates

All certificates may contain verification features, registration numbers, QR codes, security markings, or other authentication measures.

ARTICLE V – TITLES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 Recognized Titles

CUKC may award titles including:

- Champion (CH)
- Grand Champion (GCH)
- Caribbean International Champion (CICH)
- Companion Dog (CD)
- Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)
- Utility Dog (UD)
- Agility Titles
- Rally Titles
- Working Dog Titles
- Other titles approved by the Board

5.2 Requirements

Titles shall be awarded in accordance with official CUKC event, championship, and performance regulations.

5.3 Certificates

Official certificates may be issued for all earned titles and awards.

ARTICLE VI – BREEDING REGULATIONS AND ETHICS

6.1 Breeder Responsibilities

Breeders shall:

- Maintain humane standards of care.
- Keep accurate breeding records.
- Comply with applicable laws and regulations.
- Represent dogs honestly and accurately.

6.2 Health Testing

Health and genetic testing are strongly recommended to improve canine welfare and breed quality.

6.3 Ethics

All members shall comply with the official CUKC Code of Ethics and Welfare Standards.

6.4 Violations

Violations may result in:

- Warnings
- Suspension
- Revocation of privileges
- Membership termination

ARTICLE VII – DISCIPLINE AND LEGAL PROTECTION

7.1 Complaints

Written complaints may be submitted to the Board of Directors.

7.2 Investigations

The Board may review complaints and conduct investigations as deemed necessary.

7.3 Sanctions

Sanctions may include:

- Written Warning
- Suspension
- Expulsion

- Registry Restrictions
- Revocation of Titles
- Other disciplinary measures deemed appropriate

7.4 Right of Appeal

Affected parties shall have the right to appeal disciplinary decisions in accordance with CUKC procedures.

7.5 Limitation of Liability

CUKC, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, representatives, judges, and affiliated clubs shall not be liable for:

- Breeder disputes
- Sales disputes
- Veterinary matters
- Injuries involving dogs
- Property damage
- Losses arising from participation in events or registry activities

Participation in CUKC programs and events shall be at the participant's own risk.

ARTICLE VIII – JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

8.1 Authority

CUKC may appoint, license, recognize, and regulate judges, evaluators, stewards, and other event officials.

8.2 Qualifications

Judges shall meet qualifications established by CUKC and comply with all applicable rules, regulations, and ethical standards.

8.3 Discipline

CUKC may suspend, revoke, restrict, or refuse judging privileges for misconduct, conflicts of interest, incompetence, or violations of CUKC policies.

8.4 Regulations

Detailed requirements for licensing, education, testing, certification, reciprocity, and conduct shall be outlined in the CUKC Judges Licensing Regulations.

ARTICLE IX – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GOVERNANCE

9.1 Governing Authority

CUKC shall be governed by a Board of Directors.

9.2 Board Positions

The Board shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Registry Director

Additional positions may be created by the Board as needed.

9.3 Directors

The Company shall maintain a minimum of three (3) Directors at all times.

9.4 Duties

The Board shall:

- Establish policies.
- Oversee operations.
- Protect company assets.
- Ensure compliance with laws and governing documents.
- Approve budgets and major expenditures.

9.5 Meetings

Board meetings shall be conducted as necessary and no fewer than four (4) times annually.

9.6 Quorum

A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

9.7 Voting

Actions shall be approved by a majority vote of Directors present unless otherwise required by law.

ARTICLE X – FINANCES AND REVENUE

10.1 Revenue Sources

CUKC may generate revenue from:

- Registrations
- Membership Fees
- Event Fees
- Merchandise Sales
- Sponsorships
- Other lawful business activities

10.2 Financial Records

Accurate financial records shall be maintained in accordance with applicable laws.

10.3 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall run from:
January 1 through December 31

10.4 Banking

Funds shall be deposited into financial institutions approved by the Board.

ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS

11.1 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held during the month of April each year.

11.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of Directors.

11.3 Notice

Reasonable notice shall be provided for all official meetings.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

12.1 Amendment Authority

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or membership where required.

12.2 Notice

Notice of proposed amendments shall be communicated prior to adoption.

ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION

13.1 Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the assets of the Company shall be distributed in accordance with Jamaican law after payment of all debts, liabilities, and obligations.

