

CONSITUTION

1. NAME

The Club shall be known as The Bichon Frise Club of Canada, hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.

2. AREA OF OPERATION

The area of operation shall include all of Canada.

3. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes and objectives of the Club shall be:

- 1) To advance in all legitimate ways the interests of the Bichon Frise (hereinafter referred to as “the Breed”), their breeders and owners and to disseminate knowledge concerning that Breed;
- 2) To encourage and promote the ownership, breeding, training and showing of purebred Bichon Frise dogs and to do all things possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- 3) To encourage and promote the acceptance of Canadian Kennel Club Standards of the breed as the proper standard of excellence by which Bichon Frise shall be judged;
- 4) To promote and encourage development of the Bichon Frise and to protect and advance the interests of the breed;
- 5) To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club and to generally encourage sportsmanlike competition and development at dog shows and obedience trials;
- 6) To support other organizations with similar objectives.

4. REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be altered only at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting upon motion carried by a majority vote of Life and Ordinary members present. Notice of intention to propose an amendment to the Constitution and the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the Secretary no later than ten days prior to an annual general or special general meeting preceding the meeting. At the first general or special general meeting subsequent to its receipt, the Secretary shall read such proposed amendment and notice of the proposed amendment shall also be mailed to the members at least ten days in advance of the meeting. It shall then be voted upon at the meeting. Proposed amendments to the Constitution may be brought forward by either Life or Ordinary Members.

CKC Club Policy, Section 5:14 I

Constitution and By-laws

All clubs accredited or seeking accreditation from The Canadian Kennel Club must be governed by a constitution and by-laws providing for the orderly and democratic conduct of the club's business. A club may seek the assistance of The Canadian Kennel Club in developing a constitution and by-laws that meet these objectives and Head Office staff shall make every effort to provide that assistance when so requested.

The following requirements must be included in a club's constitution and by-laws:

1. Name and Objects

- a) A clause stating the name of the club and its area of operation.
- b) A clause indicating the objects and aims of the club.

The following requirements should be included in a club's constitution and by-laws where appropriate:

2. Membership

- a) Membership year
- b) Eligibility
- c) Types of memberships
- d) Application for membership
- e) Approval of membership
- f) Termination of membership
- g) Voting privileges

3. General Meetings

- a) Annual General Meetings
- b) Special General Meetings
- c) Board Meetings

4. Board of Directors

- a) The Board of Directors may be made up of officers of the club (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer or combined Secretary/Treasurer) plus regional directors. Please note that regional, provincial and national clubs must have directors as stated in this policy.
- b) Duties and responsibilities of officers of the club.
- c) Filling of vacancies.
- d) Term of office for officers and directors.

e) Directors to reside in the area they represent.

5. Finances

a) Identification of officers who have signing authority

6. Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections

a) Club Year - fiscal year

b) Voting requirements

c) Conduct of elections

d) Nomination process

7. Committees

a) Appointment of committees

b) Termination of committees

8. Discipline

a) Causes of suspension or termination of membership.

b) Filing of complaints against members and complaint process.

c) Hearing of complaints.

d) Procedure for expulsion of member.

9. Amendments

a) Voting requirement for amendments to constitution and by-laws.

b) Process for proposing amendments to constitution and by-laws.

10. Dissolution

a) Procedure to be followed for dissolution.

b) Disposal of club assets upon dissolution.

11. Rules of Order

a) Provision should identify applicable rules of order.