

**BY-LAWS
OF
Companion Animal Protection Society Annapolis County
(Amended April 1, 2009)**

(Society Name)

1. In these by-laws unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith
 - (a) "Society" means **Companion Animal Protection Society Annapolis County**
(Society Name)
 - (b) "Registrar" means the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies appointed under the Nova Scotia Companies Act.
 - (c) "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by not less than three-fourths of such members entitled to vote as are present in person at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given.

MEMBERSHIP

2. The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and such other persons as shall be admitted to membership in accordance to these by-laws, and none other, shall be members of the Society, and their names shall be entered in the Registry of Members accordingly.
3. For the purposes of registration, the number of members of the Society is unlimited.
4. Every member of the Society shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the Society and to vote at any meeting of the Society and to hold any office, but there shall be no proxy voting.
5. Membership in the Society shall not be transferable.
6. The following shall be admitted to membership in the Society:
any individual over the age of **19** years who upholds the objects of the Society and contributes to the support of the Society an amount to be determined at the General Meeting.
7. No formal admission to membership shall be required and the entry in the Register of Members by the Secretary of the name and address of any organization or individual shall constitute an admission to membership in the Society.
8. Membership in the Society shall cease upon the death of a member, or if, by notice in writing to the Society, he resigns his membership, or if he ceases to qualify for membership in accordance with these by-laws.

FISCAL YEAR

9. The fiscal year of the Society shall be the period from April 1st to March 31st.
10. (a) The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held within three months after the end of each fiscal year of the Society.
 - (b) An extraordinary general meeting of the Society may be called by the Chairman or by the directors at any time, and shall be called by the directors if requisitioned in writing by at least twenty-five per centum (25%) in number of the members of the Society.
11. Seven days' notice of a meeting, specifying the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of special business, the nature of such business, shall be given to the members. Notice shall be given in writing, by facsimile, **by phone or by e-mail, in addition to an advertisement placed in a local newspaper circulating in the geographic region of the County of Annapolis**. Any notice shall be deemed to have been given by facsimile when transmission has been confirmed, and by post at the time when the letter containing the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of post and in providing such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed and placed in the post office. The non-receipt of any notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any general meeting.

12. At each annual meeting of the Society, the following items of business shall be dealt with and shall be deemed to be ordinary business:
Minutes of preceding general meeting;
Consideration of the annual report of the directors;
Consideration of the financial statements, including balance sheet and operating statement and the report of the auditors thereon;
Election of directors for the ensuing year;
Election of officers;
Appointment of Auditors.

All other business transacted at an annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business and all business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an extraordinary general meeting of the Society.

13. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Society unless a quorum of members is present at the commencement of such business and such quorum shall consist of five members.
14. If within one-half hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum of members is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of the members, shall be dissolved. In any case, it shall stand adjourned to such time and place as a majority of the members then present shall direct and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum of members is not present, it shall be adjourned **sine die**.
15. (a) The Chairman, **or one of the Co-Chairmen**, of the Society shall preside as Chairman at every general meeting of the Society;
(b) If there is no Chairman, **or one of the Co-Chairmen**, or if at any meeting he is not present at the time of holding the same, the Vice-Chairman shall preside as Chairman;
(c) If there is no Chairman, **Co-chairman** or Vice-Chairman or if at any meeting neither the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman is present at the holding of the same, the members present shall choose someone of their number to be Chairman.
16. The Chairman, **or Co-Chairman**, shall have no vote except in the case of an equality of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, he shall have a casting vote.
17. The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting, other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place, unless notice of such new business is given to the members.
18. At any meeting, unless a poll is demanded by at least three members, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Society shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the members recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
19. If a poll is demanded in manner aforesaid, the same shall be held such in a manner as the Chairman may prescribe and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Society in general meeting.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

20. Every member shall have one vote and no more.

DIRECTORS

21. Unless otherwise determined by general meeting, the number of directors shall not be less than five or more than fifteen. The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association of the Society shall be the first directors of the Society.
22. Any member of the Society shall be eligible to be elected a director of the Society.
23. Directors shall be elected by members at each annual general meeting of the Society.
24. The members shall elect as a director, a representative nominated by each of the organizations which support the work of the Society and the remaining directors shall be elected by the members from among their number.

25. At the first annual general meeting of the Society and at every succeeding ordinary or annual general meeting, all the directors shall retire from office but shall hold office until the dissolution of the meeting at which their successors are elected and retiring directors shall be eligible for re-election.
26. In the event that a director resigns his office or ceases to be a member in the Society, whereupon his office as director shall **ipso facto** be vacated, the vacancy thereby created may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors from among the members of the Society.
27. The Society may, by special resolution, remove any director before the expiration of the period of office and appoint another person in his stead. The person so appointed shall hold office during such time only as the director in whose place he is appointed would have held office if he had not been removed.
28. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as often as the business of the Society may require and shall be called by the Secretary. A meeting of directors may be held at the close of every annual general meeting of the Society without notice. Notice of all other meetings, specifying the time and place thereof, shall be given either orally or in writing to each director within a reasonable time before the meeting is to take place, but non-receipt of such notice by any director shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
29. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless at least one-third in number of the directors are present at the commencement of such business.
30. **The Chairman, Co-Chairman, Vice-Chairman or, in the absence of all** of them, any director appointed from among those directors present shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Board.
31. The Chairman may be entitled to vote as a director and, in the case of equality of votes, he shall have casting vote in addition to the vote to which he is entitled as a director.

POWERS OF DIRECTORS

32. The management of the activities of the Society shall be vested in the directors who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these by-laws or otherwise expressly conferred upon them, may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Society and are not hereby or by Statute expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Society in general meeting. In particular, the directors shall have power to engage a co-ordinator and to determine his duties and responsibilities and his remuneration. The directors may appoint an executive committee, consisting of the officers and such other persons as the directors decide.

OFFICERS

33. The officers of the Society shall be a Chairman (**or Co-Chairmen**), a Vice-Chairman, a treasurer and a secretary. The offices of treasurer and secretary may be combined.
34. The members shall elect one of their number to be the chairman of the Society, **or two of their number to serve as co-chairmen of the Society**. The Chairman (**or Co-Chairmen jointly**) shall have general supervision of the activities of the Society and shall perform such duties as maybe assigned to him by the members from time to time.
35. The members may also elect from their number a Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall, at the request of the members and subject to its directions, perform the duties of the Chairman during the absence, illness or incapacity of the Chairman (**or Co-Chairmen**), or during such period as the Chairman (**or one of the Co-Chairmen**) may request him to do so.
36. (a) There shall be a secretary of the Society who shall keep the minutes of the meetings of members and directors and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the members. The members shall appoint the secretary and may also appoint a treasurer of the Society to carry out such duties as the members may assign. If the members think fit, the same person may hold both offices of secretary and treasurer.

- (b) The directors may appoint a temporary substitute for the secretary who shall, for the purpose of these by-laws, be deemed to be the secretary.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

37. The auditor of the Society shall be appointed annually by the members of the Society at the annual general meeting and, on failure of the members to appoint an auditor, the directors may do so.
38. The Auditor shall make a written report to the members as to the financial position of the Society and the report shall contain a balance sheet and operating account. The auditors shall make a written report to the members upon the balance sheet and operating account, and in every such report, he shall state whether, in his opinion, the balance sheet is a full and fair balance sheet containing the particulars required by the Society and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs, and such report shall be read at the annual meeting. A copy of the balance sheet, showing the general particulars of its liabilities and assets and a statement of its income and expenditure in the preceding year, audited by the auditor, shall be filed with the Registrar within fourteen days after the annual meeting in each year as required by law.
39. The Society has power to repeal or amend any of these by-laws by a special resolution passed in the manner prescribed by law.

MISCELLANEOUS

40. The Society shall file with the Registrar with its Annual Statement a list of its directors with their addresses, occupations, and dates of appointment or election, and within fourteen days of a change of directors, notify the registrar of the change.
41. The Society shall file with the Registrar a copy in duplicate of every special resolution within fourteen days after the resolution is passed.
42. The seal of the Society shall be in the custody of the Secretary and may be affixed to any document upon resolution of the Board of Directors.
43. Preparation of minutes, custody of the books and records, and custody of the minutes of all the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors shall be the responsibility of the Secretary.
44. The books and records of the Society may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time within two days prior to the annual general meeting at the registered office of the Society.
45. Contracts, deeds, bills of exchange and other instruments and documents may be executed on behalf of the Society **by any two of the following officers: the Chairman or a Co-Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or the Secretary**, or otherwise as prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors.
46. The borrowing powers of the Society may be exercised by special resolution of the members.
47. Directors who have, or could reasonably be seen to have, a conflict of interest have a duty to declare this interest. The declaration should be made to the members
- a. upon nomination, and
 - b. if serving as a director, when the possibility of a conflict is realized.
48. A conflict of interest does not prevent a member from serving as a director provided that he/she withdraws from the decision making on matters pertaining to that interest. The withdrawal should be recorded in the minutes.
49. Directors and officers shall serve without remuneration and shall not receive any profit from their positions. However, a director or officer may be paid reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties.
- 50. Any director who is absent from three consecutive board meetings shall cease to be a director unless granted an exemption by resolution of the society.**