



## The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.

### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

#### **Name and Purpose**

**Section 1.** The name of the club shall be the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes called the "PWDCA" or the "Club").

**Section 2.** The objectives of the PWDCA shall be:

- a) To recognize the Portuguese as a working water dog that possess the appearance, soundness, temperament, natural ability, and personality as described in the breed standard and to do all possible to advance and promote the perfection of these qualities in the responsible breeding of purebred Portuguese Water Dogs.
- b) To encourage the organization of independent local Portuguese Water Dog specialty clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club, Inc. ("AKC").
- c) To encourage members and breeders to accept the AKC approved breed standard as the only standard of excellence by which Portuguese Water Dogs shall be judged.
- d) To encourage the membership to maintain a lifetime responsibility for their Portuguese Water Dogs and their offspring and to educate others as is necessary for the protection and advancement of the breed.
- e) To protect and maintain the good health of the breed by establishing and encouraging ethical breeding practices, by supporting PWDCA health policies, and by promoting participation in PWDCA health programs.
- f) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at all recognized AKC and PWDCA events.
- g) To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, obedience trials, agility trials, and all other events recognized by the AKC and conducted under AKC rules.
- h) To conduct water trials under the rules established by the PWDCA.

**Section 3.** The PWDCA shall be conducted and operated with the intent of not for profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the PWDCA shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual except that the PWDCA will be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes as set forth above.

The PWDCA will not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office except to the extent allowed under Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.

Nothing in the Bylaws shall prohibit any political activities undertaken by any PWDCA member(s).

**Section 4.**

- a) The PWDCA shall have the following four classes of members:
  - i) Associate Members
  - ii) Active Members
  - iii) International Members
  - iv) Honorary Members
  
- b) The manner of appointment, and the qualifications and rights of each class of members shall be set forth in the Bylaws.
  
- c) The members of the PWDCA shall adopt and may, from time to time, revise such Bylaws as may be required to carry out the objectives of the PWDCA.