

The following resolution will be voted on at the next meeting of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater New York

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the
West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater New York**

The following resolution seeks to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater New York by making the following changes: 1) add a membership category for Associate Members, 2) increase Active Members dues to \$20 and set Associate Member dues at \$15, 3) reduce the frequency of regular Club meetings to 6 times a year instead of once each month, 4) reduce the frequency of Board meetings to 4 times a year instead of once each month, 5) allow for the division of the duties of the Secretary into Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary if deemed advisable. The resolution continues by making a conforming amendment previously voted on by the membership and to make any additional amendments necessary to conform the Constitution and Bylaws to the language and intent of the resolution.

Be it resolved,

The Constitution and Bylaws of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater New York shall be amended as follows:

Article II – Membership, Section 1. Eligibility. There shall be three types of membership:

- *Active Membership* is open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. Active Members are entitled to vote in meetings, vote for Officers and Board members, hold office, and otherwise conduct the business of the Club. Active membership is intended for those individuals who intend to attend Club meetings on a regular basis.
- *Associate Membership* is open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. Associate Members are not entitled to vote in meetings, vote for Officers and Board members, or hold office. Associate Members may otherwise participate in meetings and other Club activities unless such activities are specifically restricted to Active Members as determined by the Board of Directors. An individual may become an Associate Member by being elected to membership according to Article II, Section 3 and payment of dues as an Associate Member. An Active Member in good standing may become an Associate Member by notifying the Board of directors of such intent and payment of dues as an Associate Member.
- *Junior Membership* is open to all persons between the ages of 5 and 18 years of age. Junior Members are entitled to all benefits and limitations of Associate Members. Upon attaining 18 years of years of age, a Junior Member will automatically graduate to Active membership or Associate membership upon payment of the appropriate dues.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Article II, Section 2. Dues. Active Membership dues shall not exceed \$20 per year, payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. Associate and Junior Membership dues shall not exceed \$15 per year. During the month of December the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

Article II, Section 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics of The West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater New York. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. Applicants must attend at least two Club meetings before a vote will be held. At the next Club meeting following attendance at two meetings, the applications will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. In the case of applications for Associate Membership, the two meeting requirement may be waived by affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Board of Directors.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

Article III - Meetings and Voting, Section 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the Club shall be held six times each year within the Greater New York area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

Article III - Meetings and Voting, Section 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held four times each year within the Greater New York area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Article III - Meetings and Voting, Section 5. Voting. Each Active Member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

Article IV, Section 2, paragraph (e). The office of Secretary may be divided into the offices of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary by the nomination and election of individuals to the two secretarial positions. At any time that the secretarial duties are divided, the Board shall be comprised of the Officers, including both Secretaries, and five (5) additional persons.

And be it further resolved,

1) To conform Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution and Bylaws to a previous amendment by deleting the statement: "No two (2) Club members of the same household shall be nominated to an executive position or to a voting Board seat."

2) To otherwise revise the Constitution and Bylaws to conform to the changes specified above.