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Bylaws of

Cascade Australian Shepherd Club

ARTICLE I

Section 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.1 Identification

The name of this organization is Cascade Australian Shepherd Club,

hereinafter referred to as " Cascade ASC " or the Club.

" Cascade ASC " is an official Affiliated Club of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) and shall not affiliate with any other dog club or registry.

Section 1.2 Address

The business/mailing address of the Club at time of adoption of these Bylaws is:

Street Address	PO Box 2396
City, State, Postal Code	Vancouver, WA 98668
Country	USA

The business address of the Club will be that of the current Affiliate Representative.

Section 1.3 Non-Profit Status

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit. No part of any profit or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member.

1.3.1 The Club may not engage in any form of discrimination which adversely affects ASCA's tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(7).

Section 1.4 ASCA Trademarks and the Like

The names, logos, trademarks, and service marks of ASCA may not be used by the Club or its members unless authorized by the ASCA Trademark License.

Section 1.5 Primary Objective

The primary objective of the Club is to protect and advance the Australian Shepherd breed. In service of this goal, the Club will:

1.5.1 Encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Australian Shepherds in such a manner as to bring their natural qualities to the highest degree attainable. It shall strive to educate and assist all owners of the breed to improve their knowledge of the breed and its history.

1.5.2 Protect and advance the interest of the Australian Shepherd breed and to encourage ethical breeding practices and sportsmanlike competition at all dog shows and trials.

1.5.3 Conduct Conformation Shows, Obedience Trials, Stock Dog Trials, Tracking Tests, Agility Trials, Rally Trials, and other events in conformity with ASCA rules and regulations.

1.5.4 Encourage all breeders to accept the ASCA Breed Standard as the only standard of excellence by which the breed shall be judged.

ARTICLE II
Section 2 ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROCEDURES

Section 2.1

The latest version of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern any matter of procedure not specifically addressed by these Bylaws, unless another order of procedure is established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.2

The club shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement.

Section 2.3

The Host Club of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a preshow or trial.

Section 2.4

The ASCA Business Office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Association (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership of such Affiliate when at least Fifty Percent (50%) of such Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by Two- Thirds (2/3) of those casting votes.

Section 2.5

The Club shall not be operated for profit. No profit or part thereof or any remainder or residue from dues or donations for the Club's use shall inure to the benefit of any member.

ARTICLE III
Section 3 MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Eligibility

3.1.1 Membership shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with ASCA and the Club and who shall subscribe and adhere to the principles and objectives of this Club. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA may not join this Club until they are reinstated in ASCA.

3.1.2 Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Club. The form shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Code of Ethics, and Dispute Rules of both ASCA and the Club. Dues shall accompany the application.

3.1.3 Any person who renews membership is deemed to have consented to all current terms of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Policies, Procedures, Dispute Rules of both ASCA and the Club.

3.1.4 Any member who is disciplined by ASCA is deemed disciplined to the same extent by the Club.

Section 3.2 Types of Membership

3.2.1 Individual Membership - open to any individual meeting eligibility requirements and shall have one (1) vote.

3.2.2 Family Membership - which shall be open to any person and the resident members of their immediate family household who meet eligibility requirements. Voting memberships shall be vested in members of the family who are 18 years of age or older, and junior non-voting memberships shall be vested in members of the family who are younger than the age of 18.

3.2.3 Junior Non-voting Membership - which shall be open to anyone under age 18 and not living with a Club member.

3.2.4 Honorary Life Membership - a non-paid, voting membership offered to those persons selected by unanimous vote of the Board to receive such special membership. Honorary memberships will be offered periodically to honor a person for his/her outstanding service to this Club or the Australian Shepherd and its fancy.

3.2.5 Subscription - Any person or organization desiring membership for the sole purpose of receiving mailings of the Club. This membership has no voting rights.

3.2.6 Membership in the Club is not transferable.

Section 3.3 Election to Membership

3.3.1 An applicant is admitted to membership only upon election by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.4 Dues

Annual dues of an amount determined by the Board shall be payable on each Jan 1. Dues shall be determined by the financial needs of the Club and will be changed upon reasonable notification of members. Cascade ASC annual dues will be $15.00 for a single person and $20.00 for a family and $3.00 for a junior.

Section 3.5 Termination of Membership

3.5.1 By Resignation - Any member may, by written request, resign from membership in the Club. Dues will not be refunded.

3.5.2 By Lapsing - Any member whose dues remain unpaid by February 1 of any fiscal year will be considered lapsed in membership.

3.5.3 By Suspension, Expulsion - Any member who is disciplined by ASCA is deemed disciplined to the same extent by the Club. Any member may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article XIII of these Bylaws. **3.5.4** Expulsion Reinstatement - Upon re-application of a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Affiliate Board of Directors may, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, reinstate such former member to membership in the Club on such terms as the Board deems appropriate. The former member submitting this reinstatement application must be in good standing with ASCA.

Section 3.6 Good Standing

3.6.1 A member in good standing is considered to be in good standing if they are in compliance with all the rules and regulations of ASCA and its affiliates and conducts themselves so as to advance the interests of the Club and the breed. As examples, a member is not in good standing if they have not paid dues when assessed or if they are presently under discipline imposed by ASCA or an affiliate.

Section 3.7 Consent to Rules

3.7.1 Members of the Club and non-member participants in Club activities must agree to abide by all rules and procedures adopted by ASCA and those adopted by the Club. Forms for application for membership and for participation in Club activities shall so state. Such rules and procedures include, but are not limited to, these Bylaws, ASCA's Bylaws, Registry Rules, the Program Rules and Regulations and ASCA's Dispute Rules.

ARTICLE IV
Section 4 CLUB BUSINESS

Section 4.1 Fiscal Year

The Club's fiscal year is from January 1 through December 31. The Club's official year shall begin immediately upon installation of its elected officers and end upon their termination of office.

Section 4.2 Membership Meetings

4.2.1 One or more general meetings shall be held annually with the dates to be determined by the Board. Members shall be notified of all meetings not less than 15 days prior to the selected date.

4.2.2 The Board shall meet not less than four times yearly to conduct business of the Club. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President at any time, with 15 days' notice to the members of the Board.

A. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board. The presence of a quorum is necessary for all voting. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, any matter may be passed by the Board of Directors by a simple majority of those Directors present to vote.

B. All meetings of the Board of Directors may be attended by the general membership except when it is considering matters of discipline. When considering matters of discipline, only members of the Board and the person whose conduct is in question may be present.

4.2.3 Special meetings of the general membership may be requested in writing and signed by 25 percent of the general membership in good standing. A special meeting may only be requested by written petition to the Board of Directors. The petition must be given to the Board at least 30 days before the desired special meeting. The Secretary shall provide notice to the general members by telephone, fax, mail, or e-mail at least 15 days before the meeting.

Section 4.3 Voting

Voting by balloting of the entire membership may only be permitted in special cases as determined by these Bylaws. All voting by Cascade ASC may be done electronically. In cases of voting by balloting of the membership, a majority of 51 percent of the total Club membership roll shall be required to carry a decision. Should such balloting fail to elicit sufficient response from the membership to affect a decision, the question shall be brought before the membership present at the next general meeting of the Club and voted upon at that time. A majority vote of those in attendance shall then be considered sufficient to affect all decisions of the Club.

ARTICLE V

Section 5 THE BOARD

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.1

The Board shall consist of all Officers and Directors of the Club. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. All other Officer and Director positions will be held by different members. All these Officers shall serve a (one, two, or three) year term of office and shall be expected to attend a majority of meetings of the Board to affect the duties of their office.

Section 5.2

The new Board shall assume office on January 1. In the case of disputed elections, the former Board will serve until the dispute is resolved. The new Board shall assume office immediately after a disputed election is resolved.

Section 5.3

The Board shall be vested with general management and supervision of all Club business and affairs, and it shall be empowered to appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary to advance the work of the Club. All committees and each of their members shall be subject to the authority of the Board and may be terminated or replaced by the Board at any time.

Section 5.4

Actions and decisions of the Board may be subject to review of 51 percent of the general membership at any time, by written petition of the members or by request of the President.

5.4.1 Any three members, not of the same household, or the President, may petition the Secretary in writing to hold a balloting of the membership to rescind any Board decision alleged not to be in the best interest of the Club. The Secretary shall notify the membership for a decision on the issue, and a general membership meeting shall be called not less than 30 daysfollowing the mailing of the ballots to decide upon the issue.

ARTICLE VI

Section 6 OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Affiliate Representative, and Membership Secretary. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. All other Officer and Director positions will be held by different members. All officers/Directors must be full members in good standing of ASCA. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA may not run for office in this Club until they are reinstated in ASCA.

Section 6.1 President

The President shall preside over all meetings, chair the Board, and exercise supervision over all affairs and activities of the Club. He/she shall be a member ex officio of all committees and shall have all powers and duties normally appropriate to this office. Refer to Robert’s Rules of Order for the President’s voting privilege.

Section 6.2 Vice President

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during his/her absence, illness or incapacity. In the event of resignation or death of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of his/her term of office, and a replacement for the Vice President shall be appointed by the Board for a like term of office.

Section 6.3 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep all records of the Club, record the minutes of all Board and general membership meetings, give notice to all members as may be required, and maintain all correspondence for the Club. The Secretary shall maintain within reach at all meetings, copies of Bylaws, special rules of order and standing rules. The Secretary shall notify officers and Directors of their election to office.

Section 6.4 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be entrusted with all financial records and monies of the Club, shall collect dues and pay debts of the Club, and keep accurate records of all transactions under his/her supervision. Expenditures of amounts in excess of $99.00 must be approved by the President. All funds shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board, and he/she may be bonded, at the discretion of the Board, for an amount not to exceed the balance of funds in the Club treasury. His/her books shall always be open to inspection of the Board, and he/she shall report the status of the Club's finances at each general membership meeting. At the closing of the fiscal year, shall render a written report of the previous years' accounts to the general membership at its next or annual meeting. The Treasurer has the duty of a fiduciary to the Club.

Section 6.5 Affiliate Representative

The Affiliate Rep shall be the Club liaison representative to the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc., and be empowered to represent the Club at its Board in all business and correspondence with the parent Club and its affiliates. However, all activities of the affiliate representative shall be subject to prior approval of the President and/or Board. He/she shall give a report of all activities of and communications with the parent Club at each general membership meeting; and he/she shall communicate all impending matters with the Board and/or the President as they arise. The Affiliate Representative is responsible for distributing all ASCA business to the Club.

Section 6.6 Vacancies

Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers of the Club shall be filled until completion of that term of office by a majority vote of the Board at its next regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy; except for the office of the President as provided in these by-laws. Any member of the Board or officer of the Club who is absent from more than half of the Club meetings shall have resigned by reason of absence.

Section 6.7 Show Coordinators

The Show Coordinators shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Show Coordinators are the liaison between the Club and the ASCA Business Office. Show Coordinators sign and are responsible for all paperwork pertaining to sanctioning of all ASCA show/trial programs.

Section 6.8 Club Records

Each officer is responsible for maintaining records appropriate to the officer's Club business. Records must be maintained in a form easily readable, transportable and maintainable by anyone qualified for the office. All

records kept of whatever nature or form are the property of the Club. Each officer is responsible for transferring the Club's records to his successor within 30 days following an election. Either the outgoing or incoming officer's unexcused failure to affect this transfer automatically removes that person from good standing. If the incoming officer is the person preventing the transfer, the outgoing officer will continue in office until the transfer is completed.

Section 6.9 Removal of a Director

A Director may be removed from office only upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the other Directors or upon two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the general members. The Director sought to be removed may not vote for this purpose. A Director may be removed from office only for just cause. See ASCA's Bylaws Sections 15.C and 15.D.

ARTICLE VII
Section 7 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

Section 7.1 Personal Liability

7.1.1 Except for payment of dues, no Director, Officer, or member shall be personally liable for any past or present debt or obligations of the Club.

7.1.2 A member may not incur debt for the Club without approval of the Board. Such a person is personally liable for the debt. However, the Board may ratify such a debt by a simple majority of those Directors present to vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

7.1.3 No person shall use the name, mailing list, or official insignia of the Club for other than Club purposes.

ARTICLE VIII
Section 8 ANNUAL MEETING

Section 8.1

An annual meeting may be called by the President and Board as concurrent as possible with the election of new Officers. Normal conduct of this meeting shall include a report of the President on the activities of the Club's past year, a report by the Secretary on the growth of the Club, a report of the Club's financial status by the Treasurer, a report by the affiliate representative on ASCA affairs, a report by outstanding committee heads as directed by the President, installation of new Club officers, and the presentation of Club awards.

ARTICLE IX
Section 9 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations and elections must be scheduled so the new slate of officers is installed before the Affiliate renewals are due to the ASCA Business office on January 1. Any change of officers during the year must be sent to the ASCA Business Office within 30 days of the change.

Section 9.1

On or before the 1st day of September, the President shall appoint a nominating committee, which shall propose and present a slate of nominees for election to all officers of the Club and its Board. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members in good standing, one of whom must be a member of the Board. The President may not serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall select its own Chairman. Said slate of nominees shall be presented to the Board no later than the 1st day of October.

A. No member whose dues are not paid may be a nominee.
B. No member who has not consented to nomination may be a nominee
C. All Officers and Board members must be full members in good standing with ASCA at all times

during their term. "Service" members are not allowed to serve as Officers or Directors.

D. No member who has been suspended or expelled from ASCA may be a nominee.

Section 9.2

During the month of October, a general membership meeting shall be called to present the officer/Board nominee slate, as selected by the nominating committee, to the membership; or notice thereof shall be presented to the membership by mail. Additional nominations shall be solicited from the membership from the floor, or by mail, at this time. All additional nominees must consent to nomination on or before the first day of November to qualify for such nomination.

Section 9.3

Elections shall be held during the month of November and may be conducted electronically. Voting ballots shall be sent to all voting members on or before the 10th day of November and voting will cease on the 30th day of November. Election of the nominees shall be affected by a majority vote of the ballots received by the close of voting date, as single exception to Article III, Section 3 of these by-laws. Elected candidates shall assume the duties of office on the first day of January. The agenda may also include other issues which the Board wishes to submit to a vote of the members. (See Article XI Section 11.2)

Section 9.4

Nominations and elections cannot be made in any manner other than as provided herein.

ARTICLE X

Section 10 CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

Section 10.1

All financial accounts shall be in the name and to the credit of the Club. The accounts shall be maintained in a federally insured financial institution located in the county where the Club conducts all or a majority of its business, as designated by its Board.

Section 10.2

All disbursements shall be made by check signed by the Treasurer and/or the Secretary or the President.

Section 10.3

The Board of Directors may authorize one or more officers of the Club to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Club, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 10.4

All funds of the Club shall be deposited in a timely manner to the credit of the Club in the accounts specified in Section 10.1.

ARTICLE XI

Section 11 CREATION AND TERMINATION OF COMMITTEES

Section 11.1

Subject to approval of the Board of Directors, the President may appoint permanent or temporary committees to advance the work of the Club.

Section 11.2
A committee may be terminated by an affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII
Section 12 AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 12.1
Amendments to the Bylaws may only be accomplished by a vote of the eligible voting membership of the Club. Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition signed by 20 percent of the members of the Club in good standing and addressed to the Secretary.

Section 12.2
Amendments must be submitted to a vote of the members within three months of any meeting of the Board of Directors in which the amendments were considered. Amendments proposed by petition must be accompanied by recommendations of the Board when published in the agenda for the election. See Article IX, Section 9.3.

Section 12.3
Proposed Amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by ASCA before a final club vote on these amendments is initiated.

ARTICLE XIII
Section 13 DISPUTES AND DISCIPLINE

Section 13.1
Disputes between Club members, between a member and the Club or involving nonmembers and pertaining to Club affairs or a Club sanctioned event, shall be decided in accordance with the Dispute Rules as adopted by ASCA. Any discipline or sanctions issued or administered by the Club shall be in conformity with such rules.

Section 13.2
Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the ASCA automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

Section 13.3
Members of the Club and non-members participants in Club activities must agree to abide by all rules and procedures adopted by ASCA and those adopted by the Club. Forms for application for membership and for participation in Club activities shall so state. Such rules and procedures include, but are not limited to, these Bylaws, ASCA's Bylaws, and all ASCA Rules and Regulations and ASCA's Dispute Resolution Rules.

Section 13.4
All members shall be expected to conduct themselves in a manner which shall uphold the Bylaws and principles of the Club as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, and may, by actions contrary to its ideas objectives and principles as outlined in Article I, Section 1.5 and 1.6, will be subject to disciplinary action of the Board.

ARTICLE XIV

Section 14 DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of at least three-fourths of the members in good standing.

Section 14.1

In the event of dissolution, whether by voluntary means, involuntary means, or by operation of law, none of the property, funds, assets or proceeds thereof shall be distributed to any member of the Club unless such distribution is to discharge an undisputed and properly documented obligation of the Club to the member. Upon dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after discharge of the obligations of the Club must be donated to a tax- exempt, benevolent animal organization (such as, but not limited to ASHGI, Aussie Rescue or the host club of the next National Specialty).

Section 14.2

Funds subject to dispute involving the Club will be deposited in the ASCA Dispute Funds Trust. At resolution of the dispute, the amount in dispute will be either disbursed to the appropriate claimant or transferred to the ASCA National Specialty fund or an Aussie Rescue or Health fund in the name of the dissolving Club.

Section 14.3

Written notification of the dissolution must be given to ASCA before the effective date.

REQUIRED ADDENDUM TO AFFILIATE CLUB BYLAWS

Conflict within Bylaws: In the event of a conflict between this addendum and any other provision of these bylaws, this addendum shall prevail.

The Affiliate Club is required to use these Bylaws for one year before any changes can be made. The Board of Directors may add to your Club's Bylaws at any time using this addendum.