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FEDERATION - EUROPÄISCHER DEUTSCHER DOGGEN CLUBS

Statutes of the Federation European Great Dane Club

(EuDDC – 25. May 2018 incl. amendments of statutes at Penafiel on 08. September 2017, at Mantova on 16. May 2025, at Senec on 01. May 2026)

Article 1: Purpose

1.1. The EuDDC is the federation of European Great Dane Clubs, where those Great Dane Clubs may become members, whose mutual interest is the Great Dane. Its purpose is to encourage the exchange of information among the friends of the breed with the target of breeding functionally, clinical healthy and breed-typical dogs.

1.2. The residence of the EuDDC is always the current residence of the 1st secretary of the EuDDC.

Article 2: Basic Rules

2.1. The sovereignty of members is unequivocal hence only recommendations can be forwarded by the EuDDC. Each member is free to take its own decisions. Membership does not entail any obligation.

2.2. Members may make agreements between each other. Agreements with clubs of non-EuDDC member countries are permitted.

2.3. The FCI Standard is to be accepted by the members of the EuDDC.

2.4. The EuDDC is not responsible for liabilities of members.

2.5. The EuDDC conformation for breeding dogs is acknowledged by the member-clubs: Qualification requirements:

a) Assessment of all positions on the unified “Körformular”, including a test on the behavior.

b) Fulfilling of the requirements defined by the country where the litter is going to be registered (e.g. hip dysplasia results, DNA-analysis etc.).

c) c) All changes and updates to the EuDDC Breeding Assessment form must be approved at the EuDDC Annual General Meeting, these will supersede any previous versions, any other changes or alterations to the form will invalidate it for the purpose of the EuDDC Breeding Assessment.

d) All EuDDC Assessments must be carried out using the most recent version of the EuDDC assessment form as approved by the Annual General Meeting.

2.6. If a dog is not able to fulfil successfully the EuDDC confirmation within the allowed attempts, the dog is not allowed to be EuDDC confirmed again in its own Country or abroad, even when sold and registered to a new owner.

2.7. An EuDDC based confirmation can be made only in the country where the assessed dog is registered in.

If the responsible „Deutsche Doggen Club" in the specific country does not offer any or less than annual 2 confirmation events, the dog can be assessed abroad but only by request.

The request must be done in written form, and has to include the data of the dog owner, the data of the dog and the reason for requesting an assessment abroad.

The request must be addressed to:

a) The responsible "home base" breeding board
b) The responsible breeding board that hosts the event abroad
c) The EuDDC secretary (for information only).

Also the EuDDC main event can be used to get the dog assessed according to EuDDC rules. This is for dog owners for countries mentioned above and also on request only.
Content and addressing of the request as defined above.

2.8. The EuDDC runs its own judges list. Each EuDDC-member reports judges of their country to be listed there, participation is optional.
EuDDC special judges need to have obtained their qualification directly for Great Danes.
This includes allrounder and group judges, provided they did not achieve their qualification by the systematic rules, but as special breed judge for Great Danes.

2.9. Non FCI judges on EuDDC judges list: To be added to the EuDDC judges list, the non-FCI judge must be nominated by a member country delegate and approved by a majority vote at the General Meeting. Having been approved the judge will be added to the EuDDC list under non-FCI judges.

For a non-FCI judge to be nominate, he/she should be an experienced judge, a specialist for the breed, who has sufficient experience judging under FCI as well as in Europe.
To this end, he/she should meet the following criteria:

- Should be recognized as specialists in their own country.
- Member of their countries breed club
- Should have owned/bred/campaigned champions in our breed (>3).
- Should have been a judge in their own country for at least 10 years
- Should have judged Great Dane Specialties and CACIB shows
- Should have judged on 3 or more occasions in EuDDC member countries, in at least 3 different countries

A maximum of one non-FCI judge may be invited per EuDDC show

2.10. Great Danes with cropped ears are not allowed to be shown at EUDDC shows.

Article 3: Organization

3.1. There is no committee in the sense of a club alike presidency.

3.2. A member country – represented by a board of 3 people takes - chairs the federation for the period of 1 year.

The president of this board must be the president of the club of the elected member country. Tasks are determined by the board itself. The presidency changes on an annual basis.

3.3. To cope with the multitude of the EuDDC tasks, the EuDDC Office is represented by a 1st and 2nd secretary.
Both are elected by the delegates for a period of 6 years.
In case there is more than one candidate per position the majority of yes votes is valid.
The elected person cannot be part of the board as per article 3.2.
The activities of the EuDDC-Office includes among other:

- Preparation of the EuDDC meetings
- Documentation
- Accounting and controlling
- Direct the delegates meeting in accordance with the agenda (except the chairman of the hosting presidency board directs the meeting himself)
- Report the minutes (multilingual) from the delegates and Health and Breed board meeting,
- Implement organizational conclusions from the delegates and Health and Breed board meeting,
- Handling motions from EuDDC members with regards to the EuDDC statutes.

3.4. In case a member terminates its membership to the EuDDC, while chairing the EuDDC or is unable to comply with all duties of the chair (e.g. if the committee of their country's club changes while in charge) the EuDDC Main Office is requested to organize an extraordinary General Meeting to elect a new a new board for the remaining period.

3.5. The residence of the EuDDC is always the current residence of the 1st secretary of the EuDDC.

Article 4: Duties

4.1. The EuDDC Show is organized annually by the presiding member country. At this show, the "EuDDC Champion" title is awarded. The evening before the show, a social event is arranged, open to all Great Dane friends.

4.2. The Annual General Meeting of the EuDDC is held at the same time as the event. Its main purpose is exchanging information with the aim of promoting the Great Dane Breed in compliance with the Standard, to discuss problems and show events.

4.3. All agreed EuDDC Main Events cannot be changed anymore except the agreed EuDDC member wishes to return the event for what reason ever.

Article 5: Membership

5.1. There is only one Great Dane Club for each country that can become member of the EuDDC.
This club has to be a member of their respective country's kennel club, and must be acknowledged by the FCI. Applications for membership have to be made in written form and addressed to the EuDDC Main Office. The secretary will inform the President.

5.2. Applications for membership must include:

- Statutes of the club
- Name and address of the board,
- Evidence of membership to the related country's kennel club

The application is covered by the delegates at the General Meeting. All members have equal rights. The members are represented by delegates at the General Meeting.
The delegates have to be member of the Club they represent and must have their residence in the home country of the club. Substitution of a delegate must be confirmed in written form by the president of the relevant club – if she/he is not present herself/himself – and must be shown upon request.
Each member has the right to declare its position and file for petitions.

5.3. Membership is automatically terminated once

- The member is no longer member of the Canine Society of its country
- The annual membership fee has not been paid for longer than one year
- The club has been liquidated

It is possible to cancel the EuDDC membership by the end of the calendar year, the termination of membership must be addressed in written form to the representing EuDDC president latest by September 30th.

Any club that violates the interest of the federation can be expelled by the absolute majority vote of the delegates. With membership termination all claims towards the EuDDC are invalid.

Article 6: General Meeting

6.1. The General Meeting is held full-length by the board that represents the board.

6.2. Firm topics for the agenda are:

- Identification of delegates
- Ratification of last meetings protocol
- Report of the board's president / chairman
- Cash and accounting report
- Reviser's audit report
- Voting for the annual membership fee
- Audit responsibility covered by next year's presidency

Every 6 years the agenda has to cover the elections for the 1st and / or 2nd secretary of the EuDDC-Office according to the schedule.

6.3. Each member has one vote that is owned by the delegate. Elections and acclamations are submitted to the simple majority of affirmative votes (accepted) and negative votes (rejected). Abstentions (are not controlled) and invalid votes are not considered in total vote counting.

6.4. The organization of the EuDDC Meeting is in the responsibility of the respective president. The members are invited by the EuDDC Office 2 months before the General Meeting, the agenda is sent at the same time as the invitation.
The members receive a written invitation to submit topics for the agenda 4 months before General Meeting.

6.5. One delegate may invite up to 5 members for the AGM with subject to permission of the relevant club. However, the delegate is the only representative who is allowed to vote.
The member country that has the presidency nominates its own delegate to vote. Absentees may apply for positions by written declaration. The minutes of each General Meeting must be reported in written form to the presidents of the member clubs.
Official language is German. Correspondence is done in German or English.

Article 7: Finances

7.1. Annual membership fee is € 150 (from 2016 onwards) per country. Its purpose is covering administrative and separate expenses (payment of seminar fees, gifts, support for the EuDDC Show etc.).
The EuDDC Show is supported by € 600 until further notice (beginning 2009).

7.2. Expenses of the presidency are paid by the member country chairing the organization, member countries pay the expenses for their delegates.

Article 8: Revision of the statutes

Amendments or renewal of the statutes require a supermajority (two thirds) of the number of affirmative votes (accepted) and negative votes (rejected). Abstentions (not controlled) and invalid votes are not counted into the total voting.

Article 9: Termination of the EuDDC

The liquidation of the EuDDC can only be done by written consent of two thirds of the member clubs. In case the termination is an agenda topic of the General Meeting, votes are not transferable. The funds remaining at the termination will be donated according to the delegates' decision.

Article 10: Versioning

The German version of the latest statutes is binding.

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