

CONSUMER AFFAIRS VICTORIA

**ASSOCIATIONS
INCORPORATION
ACT (1981)**

Schedule 4

**BY LAWS FOR
DALMATIAN CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.**

**By Laws of the Association
Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc.**

Subject to the Associations Incorporations Act, Victorian Canine Association (Trading as Dogs Victoria) rules and regulations, and the Association rules, members in a general meeting by resolution passed by the majority of not less than 75% of members present and voting in person, may make By Laws and from time to time amend such By laws by variation, deletion or addition as they shall think fit in any matter the members consider necessary.

The By Laws applicable to the Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc.:

By law No 1:

Membership Category (amended 11/06/2011)

Single,
Family (up to 2 adults and children (of the adults mentioned) under 16 years of age)
Senior (60 years or more of age)
Senior Couple (both parties are 60 years or more of age)
Junior (under 16 years of age)
Overseas
Interstate
Life Member

By law No 2:

Membership Fees* in Australian Dollars (amended 11/06/2011)

Single \$30
Family \$36
Senior \$17.50
Senior Couple \$23.50
Junior \$20

A Surcharge of \$10 per hard copy of the Club newsletter, per membership will be charged from 2014

Overseas single \$30 family \$36 (*if hardcopy of newsletter is required current postage & handling costs for 12 months must be paid in addition to membership)

Interstate members (*if hard copy of newsletter is required current postage & handling rate for 12 months must be paid in addition to membership)

Dogs Victoria Non Member Levy : Australian residents who do not belong to one of the ANKC state/territory member clubs must pay a levy of:

\$7.50 Single, Senior, Junior
or \$15 Family, Senior Couple

By Law 3

Any member joining after 1st August in any one year will be financial until 31st October of the following year

By Law 4

Family Membership: each adult has one vote, children do not have a vote

Junior Members: children under 16 years of age do not have voting rights

By law No. 5

CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP (approved 06/12/2010)

- 1 Life Membership will be awarded to any member of the Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc. providing the nominee meets the set criteria.
- 2 Any current financial member may nominate a person for the honour.

To obtain a Life Membership a nominee must be:

- a. Proposed by a member
- b. Seconded by a member
- c. Approved by a further five (5) members

Criteria for Life Membership:

- 3 The nominee must have been an ongoing financial member of the Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc. for a minimum twenty five years (25) years.
- 4 The nominee must have served in an Executive position or as an ordinary committee member for a minimum of five (5) years. This does not have to be consecutive.
- 5 If a nominee has not served on committee but has been involved in some activity that has significantly contributed to the operation or development of the Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc. e.g.
 - A Production of the club newsletter
 - B Running the club web page
 - C NDC representative
 - D Being involved with the rescue service
 - E Working as show manager
 - F Being Trial organiser
 - G Participating in fund raising
 - H Club Historianthe nominee may be considered for Life Member
- 6 Nomination to be in writing to the secretary three (3) weeks / twenty one (21) days prior to the Annual general Meeting
- 7 Life Membership will be conferred at an Annual General Meeting

Life Membership Entitlements:

- a. Free Annual Membership to The Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc.
- b. Life Membership Badge
- c. Recognition in club newsletter and web page
- d. Club newsletter will be supplied
- e. Invitation to Dalmatian Club Of Victoria Inc. Events

By Law No 6: (approved 08/12/2009)

Rescue Service

With regard to the Rescue Service & Re homing Service:

Due to inability to afford indemnity insurance & communication from Dogs Victoria indicating affiliate insurance does not cover rescue or re homing service, The Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc. will cease to run a rescue service

The Dalmatian Club Of Victoria will continue to provide an avenue for DCOV members only to advertise Dalmatians for re homing

By Law No 7:

Annual Awards (amended 08/12/ 2009)

The Dalmatian Club of Vic. Inc will acknowledge ANKC title/s gained by dog/s owned by financial members of DCOV, in the newsletter and at the Annual General Meeting.

Members may opt for a verbal/certificate only (i.e. no trophy)

acknowledgement. Members may apply for an award free of charge.

If the owner is unable to attend the AGM to accept the award, arrangements for award to be accepted on their behalf, must be made. If award is not accepted cost for postage of award is to be at the member's expense. Members must inform secretary, prior to AGM, if postage is required.

By Law No 8

Performance Dog Pointscore (approved 02/12/2008 amended 06/12/2010 amended 5/12/2016)

The obedience dog of the year ward be replaced by “Performance Dog of the Year”

The purpose of the Performance Dog of The Year is to acknowledge the variety of activities in which the Dalmatian competes and excels.

Score maybe made up from one or combination of the following activities:

Obedience

Agility Sports

Endurance

Tracking

Any other ANKC sanctioned Performance Sport where qualifying scores are awarded

Only trials conducted in Victoria may be included in the score

Points Awarded:

- 5 points are awarded for each qualifying score
- Additional points will be awarded for class placings:
1st = 3, 2nd = 2, 3rd = 1

Copies of qualifying score and class pass card are to be sent to secretary within one week after the closing date of competition. Up to 10 best scores for each competition year may be included.

Applications must include Registered name of dog, Breeder (if known), Owner, Handler, and name of affiliates holding the trials, the secretary name and phone number.

Applicant must be a financial member of Dalmatian Club of Victoria at time of all trials submitted.

A photo must be emailed to secretary: secretary@dalmatian.asn.au if applicant wants this to be included in newsletter.

By Law No. 9

Conformation Pointscore Rules adopted AGM 1965. Rules updated General Meeting 13/6/74, 4/12/85, 11/3/87, 20/8/87, 09/12/09, 08/06/13, 5/12/23

Plus alterations and /or additions – AGM 1976, 1981, 1992, 1999, 2003, 2010, SGM 2014, 2017, 2023

The point score system has been designed to provide flexibility in opportunity for members to attend point score competitions.

The point score results for each show will be displayed in the newsletter each month.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW POINT SCORE RULES & REGULATIONS

NAME: The competition shall be known as **DALMATIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

DESCRIPTION: The competition shall be run in 5-divisions, Dog, Bitch, Puppy Dog, Puppy Bitch and Neuter Dalmatian. Points will be allocated for placing at nominated shows during the calendar year. The Exhibit with the highest points score in each division at the end of the year will be declared the winner and be entitled to use the title – **DALMATIAN OF THE YEAR** in the respective divisions.

OBJECTIVE: To promote the Dalmatian by bringing as many of the breed as possible into prominence with Judges, Show Officials and the general public.

RULES: Exhibitors must comply with the Rules & Regulations of Dogs Victoria as applies to the exhibition of dogs. Any breach of these rules shall mean loss of all points allocated at the show where the breach occurred.

1. The DCOV Point Score is to end with the DCOV Speciality.

2. **Nominated Shows:** There will be 15 selected Point Score shows which must include the DCOV June Champ Show, The Royal Melbourne Show and the DCOV Specialty. Results from these shows will be used to calculate the Point Score for each dog and bitch. In selecting suitable shows the Committee is to give due regard to the following factors. Apart from the shows mentioned, there should be 5 shows held at the Bulla grounds, 5 at KCC Park, 1 in the South, 1 in the West. These Shows are to be Dogs Victoria sanctioned shows selected by Committee as the most important in the Competition year.

3. In the year that the DCOV holds a **National** committee has the option to hold a June Champ Show. In the event the June Champ Show is NOT held, an extra All Breeds or Group show will be selected.

4. **FINAL TALLY:** The ten best scores for each entrant throughout the Competition will count to the final tally. The Royal Melbourne Show and the DCOV Specialty Show are to be **compulsory** scores in the final tally.

If the entrant receives a zero score at either of these shows, it must be counted in the final tally. If the entrant is not exhibited at one of these compulsory shows, only their 9 best results will be counted. If the entrant does not attend either of the compulsory shows their 8 best scores will be counted.

5. **Eligibility:** The Competition is restricted to Dalmatians registered in the name of a FINANCIAL MEMBER at the time of any of the Shows. As per Dogs Victoria Rules, Baby Puppies are ineligible to compete in the Puppy Competition.

CLASSES FOR COMPETITION

PUPPY DOG This division is open to all dogs under 12 months of age as defined in Dogs Victoria Regulations.

PUPPY BITCH This division is open to all bitches under 12 months of age as defined in Dogs Victoria Regulations.

DOGS This division is open to all dogs over 6 months of age, entered in Junior class or older as defined in Dogs Victoria regulations.

BITCHES This division is open to all bitches over 6 months of age, entered in Junior class or older as defined in Dogs Victoria regulations.

NEUTER DALMATIAN This division is open to all NEUTERED dog and bitches of any age, entered in Neuter class as defined in Dogs Victoria regulations

METHOD OF AWARDING POINTS

1. One point shall be awarded to each ordinary 1st, 2nd, 3rd, placegetter.
2. A further point shall be awarded for each of the placegetters beaten in that class.
3. Unplaced Exhibits shall not count.

4. A maximum of 3 points can be awarded for a class win.
5. In the event of an Exhibit being entered in more than one ordinary class, points will be awarded in the first class judged.
6. Challenge winners shall be awarded a total of 5 points.
7. Reserve challenge winners shall be awarded a total of 4 points.
8. Best of Breed shall be awarded a total of 7 points.
9. Runner-up Best of Breed shall be awarded a total of 6 points.
10. The total points awarded in 6, 7,8 & 9 above shall include points awarded in an ordinary class.

METHOD OF AWARDING POINTS IN NEUTER POINT SCORE

1. Each Neuter entrant exhibited gets one point, plus one point per dog beaten.
2. If the dog is not placed (1st – 3rd) or awarded, they receive no points.
3. In the event of a nominated show not having a Neuter Class that show will be excluded from the tally.

TRANSFER OF POINTS

When puppies become eligible for the Open Division of the Competition, they can only transfer points allocated for Challenge, Reserve Challenge, Best of Breed and Runner-up Best of Breed. N/A for Neuter Competition.

TIES

In the event of a tied score at the completion of the Competition year, the tie shall be broken on the number of Best of Breed awards gained. Should this fail to resolve the tie; Runner up Best of Breed awards, Challenge and Reserve Challenge awards, as well as placing shall be taken into account. In the event of the scores still being tied, the trophy shall be shared.

In the event of a tie in the Neuter Competition, the dog with the highest AVERAGE score will win.

TROPHIES

The club shall donate suitably inscribed sashes for the Best Dalmatian at each nominated show. The division winners shall be presented with suitable trophies at the Annual General Meeting.

DISPUTES AND ANOMOLIES arising during competition shall be lodged, in writing, with the Secretary for referral to the Committee. The Committee decision shall be final and binding.

AMENDMENTS to the Rules of Administration of this competition can only be made at a General Meeting of the Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc.

21 days' notice of any proposed Amendment must be given to members.

By Law 10:

DCOV Championship Show judge (approved 05/12/2006)

From now on the DCOV must always contract a Dalmatian Specialist for the annual Championship show. This can be contracted from Sunbury, but if Sunbury cannot provide a Dalmatian specialist, then the committee must contract a Specialist judge. If a contracted judge pulls out even days before appointment, again the committee must contract a Dalmatian Specialist.

By Law No 11: (amended 08/12/2009, 02/12/2008, 09/12/1996)

CODE OF ETHICS DALMATIAN CLUB OF VICTORIA inc.

The code of ethics establishes a standard of conduct to be recommended to all members of the Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc. throughout Australia in the owning, breeding, exhibiting, selling and judging Dalmatians.

Breeding represents a great responsibility to each individual, as he or she can either upgrade or nullify many years of conscientious effort. The breeder must be aware of this responsibility.

Discrimination and intelligent breeding programs can only improve the problems of breed. Breeding is to enhance the positive qualities and cannot be expected to cover up serious faults. Therefore, breeding partners should carefully investigate background and serious faults before a commitment is made to breed.

As a member of the Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc., I hereby declare:

1. I will abide the constitution and by laws, and support the standard of the breed
2. I will comply with all Victorian Canine Association Inc. rules and regulations where they pertain
3. I will at all times, whether at home, travelling to or at motels, display good sportsmanship and conduct myself in a manner that will reflect credit on the club and the Dalmatian
4. I will help educate the public in the standard of the breed and in other areas where I am qualified
5. As a breeder of Dalmatians, I will try to breed in such a manner as to improve the quality of the breed
6. I will not use for breeding a dog or bitch with major faults

7. I will not mate my Dalmatian with any dog or bitch which is not registered
8. The minimum age at which a Dalmatian may be MATED is 18 months to allow for full maturity of the bitch.
9. I will only sell Dalmatians in good health condition, free to my knowledge of communication diseases. Any Dalmatian which has defects of a nature detrimental to the breed will be placed on limit register
10. CONGENITALLY DEAF PUPPIES MUST BE HUMANELY DESTROYED. If a (club member) breeder chooses to ignore this code, the breeder is not to sell, give away, re-home or in any way dispose of a congenitally deaf puppy/dog. The breeder must house and keep the puppy/dog.
11. Owners of stud dogs require breeders, using their dogs at stud, to humanely euthanize congenitally deaf puppies, as part of the stud agreements
12. No dog or puppy which is (bi-lateral) congenitally deaf is to be advertised in any Dalmatian Club of Victoria publication (eg web page/newsletter).
13. I will supply, at the time of sale, to each purchaser with the following where applicable:
 - a. A registration certificate
 - b. A three or four generation pedigree certificate
 - c. An immunisation certificate
 - d. Diet and care information
14. I will not sell without true representation to the purchaser. All advertising will be honest and not in anyway misrepresentative, misleading or fraudulent.
15. I will continue to offer assistance to the buyer for as long as such aid is required.
16. I will not sell or donate Dalmatians to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow them to be given as prizes in contests of any kind, or for any purpose that may lead to exploitation.
17. A code of ethics is only as good as those who abide by its contents

By Law 12

BAER TESTING (approved 05/12/2006)

The DCOV is to be proactive in promoting BAER Testing of puppies and breeding stock in Victoria, including communication with membership regarding locations of available testing centres and working with any such testing centres to get the best possible prices for the club members.

By Law 13 (approved 05/12/2017)

APPOINTING A CLUB PATRON

The following procedure is to be followed in order to appoint a Club patron

- A call for nominations in writing must be made to the General Membership over a period of at least 3 months.
- The nominations must include a resume of the nominee's suitability for the position and an assurance of the nominee's willingness to accept the position.
- The nominee must be available to support the Club both financially and by attendance at Club events.

- The nominee should be a Victorian resident.
- If no such suitable person can be found, no Patron will be appointed.
- If a number of nominations are received, then the Members will make the final decision as to who will be appointed, at a Club SGM