



## DOG PATCH POUND 333 ▪ MARYLAND PACK

### BYLAWS



## **PREAMBLE TO BY-LAWS**

These By-laws at no time will conflict with the Kennel or Pack By-laws statute, ever. These are enacted to see that every Dog in Pound 333 is treated fairly and equally. They are for the good of the Pound and the Members of Pound 333.

## **ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP**

- A. You must have a minimum of one (1) year in the Marine Corps League to be considered for membership in Pound 333.
- B. All new members must be voted on by the membership of Pound 333 at a Pound Growl according to Kennel Bylaws, statute Article I, Section C and must be adhered to.
- C. Dues for all Non-Paid Life Members in Pound 333 shall be decided on an annual basis.
- D. A Quorum of Pound 333 shall be considered to be at least 5 members of which two (2) must be officers. One (1) member present must be the Pound Keeper, Senior Vice Pound Keeper or Junior Vice Pound Keeper.
- E. Membership in the Marine Corps League is required. Your membership dues must remain current in the Marine Corps League for your membership to be renewed in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

## **ARTICLE 2 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Every member should be elected on his/her merit and not at the discredit of others.

- A. Election of all Pound 333 officers will be held annually within ninety (90) days of the Supreme Growl.
- B. Elected Officers shall be the following:
  - 1. Pound Keeper
  - 2. Senior Vice Pound Keeper
  - 3. Junior Vice Pound Keeper
  - 4. Smart Dog
  - 5. Police Dog
  - 6. Mad Dog
  - 7. Dog Trainer

- C. The Pound Keeper shall appoint the following officers:
  - 1. Barking Dog
  - 2. Dog Robber
  - 3. Watch Dog
  - 4. Dog Handler
  - 5. Other officers as the Pound Keeper deems necessary for the good of the Pound.
  
- D. The incoming Pound Keeper shall notify all incoming Appointed Officers so they are available to attend the Installation Growl and be sworn into office.
  
- E. A Special Election shall be held in the event of an Elected Officer Vacancy. A minimum of 30 days written notice to the membership is required. (A vacancy is described in these Bylaws, Article 7)

### **ARTICLE 3 – AWARDS**

Every member should receive awards on his/her merit and not at the discredit of others.

#### **A. POUND DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD**

- 1. All Dogs of Pound 333 shall be eligible for the Dog of the Year award, regardless of rank. A proposed candidate shall be a Dog of integrity, principles and who has contributed to the Order.
  
- 2. Pound Dog of the Year Committee is made up of all former recipients. The Chair of this committee shall be the most Junior Pound Dog of the Year. This committee will be tasked with reviewing current submissions for Pound Dog of the Year and making a selection from those submissions.
  - a. Pound Dog of the Year Committee discussion should be held strictly to the integrity, principles and contributions of the candidates.
  - b. Personal likes or dislikes of any Dog nominated shall not be discussed, allowed or tolerated during the selection process.
  - c. No discussion about the workings of this Committee will be made public at any time, punishable by disciplinary measures, as outlined in Kennel Bylaws, Article X – Discipline.

3. All nominations for Pound Dog of the Year must be submitted to the Pound Keeper by 15 February. This will give the Pound Dog of the Year Committee ample time to make a selection.

#### **B. PACK DOG OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

1. The selected Pound Dog of the Year's nomination shall be forwarded to the Pack Dog of the Year Committee at a regularly scheduled Pack Growl to be considered for Pack Dog of the Year.
2. The Pound Keeper shall be responsible for submitting the nomination to the Maryland Pack in a timely manner.

#### **C. OTHER POUND AWARDS**

All other awards given are at the discretion of the Pound Keeper and include, but are not limited to: Certificates of Appreciation, Pound Keeper's Meritorious Commendation (Individual).

#### **D. SUBMISSION FOR KENNEL AWARDS**

Special Kennel Awards are listed in Enclose 1 of the MODD Kennel Bylaws. If a Pound Keeper so deems a Dog worthy, (s)he shall submit to the Kennel in accordance with Kennel Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE 4 – DISCIPLINE**

Any disciplinary actions shall be carried out in accordance with Kennel Bylaws, Article X – Discipline.

### **ARTICLE 5 – FINES**

- A. No fine shall be in violation of the Kennel or Pack Bylaws or guidelines. Each infraction in Pound 333 shall be paid in a fine of at least one (1) big bone, with a maximum of two (2) big bones. This applies to each infraction or disruption noted; meaning a single Dog may be fined multiple times for other infractions or disruptions during the Growl. Fineable offenses include but are not limited to:
  1. Barking out of turn
  2. Incorrect reporting
  3. Uniform violations
  4. Sitting in back row

5. Crossing legs
  6. Tardiness
  7. At the discretion of the Pound Keeper
- B. Bones collected for fines are used to support the regular operations of the Pound.
- C. Passport bones collected are forwarded to the Kennel for donation to the Host City of the National Convention's local Children Hospital. Dogs may add bones to the Passport Fines coffer, if they so wish to, but Dogs must pay any Passport fines the Police Dog deems appropriate, up to five (5) big bones. Passport fines include but are not limited to:
1. Not having passport
  2. Incorrect information
  3. Collar/ID Tag violations (e.g. unauthorized pins, no engraving on tag)
- D. Passports shall be guarded by the owner at all times. If a Passport is found unsecured, it will be surrendered to the Pound Keeper, where it will then be auctioned off to the highest bidding member, up to ten (10) big bones. If the owner of the passport loses such auction, they will have to pay ten (10) big bones to the Police Dog at which time the winner of the auction will then surrender the Passport to the rightful owner.
- E. With the exception of checking in with the Police Dog, Pound Dogs may not be fined before the conclusion of the opening ceremony or after the conclusion of the closing ceremony. However, if the Pound Keeper notes a violation, such as a Dog not wearing his/her collar while at a Marine Corps League function, the Pound Keeper may make note of this uniform violation to fine that Dog at the appropriate time during the Growl of the Pound. This exception is inclusive to the Pound Keeper.

## **ARTICLE 6 – ADVANCEMENT IN RANK**

- A. No Pup in Pound 333 shall advance to the degree of Devil Dog without having attended at least two (2) of the Pack Growls in the fiscal year ending in the Department of Maryland State Convention and annual Grand Growl.
- B. Pups wishing to advance to the degree of Devil Dog shall discuss advancement with the Pound Keeper and Dog Robber to ensure that criteria for advancement have been met.

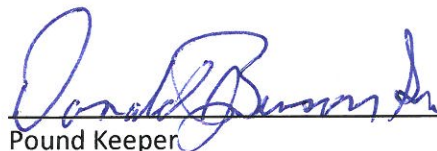
## ARTICLE 7 – VACANCY

- A. An office shall be declared vacant by death or written resignation.
- B. If an Elected Officer is absent for two (2) consecutive growls without a valid reason, the position will be declared vacant by the Pound Keeper. A Special Election shall be held to fill the vacancy (see Article 2, E).
- C. If an Appointed Officer is absent for two (2) consecutive growls without a valid reason, the position will be declared vacant by the Pound Keeper. The Pound Keeper will fill the vacancy in a timely manner.
- D. Any member that has their membership revoked or suspended in the Marine Corps League shall have his/her office declared vacant by the Pound Keeper.


## ARTICLE 8 – AMENDING OF BYLAWS

- A. All proposed revisions, repeals or amendments of these bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Pound Keeper and the Pound Smart Dog. These will be made available to the membership a minimum of 30 days prior to the Growl at which they will be voted on by the Pound membership.
- B. A majority vote of the members present and any Growl is required to pass an amendment.
- C. Once the Bylaws are approved by the Pound membership, they are to be forwarded to the Maryland Pack Smart Dog for Pack approval.

These Bylaws were approved at Pound 333 Growl on 21 May 2016 by a majority vote of the membership present.

  
Pound Keeper  
Donald J. Benson, Sr.

5-21-2016  
Date

  
Pound Smart Dog  
Craig P. Reeling

5/21/16  
Date