

BYLAWS

**Lobo Lure Coursing Club, Inc.
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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Amended Bylaws of
Lobo Lure Coursing Club, Inc.
(As of March 3, 2014)

ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose

SECTION 1. *Name.* The name of the organization is Lobo Lure Coursing Club, Inc.

SECTION 2. *Objects.* The Objects of the Club shall be:

- a. To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs;
- b. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of Lure Coursing tests & trials and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at such events; and
- c. To conduct Lure Coursing tests and trials and any other event for which the Club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club, American Sighthound Field Association and other sanctioning organizations.

SECTION 3. *Purpose.* While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of breeders and exhibitors in the Greater Albuquerque Area. For quorum purposes only, the Greater Albuquerque Area shall be defined as all of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, and the areas in counties contiguous to Bernalillo County encompassed by the following postal ZIP codes and such division of said ZIP codes as may hereafter exist: 87124 and 87144 (Rio Rancho), 87048 (Corrales), 87004 (Bernalillo), 87043 (Placitas), 87047 (Sandia Park), 87059 (Tijeras), 87015 (Edgewood), 87035 (Moriarty), 87042 (Peralta), 87068 (Bosque Farms), 87031 (Los Lunas & Meadow Lake), 87002 (Belen & Los Chavez), and 87023 (Jarales).

SECTION 4. The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 5. The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

ARTICLE II
Membership

SECTION 1. *Eligibility.* Regular membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age or older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the objects of this Club. Junior membership shall be open to all persons 10 through 17 years of age who otherwise meet the above requirements. A Junior Member may not vote or hold office.

Household Membership. Two regular members who maintain their permanent legal residence in the same household may elect, by written notice to the Secretary or his/her designee on a form approved by the Board of Directors, to maintain their membership in the Club in the form of a Household

Membership. Dues for each such member electing to maintain their membership in the form of a Household Membership shall be thirty three percent (33%) of the dues for regular individual membership, rounded to the next higher dollar. Members electing to maintain their membership in the form of a Household Membership shall be regarded as individual regular members in all other respects relating to membership in the Club including election to membership, voting, holding office or position, and discipline

SECTION 2. *Dues.* Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the prior notice and 2/3 concurrence of the membership, and shall be due and payable on or before the 1st of January of each year. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall mail to each member, at his last known address, a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. Any member who has not paid his dues for the current year shall be considered as not being in good standing with the Club and no such member may vote upon any question nor vote in any election.

SECTION 3. *Election to Membership.* Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors, which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club, the Articles of Incorporation of Albuquerque Whippet Fanciers Association, and these Bylaws. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and shall carry the endorsement of at least two members in good standing who are not of the same household as the applicant. Accompanying the application, the applicant shall submit dues for the current year. All applications shall be filed with the Secretary or his/her designee and each application shall be read at the first regular Club meeting following its receipt. At the next regular Club meeting following receipt, the application shall be considered and an affirmative vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. The Secretary shall notify each applicant of their acceptance or rejection within 10 days following such action by the Club. Applicants who are rejected by the Club may not reapply for at least six (6) months after such rejection.

SECTION 4. *Termination of Membership.* Membership may be terminated:

- a. By resignation. Any member in good standing who is not in debt to the Club may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary or his/her designee.
- b. By lapsing. A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after March 1st of any year, however, the Board may grant an additional 90 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In any case a member shall not vote whose dues are unpaid a the date of that meeting..
- c. By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of these Bylaws.
- d. Anyone who has resigned or whose membership has lapsed may re-apply for membership in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE III Meeting and Voting

SECTION 1. *Club Meetings.* Regular meetings of the Club shall be held at least quarterly, in the greater Albuquerque, New Mexico, area at such time and place as may be designated by the President. The Secretary or his/her designee shall give written notice of such meetings not less than 5 or more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be mailed to each member

at their last known address and shall state the time and place of the meeting. Quorum for regular meetings of the Club shall be at least 20% of members in good standing.

SECTION 2. *Special Club Meetings.* Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President, or by the Board of Directors, and shall be called by the Secretary or his/her designee upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in or within the greater Albuquerque, New Mexico, area at such time and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. The Secretary or his/her designee shall give written notice of such meetings not less than 5 or more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be mailed to each member at their last known address and shall state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, and that no other Club business may be transacted thereat. Quorum for a special meeting of the Club shall be at least 20% of members in good standing, and must include at least 5 of the petitioners.

SECTION 3. *Board Meetings.* Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be determined by the Board, but in no case shall there be less than one (1) every four months. Such meetings shall be held in or within the greater Albuquerque, New Mexico, area at such time and place as may be designated by the President. The Secretary or his/her designee shall give written notice of such meetings not less than 5 or more than 15 days prior to the meeting. Such notice shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Directors at his last known address and shall state the time and place of the meeting. Quorum of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be 5 members. The Board of directors may also conduct business by telephone conference call, mail, fax (and e mail) through the Recording Secretary provided it does not conflict with other provisions of these by laws. Items voted upon by telephone conference call, mail, fax (or e mail) must be confirmed in writing by the Secretary within seven days.

- 1) Every board member must be provided with the manner to participate;
- 2) A procedure must be in place to verify the identity of the individuals participating to ensure that they are eligible Board members;
- 3) A mechanism must be in place to verify that the eligible board members are "listening";
- 4) All board members must agree to participate in this manner.

SECTION 4. *Special Board Meetings.* Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Secretary or his/her designee upon receipt of a written request signed by at least five members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in or within the greater Albuquerque, New Mexico, area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary or his/her designee at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and that no other business shall be transacted thereat. Quorum for such meeting shall be 5 members of the Board.

SECTION 5. *Voting.* At meetings of the Club each regular member in good standing shall be entitled to vote once on any question coming before the meeting, except as specified in Article V, Section 3. At meetings of the Board of Directors each member of the Board shall be entitled to vote once on any question coming before the meeting. No absentee or proxy voting will be permitted at any meeting of the Club or Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. *Electronic Notice of Meetings.* Notice of meetings provided for in this Article may be delivered electronically to any member who has provided to the Secretary, on a form approved by the Board of Directors, written authorization for such electronic notice and the electronic address to which such notice shall be delivered. Such electronic delivery of notice shall be considered the same as mailing, and it shall be the responsibility of any member authorizing electronic delivery to notify the Secretary of any change in the electronic address to which notice shall be delivered.

ARTICLE IV Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. *Board of Directors.* The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one year terms as provided in Article V and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The Board of Directors shall be in charge of the general management of the Club's affairs and will conduct those affairs pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and applicable laws, ordinances and governmental regulations.

SECTION 2. *Officers.* The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings, and the Board of Directors and its meetings.

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President, in addition to those particularly specified in these Bylaws.
- b. The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the members of the Club and the Board of Directors, a roll of the members of the Club with their last known addresses and any other records which may be ordered by the Club. He shall have charge of such correspondence as may be necessary, notify officers and directors of their election to office and carry out such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws.
- d. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys (sic) due or belonging to the Club and receipt therefore. He/she shall deposit same in a federally insured depository satisfactory to the Board of Directors, in the name of the Club. His books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board of Directors and he shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment before reported; and at the annual meeting he shall render an account of all moneys (sic) received and expended during the previous year, which account shall have been certified by the Board of Directors.

The books shall be audited by a committee consisting of a member of the Board of Directors and two Club members, chosen by the Board upon passing of the books to a new Treasurer. Their report shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at the annual Board of Directors meeting.

SECTION 3. *Vacancies.* Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual meeting by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the creation of such vacancy; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V
The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. *Club Year.* The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end the 31st of December of each year. The Club's official year shall begin upon the adjournment of the annual meeting and shall continue through the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. *Annual Meeting.* The regular Club meeting in September shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing Officers and Board of Directors, receiving reports of officers and committees and for any other business that may arise.

SECTION 3. *Elections.* Elections of Officers and Directors shall be by written ballot at the annual meeting. No person shall be elected to office unless he is a regular member in good standing of the Club, and shall have been nominated for that office in accordance with these Bylaws.

For each office where a candidate received a majority vote, the Chair declares the candidate elected. If any office remains unfilled after the first ballot, the balloting shall be repeated for that office as many times as necessary to obtain a majority vote for a single candidate.

In the case of election of members to the Board, if more than three (3) candidates receive a majority vote, the positions are filled by the three (3) receiving the largest number of votes. If less than three (3) candidates received a majority, those who do have a majority are elected, and all other candidates remain on the ballot for the necessary repeated balloting.

Newly elected officers and board members shall take office immediately upon adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected and each retiring officer shall turn over to this successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after that election.

SECTION 4. *Nominations.* During the month of July the Board of Directors shall select a nominating committee consisting of 3 members and 2 alternates, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Secretary or his/her designee shall immediately notify each committee member and alternate of their selection. The Board of Directors shall designate one member of the Committee to act as Chairman and it shall be his duty to call a meeting of the committee which shall be held on or before the 1st day of August.

- a. The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office, and three candidates for other positions of the Board of Directors. After securing the consent of each person so nominated, the committee shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- b. Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Secretary or his/her designee shall, before the 15th day of July, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- c. Additional nominations may be made at the August meeting of the Club by any member in attendance, providing that the person nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at the meeting, his proposer shall present to the Secretary or his/her designee a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee.

- d. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as proposed in this section.

ARTICLE VI Committees

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, lure field trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

- a. By resignation. A committee member may resign from any committee to which he has been appointed by sending written notice of such resignation to the Secretary.
- b. By removal. The Board of Directors may remove any committee member from any committee provided that written notice of such removal shall be mailed to the committee member by the Secretary not more than 5 days following such Board action.

SECTION 3. The members of the board will form an Executive Committee for the purposes of enacting executive decisions on an emergency basis when only a board quorum cannot be formed. The purpose of this committee is to maintain the full functionality of the clubs activities and monetary decision will be limited to \$500. The executive committee will consist of the President, one board member and a committee chairperson as availability may permit.

ARTICLE VII Discipline

SECTION 1. *American Kennel Club Suspension.* Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. *Charges.* Any member in good standing may prefer charges against any other member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary or his/her designee together with a deposit of \$25 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board of Directors following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a day of a hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks or more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary or his/her designee shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 3. *Board Hearing.* The Board of Directors shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may, by majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than 6 months from the date of the hearing. It may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In either case, the Board's action shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary or his/her designee. The Secretary or his/her designee, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty if any.

SECTION 4. *Expulsion.* Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board of Director's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The president shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The membership present at the meeting shall then vote by written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote in the affirmative of members present at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. In the event the 2/3 vote is not obtained, the suspension imposed by the Board shall stand.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20% of the members in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors. and must be submitted to the members, with recommendations of the Board, by the Secretary or his/her designee for a vote within 3 months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary or his/her designee.

SECTION 2. The Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting by secret ballot at any regular meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments/revisions have been included in the notice of the meeting.

SECTION 3. No amendment adopted in accordance with this Article shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club and a copy of the amendment has been filed in the Office of the New Mexico State Corporation Commission as prescribed by law.

**ARTICLE IX
Dissolution**

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any member of the club, but after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to organizations in the furtherance of the Club's objects.

**ARTICLE X
Adoption**

SECTION 1. These Bylaws shall become effective when adopted in accordance with Article VIII of the Bylaws of Lobo Lure Coursing Club, Inc._as filed in the office of the New Mexico State Corporation Commission, when approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club and when filed in the office of the New Mexico State Corporation Commission.

SECTION 2. All previous Bylaws of Lobo Lure Coursing Club, Inc_ by whatever name known and whether written or implied, are hereby repealed.

**ARTICLE XI
Order of Business**

Section 1. At meetings of the club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of officers and board (at annual meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Section 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE XII
Rules of Order

Except as specifically provided in these By-laws or in the Constitution of the Lobo Lure Coursing Club, Inc., all matters of procedure shall be governed by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED. (Latest edition)