

Non-governmental, non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity

Fédération Cynologique de Géorgie (FCG)

Statutes

Article 1: General Provisions

- 1.1. Fédération Cynologique de Géorgie or abbreviated FCG (hereinafter the Society) represents the non-governmental, non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity, created on basis of the Georgian Civil Code and the principles of membership.
- 1.2. The Society is deemed created from the moment of its registration in the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) Legal Entities Registry.
- 1.3. Name of the Society: Fédération Cynologique de Géorgie or abbreviated FCG.
- 1.4. Legal form: non-governmental, non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity.
- 1.5. Legal address: 39 Pekin Street, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 1.6. The non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity is not dependent on its members', management and representatives' situation. The members are not liable for the Society's duties and the Society is not liable for its member's duties. The non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity liability is limited to its own property. Its members, management and representatives are not liable for the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity responsibilities and duties and also the vice versa.
- 1.7. According to the Partnership Agreement concluded and signed on the 6th August 1997 in Vienna, Austria in the office of Austrian Kennel Club between Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) and Fédération Cynologique de Géorgie (FCG), Fédération Cynologique de Géorgie (FCG) became the sole Contract Partner of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) in Georgia. The Society obtained the exclusive rights to conduct international dog shows, to award international titles and the "Champion of Georgia" title and register international prefixes.

Article 2: The Society Objectives

- 2.1. To encourage and promote breeding and use of purebred dogs whose functional health and physical features correspond to the FCI standards set for every

respective breed and which are able to work and fulfil objectives in accordance with the specific characteristics of their breed.

- 2.2. To protect use, keeping and breeding of the purebred dogs in Georgia. To promote the free cynological information exchange among the Society members.
- 2.3. To initiate and conduct national and international dog shows (CACIB, CACIT), to organize field trials and competitions of working and hunting dogs, to hold other cynological, sports and entertaining events which do not contradict to the Society Statutes and regulations and which comply with FCI regulations.
- 2.4. To support and promote all significant contributors to Georgian national cynology development by all means which do not contradict to the Society Statutes and regulations as well as to the Statutes and Standing Orders of the FCI.
- 2.5. For achievements of these goals and tasks, the Society draws up special rules and provisions:
 - 2.5.1. The Society may conduct the additional economic activities in accordance with Georgian Legislation, with the profit gained from such activities to be used for realization of the Society goals and tasks. Such profit must not be distributed among the Society members, sponsors, management or other representatives.
 - 2.5.2. Alienation of the Society property is possible if it serves the Society objectives achievement, its development or charity goals.
 - 2.5.3. The Society keeps internal pedigrees and stud books and issues internal pedigrees to the dog owners on their request in Georgian language, as well as export pedigrees in English language.
- 2.6. The Society holds cynological courses, through which it educates judges/experts, breeders and other kennel specialists. Upon completion and successful examination, the appropriate certificates are issued, and graduates are further supported and incorporated into the cynological organizations.
- 2.7. The Society holds both national and international dog shows for the purebred dogs, where appropriate titles, diplomas and certificates are awarded by national and/or international judges recognized by the FCI.
- 2.8. The Society holds both national and international field trials for the purebred dogs where appropriate titles, diplomas and certificates are awarded by the national and/or international trial judges recognized by the FCI.
- 2.9. The Society controls the functioning of its members and gives them working recommendations with the help of special commissions.

- 2.10. The Society may cooperate with any state structures for the purposes of well keeping of purebred dogs' gene pool. The Society also controls export and import from/to Georgia of the purebred dogs for breeding purposes.
- 2.11. The Society forms a general list of its licensed national and international judges based on its Qualification Commission documents and regulations as well as spread this information.

Article 3: The Society Founders

- 3.1. The Society founders are:
 - a) The Georgian United Kennel Club of Purebred Dogs' Fanciers
 - b) Hunting Dogs' Fanciers Club
 - c) The Club of Rare Breeds Dogs' Fanciers
 - d) Mrs. Ludmila Batsikadze
 - e) Mr. Iuza Beradze

Article 4: The Society Management/General Assembly

- 4.1. The managing body of the Society is its members' General Assembly, which is called by the Society Managing Board usually once a year on the last quarter of the calendar year or several times a year if the Society interests require it. The quorum is considered to be met if two thirds of the members are present. Otherwise, the General Assembly is to be reconvened after seven calendar days, with the same agenda and in the same order. The reconvened General Assembly is deemed to have authority when no less than a half of the members are present. Every member has a single vote. Decisions are taken with the majority of votes.
- 4.2. All the Society members must be notified about the date and location of the General Assembly well in advance (no less than seven calendar days prior) in written, via the social networks or verbally by the phone, as an announcement on the Society website.
- 4.3. The General Assembly may take decisions only if the quorum is met. The decision is made with the majority of votes. The decision takes effect immediately unless a special start date is specified. The Managing Board has to be notified in written at

least seven calendar days before the General Assembly about the proposals to be discussed during it.

- 4.4. The General Assembly has to be headed and conducted by the Assembly Secretary who has to be elected from the General Assembly participants with the majority of votes.
- 4.5. The competences of the Society General Assembly are the following:
 - 4.5.1. To determine the general business of the Society.
 - 4.5.2. To hear reports of the Managing Board and Head of Commissions, to determine the Society business, to determine membership fees and other payments (pedigrees, show admission fees, etc.), to approve budgets and activity plans for the next year, to hear financial reports for the passed period.
 - 4.5.3. To decide on the admission or expulsion of the Society members should it was proposed by the Managing Board.
 - 4.5.4. To elect members of the Managing Board.
 - 4.5.5. To set up Commissions and elect Heads of Commissions.
 - 4.5.6. To amend the Society Statutes and Standing Orders.
 - 4.5.7. To decide on the property of the Society.
 - 4.5.8. To decide on the Society reorganization or liquidation.
- 4.6. The following five Commissions operate within the Society on the permanent basis:
 - a) Show Commission,
 - b) Qualification Commission,
 - c) Breeding Commission,
 - d) Working and Sports Commission
 - e) Revision Commission.

The number and specialization of the Commissions are subject for revision on the request of the Society members and may be renamed and/or reorganized during the General Assembly. Each Commission has to consist of the Head and two members. The Head of Commission is to be elected during the General Assembly by the recommendation of the Managing Board or Society members; every person within the Society has the right and possibility to be elected to the position of the Head of Commission. The remaining two members are to be elected by the recommendation of the Head of Commission during the General Assembly. The Head and members of the Commission are elected for the period of four years and may be reelected or dismissed depending of their duties performance.

- 4.7. During the period between the General Assemblies, the highest managing body of the Society is the Managing Board which consists of five members and which regulates the Society activities.
- 4.8. The Society Managing Board is elected by the General Assembly for the period of four calendar years. Election of new Managing Board is to take place at least one calendar month before the authority expiration date of the acting Managing Board.
- 4.9. The General Assembly of the Society may be called upon the request of the President, the Managing Board or one fourths of the Society members.
- 4.10. Changes and amendments to the Society Statutes are possible only based on the members' decision during the General Assembly.
- 4.11. The Society budget is to be managed by the Managing Board in accordance to the Society activities and goals. All income and expenditures are to be recorded carefully and must be presented in proper time to the relevant state authorities for reporting and registration of them. Any member of the Society has the right and possibility to receive any information about financial activity of the Society.

Article 5: Membership suspense and sanctions

- 5.1. The Managing Board members or the Society members or judges who despite of written warnings systematically fail to fulfill their duties properly and according to the Society Statutes are subjects for disciplinary punishment up to dismissal. The President of the Society or the Managing Board members may make a request for disciplinary punishment or dismissal of one of the Society members. Such requests are to be accompanied by the significant arguments. Disciplinary punishment or decision about dismissal may be taken only during ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly with preceding discussion of the matter by all the Society members. The decision about dismissal may be appealed during the General Assembly in order specified by the Georgian Legislation.
- 5.2. Members of the Society who fail to pay their membership fees are subjects for dismissal as described in point 5.1.
- 5.3. The expelled members have a right to appeal against the decision within the Georgian Legislation.
- 5.4. The Society has a right to suspend or limit membership if any of the Society members flagrantly and/or regularly fails to fulfill its duties (e.g. financial duties

and/or violation of the Society Statutes and regulations). Such decision remains effective until the opposite decision is taken by the Managing Board but no later than the next General Assembly convention. The Managing Board presents to the General Assembly its arguments for such decision, the violator is informed about this in written and is given the opportunity to defend its position with own arguments. The final decision regarding the Society member's status is taken by the General Assembly. The Society member has a right to fix its position and work it out before the General Assembly. The Managing Board has to inform all other members and Contract Partners about the decision taken in respect of members' status. The Society member does not have a right to demand a financial compensation for the decision taken.

Article 6: Voting and Elections

- 6.1. The President of the Society, its Managing Board and Heads of the Commissions are to be elected during the Society General Assembly only.
- 6.2. The General Secretary of the Society is to be assigned by the President.
- 6.3. Any member of the Society has the right and possibility to delegate its representative to the General Assembly to participate in discussions and voting who will have one vote.
- 6.4. Any member of the Society may also delegate a group up to three of its representatives to the General Assembly which however will have a single vote.
- 6.5. If member of the Society cannot attend the General Assembly for reasonable excuse, such member may participate in elections and voting either in written or using contemporary communication means (e.g. Skype). This will be considered as equal to General Assembly attendance. The order and way of such participation is to be considered by the General Assembly in respect of every single case.
- 6.6. Any member of the Society has the right and possibility to propose its candidate to the positions of the Managing Board member or the Head of the Commission.
- 6.7. Any representative of the Society members has the right and possibility to be elected. No one must be deprived of the right to be elected.
- 6.8. All General Assemblies of the Society have to be protocolled properly. Protocols must be presented in proper time to the relevant state authorities for registration of

them. Any member of the Society has the right and possibility to receive any information from the Society protocols.

- 6.9. The first Managing Board was elected by the Founders, all next have to be elected by the General Assembly of the Society.
- 6.10. The Society must do everything possible to ensure that elections and voting (either opened or secret ballots) are transparent and based on principles of democracy and mutual respect.

Article 7: President of the Society

- 7.1. The President of the Society is elected out of the Managing Board members by the Managing Board decision for the period of four years.
- 7.2. The President conducts the everyday activities according to the Society Statutes and its tasks and goals.
- 7.3. The President represents the Society in negotiations with the third parties on both national and international levels.
- 7.4. The President conducts general management of the Society, decides on staff management, salaries and other staff issues.
- 7.5. Decisions concerning the property and budget of the Society may be made by the President upon the Managing Board's approval and decision. In exceptional circumstances when financial decision must be taken with no delay and consultations with the Managing Board cannot be possible, the President may take a decision unilaterally with the further report and motivation of its actions on the next Managing Board meeting.
- 7.6. The president has a right to cooperate with banks and in cases of his/her absence may issue a Power of Attorney for any of the Managing Board members or other person.
- 7.7. The President of the Society ensures implementation of the Managing Board and the General Assembly decisions fulfillment and may also create auxiliary groups for issues resolution and goals achievement in case of necessity.
- 7.8. The resolution of any issues within the competence of the President in case of his/her absence should be performed by the authorized person.
- 7.9. The President takes into the account the suggestions of the members and the Managing Board regarding the Society functioning and makes sure that these issues

are included into agenda of the next General Assembly or resolved should no approval of the General Meeting is required.

- 7.10. The President has the right to call for an extraordinary Managing Board or the General Assembly meetings to discuss and take decision on issues which seriously contradict to the Society tasks and goals or violate the Society interests or existence as well as to rise the issues described in Article 5 of the present Statutes.
- 7.11. The President and the Managing Board members' activities are based on voluntary basis and cannot be compensated financially.

Article 8: Membership, Rights and duties of the Society members

The Society may have two kinds of members: full and associated members.

8.1. Full members:

- 8.1.1 Any legally created on the Georgian territory and in accordance to the Georgian Legislation cynologic organization (e.g. Club) which fulfills a minimum of requirement for registered dogs, which recognizes the Statutes of the Society and applied to the Managing Board with the written application has a right to become a member of the Society. The candidate obtains the status of the Contract Partner first before becoming the full member. Every candidate who was granted the status of the Contract Partner must pass the probation period of three years. During the probation period the candidate will remain in status of the Contract Partner with no voting right. During the probation period the Contract Partner must demonstrate readiness to become the full member by following the Society Statutes, paying membership fees on regular basis, contributing to the Georgian cynology development, attending and helping to organize all events held by the Society, holding at least once a year an own club dog show and assisting by other means to the Society in its activities. In case of successful accomplishing of the probation period, the Contract Partner may be recommended by the Society Managing Board to be granted the full membership. All the decisions regarding the Society membership should be taken on the General Assembly.
- 8.1.2. Any individual who acts on the territory of Georgia, who was certified by the Fédération Cynologique de Géorgie (FCG) and who was registered by Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) in Judges/Experts Registry, who

recognizes the Society Statutes and applied to the Managing Board with the written application has a right to become a full member of the Society on completion of certain procedures. After the application is lodged, the Managing Board examines the candidate's application form authenticity and its compliance with the Society Statutes and requirements. On completion of the check procedure, the Managing Board with its letter recommends or does not recommend the candidate for the Society full membership. The candidate's file (including application, supporting documents and the Board recommendation letter) should be distributed among all General Assembly members via ordinary or electronic mail. Every General Assembly member has to send back to the Managing Board its positive or negative decision regarding the candidate's full membership in written (via ordinary or electronic mail). The decision is taken with the majority of votes. The decision has to be taken within one calendar month since application was made.

8.1.3. Any individual who acts on the territory of Georgia, who was certified by the Fédération Cynologique de Géorgie (FCG) as breeder and who was registered by Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) in Kennel Names/Breeders Registry, who has at least two years breeding experience and regular litters, who has an appropriate education, who recognizes the Society Statutes and applied to the Managing Board with the written application has a right to become a full member of the Society on completion of certain procedures. After the application is lodged, the Managing Board examines the candidate's application form authenticity and its compliance with the Society Statutes and requirements. On completion of the check procedure, the Managing Board with its letter recommends or does not recommend the candidate for the Society full membership. The candidate's file (including application, supporting documents and the Board recommendation letter) should be distributed among all General Assembly members via ordinary or electronic mail. Every General Assembly member has to send back to the Managing Board its positive or negative decision regarding the candidate's full membership in written (via ordinary or electronic mail). The decision is taken with the majority of votes. The decision has to be taken within one calendar month since application was made.

8.2. Associated members:

8.2.1. Any individual who resides on the territory of Georgia, who does not have cynologic education but who wishes to become the Society member, who

recognizes the Society Statutes and applied to the Managing Board with the written application has a right to become an associated member of the Society. After application the candidate obtains the status of the associated member with the right to participate in the Society activities and the right to attend the General Assemblies but without voting right and initiatives.

- 8.3. No organization or individual who harms (or may harm) or impedes the Society and its members' activities can become the Society member.
- 8.4. Once the Contract Partner obtains the status of the full member, an appropriate Full Membership Certificate signed and certified by the President and the General Secretary is issued and the voting right is granted.
- 8.5. Every member has a right to quit the Society at any time. The quit application should be addressed to the President or the Managing Board of the Society. Membership payments cannot be refunded on quit.
- 8.6. The membership cannot be passed to other persons or organization and cannot be passed by heredity.
- 8.7. The Society members have to participate actively in the Society life and assist to achieve the Society goals.
- 8.8. The Society members are obliged to respect the Managing Board activities and resolutions and help to implement its decisions.
- 8.9. Each member has the right and possibility to request any information referring to the Society activities.
- 8.10. The Society member who does not pay the membership fee within established terms and/or does not follow or violates the Society Statutes and regulations is a subject to dismissal according to the procedure described in the Article 5 of the present Statutes.

Article 9: The Society's Means

- 9.1. The Society's means consist of the membership fees, grants, donations, sponsorship, additional economic activities, shows admission fees, mass events fees and other legally permissible income.

Article 10: Liquidation/Reorganization of the Society

- 10.1. Reorganization of the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity should be implemented within the Georgian Legislation.
- 10.2. Liquidation of the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity can be made once all the goals of the Society are completely achieved or if the Society was recognized as bankrupt according to the Article 381 of the Georgian Civil Code.
- 10.3. During the liquidation, all current cases must be closed, dues paid out, property residuals distributed among authorized persons.
- 10.4. The resolution of the Society General Assembly on the beginning of the liquidation process must be registered in the Registry of non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities. The liquidation process is reckoned beginning from the moment of its registration.
- 10.5. Persons who will be responsible for the Society liquidation must be determined by the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity members. Alienation of the property of the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities is possible in cases if:
 - a) Alienation serves to the Society goals achievement.
 - b) Alienation serves to the charity goals.
 - c) Property of the Society passes over to other non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity.
- 10.6. It is forbidden to pass the property residual from liquidation of the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities to the Society Founders, members, the Managing Board members or other representatives.
- 10.7. If the Founders, members, the Managing Board members or other representatives of the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity wish to pass the rest of the property to one or more non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities, the court will decide it. If there are no such organizations or it is impossible to find them, then the rest of the property may be passed to the state by the court decision after six months from the liquidation process registration.
- 10.8. Liquidation is to be implemented by the person (persons) who are legally assigned according to legislation. The liquidator is responsible for management of the process.

Article 11: Conclusive provisions

- 11.1. The present Statutes (approved by Founders/Managing Board members) come into force from the moment of signing it by all the Founders/Managing Board members or by the single authorized person as it may be decided by Founders/Managing Board members.
- 11.2. If any of the provisions of the Statutes was annulled or changed, this will not influence the other provisions.
- 11.3. In case of discrepancies between the Statutes and the legislation in force, the advantage will have the legislation.