

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE MISSOURI ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION

DEFINITIONS

Whenever in this document the following terms are used, each shall have the meaning respectively ascribed as listed below:

ACO – Animal Control Official which includes Animal Control Officers and Humane Investigators employed by a government agency or not-for-profit entity.

Annual Business Meeting – An annual gathering of the general membership of the Association where election of directors whose terms are up for renewal or to fill vacancies on the board of directors; where a report of the Association's finances and bank accounts is presented to the membership; where a review of the Association annual report is made; and where a discussion of new projects and activities is available to the membership.

Association – The Missouri Animal Control Association

Business- The governance and operation of the Association through established policy and procedures, under the direction of the President of the Association. The Board of Directors may add, change or delete provisions of established business policies and procedures unless such changes would result in a change of the rights of the membership; overall purpose and function of the membership; or would otherwise exceed the routine governance and operation of the Association by the Board of Directors. The Business of the Association may be conducted by electronic means as is deemed necessary by the President of the Association, with a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board of Directors.

Committee Chairperson – A person appointed by the President to serve as coordinator of an assigned committee.

Committee Member- A person appointed by the President to serve on a committee under the directions of the committee chairperson, to assist with conducting the business of the Association.

Elective Members – 6 or more Association members serving on the Executive Board.

Executive Board – the elected Members and Officers of the Board of Directors of the Association.

General Meetings – Regular planning and business meetings of the Executive Board.

Membership – Those individuals in the animal care and control field who have joined the Association. Membership shall be for a one calendar year period with payment of established membership dues from January 1 through December 31. New individuals applying for membership and being accepted during the last quarter of the calendar year shall not be charged full annual membership rates and be accepted and given all rights and privileges of

membership however their individual initial membership payment shall be applied to the next calendar year.

Membership Renewal – The act of a member to continue his/her membership in the Association. The period of membership shall be renewed for one calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

Officers – Officers of the Association: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer.

President – the elected President of the Missouri Animal control Association.

Secretary – the elected Secretary of the Missouri Animal Control Association Executive Board.

Treasurer – the presidentially appointed Treasurer of the Missouri Animal Control Association.

Vice President- the elected Vice President of the Missouri Animal Control Association.

(Amended August 2011; September 9, 2021)

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

Section 1 This organization shall be known as the Missouri Animal Control Association, and hereinafter referred to as the “Association”.

Section 2 Its officers, hereinafter described, shall comply with the laws of the United States and the laws of the State of Missouri in the performance of their duties for the Association.

Section 3 It shall forever remain a non-profit organization in fact.

Section 4 It shall be incorporated within the State of Missouri as a non-profit organization.

Section 5 Officers of the Executive Board must reside in the State of Missouri.

(Amended September 22, 1994; September 9, 2021)

Article II

Objectives and Purposes

Section 1 Education and training of animal control and animal welfare personnel.

Section 2 Educate the public on responsibilities of animal control and animal welfare.

Section 3 Exchange of information regarding animal control/welfare programs.

- Section 4** Provide expertise and guidance of animal control-related problems to officials at the city, county, and state levels.
- Section 5** Develop standards and certifications procedures for animal control and animal welfare personnel's voluntary certification such as Animal Control Officers, Humane Officers, or Investigators.
- Section 6** Identify and make recommendations on animal-related issues requiring further research.
- Section 7** Provide liaison with other professional organizations and groups having related interests.
- Section 8** Strive to reduce pet over-population through public education on spaying and neutering programs and through education of the public regarding responsible pet ownership.
- Section 9** Promote animal welfare through programs and education as deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

(Amended July 30, 1998; September 9, 2021)

Article III

Membership

The general membership of this organization shall consist of Active, Associate, Supportive and Honorary members.

- Section 1** Active membership shall be open to Animal Control Officers, Humane Society Investigators, Public Health Veterinarians, Health Officers, Veterinarian Technicians, Government officials and others active in the animal care and control field as approved by the Executive Board.
- Section 2** ASSOCIATIVE membership shall be open to individuals, quasi-public organizations, veterinarians engaging in private practice, and others with an interest in animal care and control work.
- Section 3** SUPPORTIVE membership shall be open to veterinary medical organizations, supply companies, pet food companies, cities, and other organizations with an interest in animal welfare.
- Section 4** HONORARY membership may be conferred upon any persons rendering outstanding service to the field of animal care and control with a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

(Amended March 5, 1998; September 9, 2021)

Article IV

Executive Board

- Section 1** There shall be a body known as the Executive Board of the Association consisting of not less than ten members: the four officers of the Association and six or more members, to be known as the Elective Members or Directors.
- Section 2** The Executive Board shall conduct all business of the Association. They may add, change or delete provisions of established business policies and procedures but may NOT make changes which would result in a change of the rights of the membership; the overall purpose and function of the membership; or would otherwise exceed the routine governance and operation of the Association by the Executive Board.
- Section 3** The powers, duties, terms of office, and method of election of the Executive Board are as specified in the Bylaws.

(Amended September 19, 1996; March 6, 1997; July 12, 2001; November 8, 2001; September 9, 2021)

Article V

Officers

- Section 1** The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. The powers, duties, terms of office and methods of election or appointment of the officers are specified in the bylaws.

(Amended September 22, 1994; January 9, 1997; September 9, 2021)

Article VI

Reserved IAW amendment 2021001

(Amended September 9, 2021)

Article VII

Amendments

- Section 1** Any three or more active members may propose amendments to this constitution by submitting same in writing to the President at least sixty (60) days prior to any regular or special meetings of the Executive Board. An affirmation vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Executive Board present and voting shall constitute adoption or,

Section 2 A majority of Association members present at a regular scheduled meeting may propose and pass an amendment or,

Section 3 All active members shall be consulted by mail (U.S. Postal Service or electronic mail) before the adoption of an amendment and must respond affirmatively or negatively within three (3) weeks of the postmark or date of transmission of the electronic mail.

(Amended September 19, 1996; September 9, 2021)

Article VIII

Tax Exempt Status

Section 1 Purpose: The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of that Code; or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2 Powers: No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable, to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause herein. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the Association shall not carry on any such activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or; (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3 Upon dissolution of the Missouri Animal Control Association, remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes as required in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Federal Tax Code.

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REVIEWED, UPDATED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021.

Reviewed and attested to by: Holly Bowle
Holly Bowle, President

10/5/21
Date

James A. Taylor
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9/9/21
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