



The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club

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The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club

CLUB VISION

THE SAN JOAQUIN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

VISION

The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club (SJMSC) provides opportunities for owners of all ages to responsibly participate in improving and enjoying every aspect of the breed. The club fosters a supportive environment where common interests are identified and relationships formed. The club focuses its activities to encourage learning about, appreciating and supporting purebred dogs.

The club helps ensure members, enthusiasts, and the community are well informed. This is accomplished by providing programs and activities that ensure the breed is protected, the sport continued, and the integrity of the breed safeguarded. Major club functions, including meetings and matches, are scheduled to accommodate current members and appeal to prospective members.

The club's liaison to the American Miniature Schnauzer Association and the American Kennel Club serves as the communication link so the club can actively align with the parent organizations. The club supports affiliate clubs and works cooperatively to increase the overall ability to improve, safeguard, and enjoy the breed. The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club conducts its business in an ethical and democratic manner.

The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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IN THE OFFICE OF THE
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SAN JOAQUIN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB
a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation

BILL JONES, SECRETARY OF STATE

I

The name of this corporation is San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club.

II.

A. This corporation is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under such law.

B. The specific purposes of this corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively as a social and recreation club within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, are to (a) encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection; (b) urge members and breeders to accept the standard for the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Miniature Schnauzers shall be judged; (c) do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows; and (d) conduct sanctioned matches dog shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

III

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is Mr. Daniel Durigan, Secretary, 5035 Oakbrook Circle, Fairfield, CA 94585.

IV.

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation is not organized for profit and shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purposes of this corporation. In addition, no part of the net earnings of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

V.

The name of the existing unincorporated association now being incorporated by the filing of these articles is San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club.

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The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OBJECTS

SECTION 1.

The name of the club shall be the **San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club.**

SECTION 2.

The objects of the club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Miniature Schnauzers shall be judged;
- (c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows.
- (d) to conduct sanctioned matches dog shows under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3.

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 4.

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.

The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

Membership shall be open to all persons in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club and the objectives, policies and Code of Ethics of this Club.

SECTION 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership will vote by household. A household shall include all persons with the same primary residential address. One and only one vote shall be cast for each household.

1. REGULAR membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age or older, living within the boundaries of California. A Regular Member shall have full privileges of the Club and shall be eligible to chair and serve on committees and the Board of Directors and shall have the right to vote on behalf of their household.
2. GOLDEN membership shall be available to all persons over the age of 60 years and not actively participating in shows as owner, breeder and/or handler. A GOLDEN member shall have all privileges of a REGULAR member.
3. FRIEND OF THE CLUB membership shall be open to all. A FRIEND OF THE CLUB member shall have all privileges of the Club but shall not serve on the Board of Directors and shall not have the right to vote and shall not be eligible for awards.
4. JUNIOR membership shall be open to all persons less than 18 years of age. A JUNIOR member shall have all privileges of the Club but shall not serve as either a committee chairperson nor on the Board of Directors and shall not have the right to vote.
5. HONORARY membership may be conferred upon any individual who has achieved distinction by the performance of outstanding service for this Club in the furtherance of the Miniature Schnauzer breed. Such Honorary membership shall be designated by a 2/3 vote of the Board and by a simple

majority vote of the membership. An Honorary member shall have all privileges of the Club but shall not serve on the Board of Directors or on any committee and shall not have a vote.

SECTION 3. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

1. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form, as approved by the Board of Directors, and, which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Bylaws, the Code of Ethics, the rules of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address, and type of involvement with the breed of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two voting members. The Applicant shall submit dues payment in amount specified in Section 4 of Article I at the time when the application for membership is submitted.
2. All applications are to be filed with the Membership Chairperson.
3. Within seven (7) days, the Membership Chairperson shall submit the application information to the Chairperson of the club newsletter for publication in the next club newsletter.
4. If, within thirty (30) days after publication, there is no written objection, the Membership Chairperson shall add the applicant to the club roster and notify the applicant that they have been elected to the club.
5. If, within thirty (30) days after publication, there are written objections to the application, the Membership Chairperson shall refer the application to the Board of Directors for resolution. Such resolution shall be documented and presented at the next Regular Club Meeting.

SECTION 4. DUES

- (a) Annual dues shall be set by vote of the general membership upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Golden, Friend of the Club and Junior memberships shall have reduced dues.
- (c) Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues.
- (d) Statement of dues payable for the ensuing year shall be sent to each

member during the first half of the month of November. Annual dues shall be payable on or before the first day of January of each year.

SECTION 5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership may be terminated:

- (a) By Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club by sending a written notice addressed to the Corresponding Secretary. No person may resign who is in arrears in membership dues to the Club.
- (b) By Lapsing. A membership shall be automatically terminated if dues are not postmarked on or before March 1 of the current year.
- (c) By Expulsion. Any member may be expelled from this Club as provided for in Article VII, Section 3 and 4 of these Bylaws.

SECTION 6. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

No person who was expelled from the club may be reinstated. All other memberships may be reinstated by written application to the Membership Chairperson accompanied by payment of the current year's dues and payment of the reinstatement fee established by the general membership upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

No member may transfer for value his or her membership or any membership right. All rights of membership cease on the member's death or dissolution.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1. THE BOARD

- (a) The elected officers and directors of the Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) non-officer Directors.
- (b) The officers and directors shall be elected at the Club s Fall meeting as provided for in Article VI of these bylaws. Officers shall be elected for one year terms, with the exception of non-officer Directors whose terms of office shall be three years, and shall serve staggered terms. Only one non-officer Director shall be elected each year, except for the first year where three shall be elected to terms of 1, 2 and 3 years determined by lot.
- (c) The voting members of the Board of this Club shall be the Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and the three non-officer Directors. The President shall only vote to decide tie votes.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE BOARD

1. Subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, general management of the Club s affairs shall be entrusted to the Board with the exception of those areas specifically noted in these Bylaws.
2. The Board is authorized to expend up to and including \$250 of Club funds. Any decision that would commit the Club to an expenditure of more than \$250 must be submitted to the voting membership at a regular meeting.
3. The Board shall constitute the Board of Appeal for the Club. (See Article VII)

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall:

1. be the Chief Officer of the Club, and ex-officio member of all standing and special committees, except the Nomination Committee;

2. appoint, in January of each year, the Chairperson of each committee, subject to the approval of the Board. The term of each appointment shall be for that year only;
3. preside at all regular and special meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office or as required by the Board or the membership;
4. countersign with the Treasurer all drafts upon the Club treasury for disbursement of funds as directed by the membership or the Board; and
5. coordinate the activities of the committees, except the Nomination Committee.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

The vice-president shall:

1. have the power to exercise the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence, death, or inability to perform those duties; and
2. prepare and maintain the club's Policy Manual.

SECTION 5. DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall:

1. keep a correct record of all proceedings of all meetings of the Club and of the Board, including attendees. Copies of the minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded to the President and the Newsletter Chairperson within seven (7) days following each meeting;
2. keep a permanent file of important papers as determined by the Club and its Board; and
3. perform such other duties as may be determined by the Board.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

1. conduct all correspondence of the Club and report to the Club at each meeting all correspondence received or mailed by the Club; and
2. be responsible for notifying members of all special meetings.

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall:

- (a) collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club;
- (b) deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board in the name of the Club;
- (c) pay all bills and disburse moneys as authorized by the Board and/or the General Membership;
- (d) keep an itemized record in a permanent file of all receipts and expenditures which shall be open for inspection of the Board at all times, and shall report to them and to the membership at every meeting on the condition of the Club's finances and on every item or receipt or payment not previously reported;
- (e) send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year during the first week in November and publish an announcement in the Club newsletter in the fourth quarter of the year; and
- (f) serve on any committee that has authority over Club finances.

SECTION 8. DUTIES OF EACH DIRECTOR.

Each Director shall perform such duties as may be directed by the Board.

SECTION 9. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- (a) Any officer or director who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Board meetings, will be considered to have vacated the position, except for an excused absence which is approved by the President or a simple majority of the Board.
- (b) Any officer or director unable to carry out his duties as set forth by these Bylaws, will be automatically relieved of the duties of that office by the

remaining Board members.

- (c) Any vacancy on the Board, except that of the President, shall be filled by the President with the approval by a majority vote of the membership attending at the next general meeting.
- (d) 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 with the approval by the membership at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS and VOTING

SECTION 1. REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS.

- (a) The Club shall hold a minimum of four Regular Club Meetings each year. The Board shall designate the time and place for each Regular Club Meeting, one of which shall be designated the Annual Meeting. There will be at least one meeting during each quarter of the year. The first quarter meeting shall be the Winter meeting. The second quarter meeting shall be the Spring meeting. The third quarter meeting shall be the Summer meeting. The fourth quarter meeting shall be the Fall meeting.
- (b) Notice of Regular Club Meetings shall be published in the Club Newsletter.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS.

- (a) Special Club Meetings may be called by the President or by the Board and shall be called by the President upon the written request of ten (10) members. The call for a Special Club Meeting shall state the business to be transacted and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the call unless approved by the membership.
- (b) Notice of Special Club Meetings shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3. REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS.

- 3. Regular Meetings of the Board may be held in conjunction with the Regular Club Meetings, or at such time and place as the Board may designate.
- 4. The Board shall meet a minimum of four (4) times during the year.
- 5. The Last Regular Board Meeting of the year shall be attended by both the old and newly elected Board members. The new Board shall not take office until the first Regular Board Meeting of the year.
- 6. Regular Board Meetings shall be open to all Club members; however, non-

Board members may be heard only at the discretion of the President or other presiding official.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS.

1. Special Board Meetings may be called by the President or by written request of at least three (3) members of the Board. The call for a Special Board Meeting shall state the business to be transacted and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the call unless otherwise approved by the Board.
2. Notice of Special Board Meetings shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting. In case of urgency a telephone call may be placed to each member and if all are in accord, said meeting may take place.

SECTION 5. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Winter Regular Club Meeting of the year shall be designated as the Annual Meeting, at which time reports summarizing the past year's activities shall be submitted by each former Officer and Committee Chairperson.

SECTION 6. VOTING.

Membership will vote by household. A household shall include all persons with the same primary residential address. One and only one vote shall be cast for each household.

Each household, in good standing, whose dues are paid for the current year, shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which they are present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

ARTICLE IV

QUORUM

SECTION 1. REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS.

20% of the Voting households in good standing shall constitute a quorum at a Regular Club Meeting.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETING.

20% of the Voting households shall constitute a quorum at a Special Club Meeting.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at all Board Meetings.

SECTION 4. ACTION AT A MEETING.

6. Every act done or decision made by a majority of the Club or Board members present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Club or Board members, as the case may be, unless a greater number, or the same number after disqualifying one or more Club or Board members from voting, is required by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or the California Nonprofit Corporation Law.
7. The only matters that may be voted upon at any Annual or other meeting that is actually attended by less than one-third of the voting power, are matters of which notice of the general nature was included in the notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE V
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. APPOINTMENTS.

- (a) The President shall appoint each year the Chairpersons of the following standing Committees, subject to the approval of the Board:

Finance
Membership
Newsletter
Fun Matches /Specialty Show
Program/Public Education
Rescue
Judges Coordinating
Nominations
Information Technology
Liaison with the AMSC and the AKC
Bylaws

- (b) Each committee shall consist of at least two (2) members if possible, one of whom shall be the Chairperson.
- (c) Special Committees may be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board to aid the Club on particular Projects.
- (d) Any committee action shall be subject to the final approval of the Board.

SECTION 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall have responsibility for bringing revenue into the Club s treasury by coordinating and directing various fund raising projects.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

4. The Membership Chairperson shall receive all applications for membership, and present the application information to the Newsletter Chairperson for publication.

5. The Membership Chairperson shall act as a liaison between all new members and the existing membership.
6. The Membership Chairperson shall have a report of Committee correspondence and activities at each meeting of the Board and of the Membership.

SECTION 4. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

3. The Newsletter Committee shall publish a newsletter and mail a copy to each member.
4. The Newsletter Chairperson shall be invited to attend all Regular Meetings of the Board.

SECTION 5. FUN MATCH/SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE

- (a) The Fun Match/Specialty Show Committee shall coordinate all Fun Matches.
- (b) The Fun Match/Specialty Show Committee shall coordinate the Specialty Show(s).
 - (1) The Committee shall provide overall direction and coordination of each Club Specialty Show and Sweepstakes competition and act as liaison between the Club and the Show Superintendent.
 - (2) The Committee is in charge of preparations for Club Specialty Shows with the exception of the selection of judges and selection of location and date of the shows. This includes preparation of Premium List and Catalog Copy, checking galley proofs, liaison with the Show Superintendent on all questions regarding Club participation in the show, liaison with the Show-giving Club when appropriate, and arrangements for stewards.
 - (3) The Committee selects and presents gifts to judges who serve without fees and acts as liaison between the judges and the Club; e.g., secures lodging and transportation where appropriate.
 - (4) The Committee provides over-all supervision on the day of the Specialty Show to ensure that all ring arrangements are satisfactory, that all members of the Committee meet their obligations and that

there are no unresolved problems.

- (5) The Committee Chairperson shall forward a marked copy of the Show Catalog to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club following each Club Specialty Show. Additional copies will be furnished as directed by the Board.
- (c) The Fun Match/Specialty Show Committee shall be responsible for soliciting funds for the purchase of trophies to be used throughout the year and purchasing those trophies.
- (d) The Fun Match/Specialty Show Committee shall see that all trophies are in the hands of the Ring Steward at all shows where the Club has donated a trophy in its name.
- (e) The Fun Match/Specialty Show Committee shall maintain a current inventory of all Club trophies, ribbons and awards.

SECTION 6. PROGRAM/PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- (a) The Program/Public Education Committee shall coordinate the General meetings of the membership and arrange for informative, educational, and interesting programs for these meetings.
- (b) The Program/Public Education Committee shall have responsibility for disseminating news of the Club s activities and policies to the general public.
- (c) The Program/Public Education Committee shall maintain the Club Referral Files (e.g., puppies, stud service, grooming).

SECTION 7. RESCUE COMMITTEE

- (a) The Committee shall act to assist club members whose life situation requires external assistance for themselves and/or their dogs.
- (b) The Rescue Committee shall help to secure the health and happiness of every miniature schnauzer by appropriate measures.
- (c) The Committee shall maintain accurate records of dogs placed, revenue, costs to rescue each dog and all activities to rescue dogs.

SECTION 8. JUDGES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

- (a) The Judges Coordinating Committee will be responsible for the coordination of the selection of Regular Class and Sweepstakes Judges for the club specialty shows.
- (b) The committee members shall be nominated and approved by the Board.
- (c) In the selection of regular class judges, after considering the suggestions of any interested member, the Judges Coordinating Committee shall select a panel of Judges of at least 5 and no more than 10, to be presented to the membership for selection after the Chairman determines their availability, including confirmation in writing of their fees, transportation and lodging requirements, etc. Selection shall be by random draw at a Club meeting.
- (d) Sweepstakes judges shall be selected by the Judges Coordinating Committee in the same manner as regular class judges.

SECTION 9. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee shall perform the task of nominating Members for offices as provided in Article VI, Section 2.

SECTION 10. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Information Technology Committee shall evaluate and recommend to the club appropriate IT solutions for the advancement of the Club and its business.

SECTION 11. LIAISON WITH THE AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB (AMSC) AND THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (AKC)

The committee shall coordinate all contacts with the American Miniature Schnauzer Club and the American Kennel Club.

- 1. The committee chairperson shall be the delegate to the AMSC. This information shall be forwarded in writing to the Corresponding Secretary of the AMSC.
- 2. The AMSC Delegate attends AMSC Meetings and serves as liaison for this Club with the AMSC and may have a voice and vote on matters dealing with Regional Clubs and with the Miniature Schnauzer Breed as a whole, e.g.,

the standard.

3. The AMSC Delegate shall report on the official minutes of each AMSC meeting to the Club at the Regular Meeting following publication of those minutes.
4. The AMSC Delegate shall be invited to attend all Regular Meetings of the Board of the Club.
5. The AMSC Delegate must be a member of the AMSC.
6. An alternate delegate may be appointed by the Committee in the same manner as the primary delegate. If this alternate is to attend an AMSC Meeting, the AMSC must be notified in advance of the name of such person by the Corresponding Secretary.

SECTION 12. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

- (a) The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for the coordination of all changes to the bylaws.
- (b) The Bylaws Committee shall accept all proposals for change to these bylaws.
- (c) The Bylaws Committee shall review all proposals, identify conflicts and work with the originator of any amendment to finalize the proposal.
- (d) The Bylaws Committee shall review the proposal with the Board.
- (e) The Bylaws Committee shall then coordinate a ballot of the membership on the proposal.
- (f) The Bylaws Committee shall report the results of the vote to the Board and the Newsletter Committee.
- (g) The Bylaws Committee shall update the bylaws annually for publication in the Club's membership booklet.

ARTICLE VI

THE CLUB YEAR, NOMINATION, ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. THE CLUB YEAR

The Club s fiscal and official year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

SECTION 2. NOMINATIONS

1. During the month of July the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Members. Board members are not eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the Committee.
2. Once a member has accepted a position on the Nominating Committee they shall not be nominated for any Board position.
3. The Nominating Committee shall submit names of one or more nominees for each office to be filled, to both the President and the Corresponding Secretary not later than the 31st day of August
4. Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee s report, the Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for having the proposed slate published in the Club s newsletter.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS

- (a) Elections shall be held by mail ballot of the voting membership during the last week of October. Results will be published in the newsletter immediately following the election.
- (b) The nominee who receives the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

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 may file charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$50 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Corresponding 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 date of a hearing by the Board not less than two (2) weeks nor more than eight (8) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail, return receipt requested, together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and may bring witnesses.

SECTION 3. BOARD HEARING

The Board 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 a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension 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 Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. EXPULSION

1. Any Club member who sells dog(s) to a pet shop, Retailer, Wholesale Commercial Establishment shall automatically be removed from membership. See Sections 2 and 3 of this Article for procedural details.
2. Expulsion of a member from the Club for other cause(s) may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board'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 90 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/her 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/her own behalf if he/she wishes. Those attending the meeting eligible to vote, shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand, as provided in Section 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee signed by five (5) percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Bylaws Committee and submitted to the members for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee

These bylaws may be amended by consent of 2/3 of the voting Members in a mail ballot of the entire membership.

No amendment inconsistent with the purpose for which the Club was organized or inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club or the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law shall be adopted.

ARTICLE IX

DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (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 members of the club but after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the board of directors.

ARTICLE X

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. CLUB MEETINGS

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:

- Call to Order
- Minutes of the last Regular Meeting
- Report of the President
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of the Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2. BOARD MEETINGS

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

- Call to order
- Minutes of the last Meeting
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of the Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE XI

RULES OF ORDER

Robert s Rules of Order, Current Edition, shall govern this body in all cases where applicable and insofar as they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

FEES AND COMPENSATION

Board and Committee members may not receive any compensation for their services, but may receive reasonable reimbursement for expenses, as may be fixed or determined by resolution of the Board.

ARTICLE XIII

PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Club does not have a principal executive office. The Board may at any time establish a principal executive office. Any such change shall be noted on these Bylaws by the Recording Secretary, opposite this section, or this section may be amended to state the new location.

ARTICLE XIV
MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION
OF CORPORATE RECORDS

SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF ARTICLES AND BYLAWS.

The Club shall keep at its principal executive office, or if its principal executive office is not in the State of California, at its principal business office in California, the original or a copy of its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by the members at all reasonable times during office hours. If the principal executive office of the Club is outside the State of California or does not exist and the Club has no principal business office in California, the Secretary shall, on the written request of any member, furnish to that member a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended to date.

SECTION 2. MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF OTHER CORPORATE RECORDS.

3. The accounting books, records, and minutes of proceedings of the members and the Board and any committees of the Club shall be kept at such place or places designated by the Board, or, in the absence of such designation, at the principal executive office of the Club. The minutes shall be kept in written or typed form, and the accounting books and records shall be kept either in written or typed form or in any other form capable of being converted into written, typed, or printed form.
4. The minutes and accounting books and records shall be open to inspection on the written demand of any member at any reasonable time for a purpose reasonably related to the member's interests as a member.
5. Every Board member shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of every kind and the physical properties of the Club.

ARTICLE XV

CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions contained in the California Nonprofit Corporation Law as amended from time to time shall govern the construction of these Bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, the singular number includes the plural and the plural number includes the singular, and the term person includes a corporation as well as a natural person.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the currently elected and acting Recording Secretary of San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club, a California nonprofit corporation, and the above Bylaws, consisting of 26 pages, are the Bylaws of this corporation as adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 14, 1999.

Dated: November 14, 1999.

Executed at 1703 Russell Way, Roseville, CA 95661-3617.

Joseph A. Ratto
Recording Secretary

The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club

CODE OF ETHICS

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Breeding:

- I will at all times breed for the improvement of the breed as exemplified by the AKC Standard.
- I will only use for breeding or offer stud service to mature adults which are of sound temperament and free from disqualifying faults and known hereditary defects. No dog or bitch shall be bred if it is not AKC registered or has been sold with limited registration.

Registration and Sales/or Transfer of Ownership:

- Puppies and adults will be sold with a written health guarantee, three generation pedigree, record of shots, care and feeding instructions, and registration papers where applicable.
- The seller shall inform the buyer of the characteristics of Miniature Schnauzers, and make available to the novice the benefit of his advice and experience.
- All puppies will be sold with a Limited Registration and/or Spay/Neuter Contract.
- The breeder shall remain responsible for the welfare of every dog he breeds, sells or places. This means making himself available to aid the new owner if and when the need presents itself. If in the future the owner is not able to keep the dog, the owner should be instructed to contact the seller and the seller will have the responsibility to either take the dog back or find it a new home.
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I understand that if I fail to follow this code of ethics, I am liable for expulsion from The San Joaquin Miniature Schnauzer Club.

Name : _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

The American Kennel Club

**OFFICIAL STANDARD
FOR THE
MINIATURE SCHNAUZER**

General Appearance – The Miniature Schnauzer is a robust, active dog of terrier type, resembling his larger cousin, the Standard Schnauzer, in general appearance, and of an alert, active disposition.

Faults – Type – Toyishness, ranginess or coarseness.

Size, Proportion, Substance – Size – From 12 to 14 inches. He is sturdily built, nearly square in *proportion* of body length to height with plenty of bone, and without any suggestion of toyishness.

Disqualifications – Dogs or bitches under 12 Inches or over 14 inches.

Head – Eyes small, dark brown and deep-set. They are oval in appearance and keen in *expression*. **Faults** – Eyes light and/or large and prominent in appearance. **Ears** – When cropped, the ears are identical in shape and length, with pointed tips. They are in balance with the head and not exaggerated in length. They are set high on the skull and carried perpendicularly at the inner edges, with as little bell as possible along the outer edges. When uncropped, the ears are small and V-shaped, folding close to the skull.

Head strong and rectangular, its width diminishing slightly from ears to eyes, and again to the tip of the nose. The forehead is unwrinkled. The *topskull* is flat and fairly long. The foreface is parallel to the topskull, with a slight stop. and it is at least as long as the topskull. The *muzzle* is strong in proportion to the skull; it ends in a moderately blunt manner, with thick whiskers which accentuate the rectangular shape of the head. **Faults** – Head coarse and cheeky. The *teeth* meet in a *scissors bite*. That is, the upper front teeth overlap the lower front teeth in such a manner that the inner surface of the upper incisors barely touch the outer surface of the lower incisors when the mouth is closed. **Faults** Bite - Undershot or overshot jaw. Level bite.

Neck, Topline, Body – Neck strong and well arched, blending into the shoulders, and with the skin fitting tightly at the throat. **Body** short and deep, with the brisket extending at least to the elbows. Ribs are well sprung and deep, extending well back to a short loin. The underbody does not present a tucked up appearance at the flank. The *backline* is straight; it declines slightly from the withers to the base of the tail. The withers form the highest point of the body. The overall length from chest to buttocks appears to equal the height at the withers.

Faults – Chest too broad or shallow in brisket. Hollow or roach back.

Tail set high and carried erect. It is docked only long enough to be clearly visible over the backline of the body when the dog is in proper length of coat. **Fault** – Tail set too low.

Forequarters – Forelegs are straight and parallel when viewed from all sides. They have strong pasterns and good bone. They are separated by a fairly deep brisket which precludes a pinched front. The elbows are close, and the ribs spread gradually from the first rib so as to allow space for the elbows to move close to the body. **Fault** – Loose elbows. The sloping *shoulders* are muscled, yet flat and clean. They are well laid back, so that from the side the tips of the shoulder blades are in a nearly vertical line above the elbow. The tips of the blades are placed closely together. They slope forward and downward at an angulation which permits the maximum forward extension of the forelegs without binding or effort. Both

the shoulder blades and upper arms are long, permitting depth of chest at the brisket. **Feet** short and round (cat feet) with thick, black pads. The toes are arched and compact.

Hindquarters – The hindquarters have strong-muscled, slanting thighs. They are well bent at the stifles. There is sufficient angulation so that, in stance, the hocks extend beyond the tail. The hindquarters never appear overbuilt or higher than the shoulders. The rear pasterns are short and, in stance, perpendicular to the ground and, when viewed from the rear, are parallel to each other.

Faults – Sickie hocks, cow hocks, open hocks or bowed hindquarters.

Coat – Double, with hard, wily, outer coat and close undercoat. The head, neck, ears, chest, tail, and body coat must be plucked. When in show condition, the body coat should be of sufficient length to determine texture. Close covering on neck, ears and skull. Furnishings are fairly thick but not silky. **Faults** – Coat too soft or too smooth and slick in appearance.

Color – The recognized colors are salt and pepper, black and silver and solid black. All colors have uniform skin pigmentation, i.e. no white or pink skin patches shall appear anywhere on the dog.

Salt and Pepper – The typical salt and pepper color of the topcoat results from the combination of black and white banded hairs and solid black and white unbanded hairs, with the banded hairs predominating. Acceptable are all shades of salt and pepper. from light to dark mixtures with tan shadings permissible in the banded or unbanded hair of the topcoat. In salt and pepper dogs, the salt and pepper mixture fades out to light gray or silver white in the eyebrows, whiskers, cheeks, under throat, inside ears, across chest, under tail, leg furnishings, and inside hind legs. It may or may not also fade out on the underbody. However, if so, the lighter underbody hair is not to rise higher on the sides of the body than the front elbows.

Black and Silver – The black and silver generally follows the same pattern as the salt and pepper. The entire salt and pepper section must be black. The black color in the topcoat of the black and silver is a true rich color with black undercoat. The stripped portion is free from any fading or brown tinge and the underbody should be dark.

Black – Black is the only solid color allowed. Ideally, the black color in the topcoat is a true rich glossy solid color with the undercoat being less intense, a soft matting shade of black. This is natural and should not be penalized in any way. The stripped portion is free from any fading or brown tinge. The scissored and clipped areas have lighter shades of black. A small white spot on the chest is permitted, as is an occasional single white hair elsewhere on the body.

Disqualifications – Color solid white or white striping, patching, or spotting on the colored areas of the dog, except for the small white spot permitted on the chest of the black.

The body coat color in salt and pepper and black and silver dogs fades out to light gray or silver white under the throat and across the chest. Between them there exists a natural body coat color. Any irregular or connecting blaze or white mark in this section is considered a white patch on the body, which is also a disqualification.

Gait – The trot is the gait at which movement is judged. When approaching, the forelegs, with elbows close to the body, move straight forward, neither too close nor too far apart. Going away, the hind legs are straight and travel in the same planes as the forelegs.

***Note** – It is generally accepted that when a full trot is achieved, the rear legs continue to move in the same planes as the forelegs, but a very slight inward inclination will occur. It begins at the point of the shoulder in front and at the hip joint in the rear. Viewed from the front or rear, the legs are straight from these points to the pads. The degree of inward inclination is almost imperceptible in a Miniature Schnauzer that has correct movement. It does not justify moving close, toeing in, crossing, or moving out at the elbows.*

Viewed from the side, the forelegs have good reach, while the hind legs have strong drive, with good pickup of hocks. The feet turn neither inward nor outward.

Faults – Single tracking, sidegaiting, paddling in front, or hackney action. Weak rear action.

Temperament – The typical Miniature Schnauzer is alert and spirited, yet obedient to command. He is friendly, intelligent and willing to please. He should never be overaggressive or timid.

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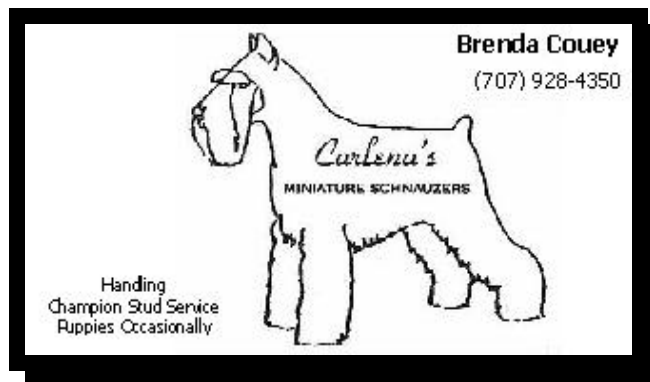
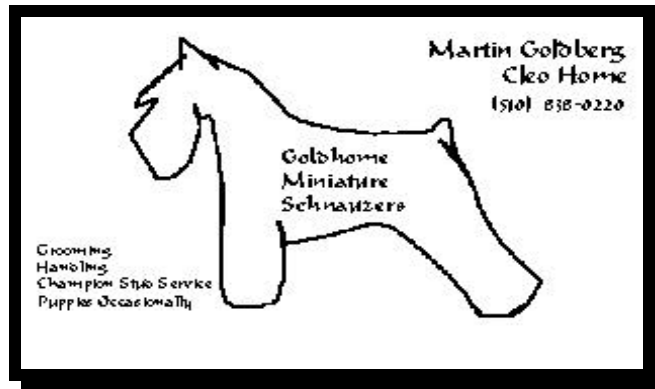
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MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

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2. Circle the **Membership** type you are applying for.
3. Have your two club **sponsors** sign on the designated lines.
4. Complete the **General Information** section.
5. If you are applying for *Regular* or *Golden* membership, please read and sign the **Code Of Ethics** and return with your application to:

Dennis Ross
SJMSC Membership Chairperson
115 Sacramento Avenue
Sausalito, CA 94965
415-331-0763

Personal Information

First name/nickname: _____ Middle initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Kennel Name: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Membership (Please circle your selected membership type)

Type	Description	Dues
REGULAR	Regular membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age or older, living within the boundaries of California. A Regular member shall have full privileges of the club and shall be eligible to chair and serve on committees and the Board of Directors and shall have the right to vote on behalf of their household.	\$20
GOLDEN	Golden membership shall be available to all persons over the age of 60 years and not actively participating in shows as owner, breeder, and/or handler. A GOLDEN member shall have all of the privileges of a REGULAR member.	\$10
FRIEND OF THE CLUB	Friend of the Club membership shall be open to all. A Friend of the Club member shall have all privileges of the Club but shall not serve on the Board of Directors and shall not have the right to vote and shall not be eligible for awards.	\$10
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General Information (Please circle yes or no to respond)

1. If you have more than one club member in your household, do you want more than one copy of the *membership booklet* provided? Yes No
2. If you have more than one club member in your household, do you want an additional copy of the *newsletter* sent to you? Yes No
3. May we send your newsletter to your e-mail address instead of a paper copy? Yes No
4. Are you an active **B**reeder (litter within the last 3 years)? Yes No
5. Are you an **E**xhibitor (entry within the last 2 years)? Yes No
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