

CONSTITUTION

THE FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER SOCIETY OF CANADA

Article I NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The name of the society shall be "**THE FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER SOCIETY OF CANADA**" (hereinafter referred to as the "Society").

Section 2. The Objectives of the Society shall be to:

- (a) encourage and promote responsible ownership and breeding of the breed known as the Flat-Coated Retriever, and to do all possible to bring their natural multi- purpose qualities to perfection;
- (b) promote and develop the interest of all owners and/or fanciers of the Flat-Coated Retriever by encouraging sportsmanlike competition in all Canadian Kennel Club sanctioned activities for this breed as well as dog sports sanctioned by other clubs;
- (c) ensure that the breeder/members of the Society maintain the highest standards possible at all times with strict adherence to the Code of Ethics (COE) published by the Society, and incorporated into the by-laws of the Society;
- (d) conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, field events, agility trials, Rally-O trials and tracking trials under the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club.

Section 3. The Society shall not be conducted or operated for profit surplus and no part of any operating surplus or remainder or residue from dues, donations, etc. to the Society shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4. The area of operation of the Society shall be the country of Canada

Section 5. The members of the Society shall adopt the constitution, COE and by-laws; however, amendments and revisions to the Constitution, by-laws and COE may be made as necessary. (Refer to Article II.)

Article II AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws or COE may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary, signed by 10% of the Regular 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 Recording Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Recording secretary.

Section 2. The Constitution, By-Laws and COE may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been distributed by the Recording Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of the mailing and the notice specifies by which date the ballots must be returned to the Recording secretary to be counted. Members may indicate his or her choice for or against the actions to be taken via mailed ballot or via e-mail. The favourable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing, who return valid ballots within the time limit, shall be required to effect any such amendment.

Article III Restriction of Use of Society Name

The name and/or logo of the Society may only be used in any correspondence, communications, or commitment of any kind with any publication, club, person, firm, or body incorporated or unincorporated for the purpose of promoting the aims and objectives of the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of Canada. The name and/or logo of the Society may only be used with the written permission of the officers and may not be used for personal gain.

Article IV Dissolution

The Society shall remain in effect as long as the number of Regular resident members shall number at least ten (10) and these members are willing to function as a Society under its present title. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, whether voluntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Society, nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the Society shall be distributed to any members of the Society, but after payment of the debts of the Society, its property and assets shall be given to the Ontario Veterinary College, PET TRUST, in Guelph, Ontario.