



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION FOR "SERVICEHUNDE TIL HANDICAPPEDE"

Article 1

Name and Registered Office

1. The name of the Association is "SERVICEHUNDE TIL HANDICAPPEDE" –
2. The Association was established on 20 January 1996.
3. The registered office of the Association is the Association's address.

Article 2

Purpose

The Purpose of the Association is

- to select the best qualified dogs for training as SERVICE DOGS and SOCIAL DOGS
- to select the best qualified families for posting of puppies and young dogs
- to train service dogs and social dogs for persons with physical disabilities for the purpose of giving such persons more freedom and independence
- to ensure the continued success and activities for the social and service dog team through follow-up and maintaining training (after care)
- to raise funds through membership fees, sponsorships and gifts for purchase and training of social and service dogs as well as the operation of the Association
- to disseminate information of the Association's work and the significance of social and service dogs to the physically disabled
- to acquire healthy dogs with sound mentalities which can be made available to physically disabled persons, whereby it is specified that the service dogs remain the property of the Association, and
- to promote the service dog work domestically and abroad



Article 3

Financial affairs

1. The financial affairs of the Association are based on membership fees, sponsorships, inheritance, gifts and from other sources that neither can nor may compromise the reputation of the Association.
2. The membership fee is determined by the General Meeting for the subsequent financial year.
3. The funds of the Association are to be placed in a prudent and reasonable manner and shall not be lent to members or be placed in risky investments.



Article 4

Membership affairs

1. Nobody is entitled to membership of the Association as membership requires a special interest in the Association's social work and aid activities.
2. The decision of the Board of Directors relating to acceptance of members of the Association shall be final and conclusive and shall not be brought before the courts. However, refusal of acceptance may be presented at the next Annual General Meeting at which the question may be settled by vote. To change the decision of the Board of Directors, it is required that 75% of the attending voting members vote in favour of acceptance.
3. Registration is made by addressing the treasurer in writing. On registration, membership fees for the relevant financial year in which the registration is made, shall be paid.
4. Resignation is made by addressing the treasurer in writing to this effect giving three months' notice to the end of the financial year.
5. With 2/3 majority, the Board of Directors may decide to exclude a member who does not meet the obligations following from the membership, including despite claim, non-payment of due membership fee, or who acts to the detriment of the Association. The excluded member may require presentation of the exclusion for processing at the next Annual General Meeting. For reaccepting the member, it is required that 75% of the voting members attending the General Meeting vote in favour of reacceptance.
6. A condition for reacceptance of a resigned or excluded member is that all of such member's dues to the Association, including time-barred dues, have been paid.

Article 5

Honorary members

By proposal of the Board of Directors, honorary members may be appointed by the General Meeting when 75% of the voting members vote in favour of the appointment. The proposal of appointment of honorary members is to be included as an item on the notice convening the relevant General Meeting.

Honorary members are entitled – without voting right – to participate in the General Meetings of the Association and in the member meetings and events of the Association.



Article 6

Board of Directors

1. The Association is managed by the Board of Directors which consists of five Board members.
2. The Chairman and the Treasurer are to be elected separately at the General Meeting.
3. The Board members are elected for a period of two years at a time as the Chairman and one member shall be elected in even years and the Treasurer and two members are to be elected in uneven years. Re-election may take place. No limitation in terms of age applies.
4. The General Meeting shall elect two alternates for the Board. The alternates shall be elected each year for one year at a time. On vacancy, the Board will appoint one of the alternates to take the resigning Board member's place for the remaining part of the relevant election period.
5. The Board of Directors shall elect its own Vice-Chairman and Secretary.
6. The Board of Directors shall have meetings when the Chairman considers it necessary or when a Board member so requires. The Board meetings shall be convened in writing stating agenda and giving at least eight days' notice.
7. The Board shall determine its own rules of procedure. The Board work shall not be remunerated. Travelling allowance and attendance fees may be paid.
8. The Board of Directors shall form a quorum when the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman and at least two more members are present. In the event of unanimity, the Chairman's vote shall be decisive.
9. In consultation with the head trainers, the Board of Directors shall make final and conclusive decision about grant of the Association's dogs and about any repossession of the dogs.
10. Minutes shall be kept of the Board meetings. Minutes shall be submitted to all Board members and to the auditor of the Association. Minutes of Board meeting shall be presented at the next Board meeting for approval.



Article 7

General Meeting

1. The General Meeting shall have the ultimate authority.
2. The Annual General Meeting shall be convened each year before 1 June. The General Meeting shall be convened at a place in Denmark determined by the Board.
3. The General Meeting is announced either at the STH's website, on Facebook or by letter or email to all members. Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened according to the Board's resolution to this effect or when at least 10 of the Association's members in a motivated written notice to the Chairman of the Board demand convention of an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be convened giving at least 14 days' notice; an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given at least 8 days' notice.
4. Resolutions shall be passed by ordinary majority. On equality of votes, the relevant item has not been adopted.
5. Agenda
 - a. Election of Chairman of the Meeting
 - b. Report
 - c. Presentation of financial statements.
 - d. Submitted proposals, which are to be submitted to the Chairman each year before 1 March.
 - e. Determination of membership fee
 - f. Election of Chairman (in even years)
 - g. Election of Treasurer (in uneven years)
 - h. Election of Board members.
 - i. Appointment of auditor
 - j. Any Other Business

Article 8

Administration

1. The Chairman of the Board is the ultimate authority of the administration of the Association.
2. The Board shall employ the staff necessary for the operation of the Association.



3. The Board shall employ the head trainers of the Association whose task is to select the dogs to be acquired by the Association. The head trainers shall instruct trainers and helpers and shall in all other respects be in charge of the training.
4. The board shall maintain a close working relationship (paid or volunteer) with a veterinarian who will advise on canine health issues etc.

Article 9

Accounting

1. The financial year shall be the calendar year.
2. The financial statements shall be audited by a state authorised public accountant appointed by the General Meeting. The audit shall be completed not later than 1 April in the following calendar year.

Article 10

Powers of binding the Association and liability

1. The Association shall be bound by the Chairman of the Board in unison with one other Board member. In the absence of the Chairman, the Association shall be bound by the Vice-Chairman in unison with one other Board member.
2. The Association shall only be liable to its obligations by the Association's capital at any time. Apart from losses incurred by wilful and harmful actions, no personal liability shall fall upon the members of the Association.

Article 11

Amendment of Articles of Association

1. Amendments of the Articles of Association shall only be passed by a duly convened General Meeting at which the changes have been stated as an item on the notice convening the Meeting.
2. For adoption of amendments, it is required that 2/3 of the voting members attending the General Meeting vote in favour of the amendment.



Article 12

Dissolution of the Association

1. Resolution as to adoption of dissolution shall only be passed at duly convened General Meetings at which the dissolution shall be included as an item on the agenda.
2. Dissolution shall require that at least 80% of the voting members attending the General Meeting vote in favour of dissolution.
3. If dissolution is adopted, any funds of the Association shall be granted to Dyrenes Beskyttelse primarily for aid to dogs.
4. With respect to the Association's dogs, the following shall be observed in the event of dissolution of the Association:
 - a. Host families having puppies shall be offered to acquire the puppy free of charge.
 - b. Dogs living with disabled persons shall be acquired free of charge by the persons who have been granted the dogs.
 - c. With respect to dogs in training, the Chairman of the Board in consultation with the head trainers shall decide about the placement of these dogs.

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As such adopted at the General Meeting of the Association on 23 May 2018

As Chairman of the General Meeting:

For the minutes

