

BY-LAWS



Approved by the Board of Directors

By-Laws
OF
THE GANDER AND AREA SOCIETY FOR THE
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

The Gander and Area SPCA will be a non-profit, volunteer based organization composed of a Board of Directors and members-at-large. The Gander and Area SPCA will rely solely on donations from individuals and Corporations, fundraising, membership fees and grants from individuals and other animal welfare organizations in order to carry out its mandate.

The Gander and Area SPCA agrees to uphold the following by-laws:

Article 1- Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be Gander and Area SPCA

Section 2: The Gander and Area SPCA is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, more specifically to assist abandoned animals, animals given up for adoption, rescued animals and abused animals.

Article II –Membership

Section 1: Membership is open to the general public. A membership application is required along with a membership fee. Fees for membership are based annually as follows: Individual \$10 Family \$20. Any individual, family, association, institution, or corporation may be admitted to honorary life membership in the society from time to time by resolution of the directors. All honorary life members shall be exempt from any requirement to pay annual fees.

Section II: All Gander and Area SPCA members shall promote the benefits of adopting companion animals from shelters and rescue organizations to the general public.

Section III: That no one member can take action on their own to represent the Gander and Area SPCA without the implicit or explicit consent of all Directors.

Section IV: That no monies will be paid to individual members or volunteers for purchases made without the prior discussion and approved of the Gander and Area SPCA Board of Directors.

Section V: That all donations received go to funding the shelter or by a Board of Directors approval, to another course.

Section VI: The Board of Directors may cancel the membership of a member by a motion passed by the majority of the board present and voting at any ordinary or special meeting of the board. The person whose membership is the subject of the purposed resolution must be given an opportunity to be heard at the Board meeting before the resolution for cancellation is put to vote.

Annual Meeting

Section I

The date of the regular annual meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors who shall also set the time and place.

Section II

Special meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or the Executive Committee

Section III

Voting

Each member is in good standing, (membership paid in full, no criminal record, resident of NL who has been a member in good standing for at least 6 months previous to the AGM at which there is a vote, shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of members. Each honorary life member or member in good standing for at least 6 months previous to the AGM at which there is a vote shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of members.

Section IV

Nominations

Nominations may be made from the floor provided that there is a nominator and a second for the nomination or may be by means of a slate put forward by the directors. The slate shall be read out loud at the AGM and nominations for officers or directors shall be called 3 times before any person can be acclaimed or elected. A member must be in good standing with the society for at least 6 months before he/she can put forth any names for nomination.

Board of Directors

Section I

The board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the executive and delegates responsibility for day to day operations to the President and committee. The board shall have up to 10 and not fewer than 7 members inclusive to executive members. Board members are volunteers and receive no compensation. The shelter manager shall attend all board meetings unless a majority plus one makes this void.

Section II

Meetings

The board shall meet at least once a month, at an agreed upon time and place.

Section III

Board elections

Election of new Directors or election of current directors to a second term will occur as the last item of business at the AGM of the corporation. Directors will be elected by a majority vote of the current members in good standing.

Section IV

Election and term of office

The members will elect the directors at the first meeting of members and at each succeeding annual meeting at which an election of directors is required and the directors shall be elected to hold office for

such term as may be settled by the members at each AGM.

Section V

Officers and Duties

There shall be four Executive Committee Officers of the Board consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their duties are as follow:

President:

The chair shall when present preside as chairman at the meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall possess and may exercise such powers and shall perform such other duties, as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the chair in the absence or inability or refusal to act of the Chair.

Secretary:

The secretary shall have charge of the minutes books and the minutes of all of Board of Directors meetings.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities of the Society.

Committees:

The Board of Directors may from time to time constitute committees as it deems Necessary and shall prescribe their duties.

These By-Laws may be amended as necessary by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.